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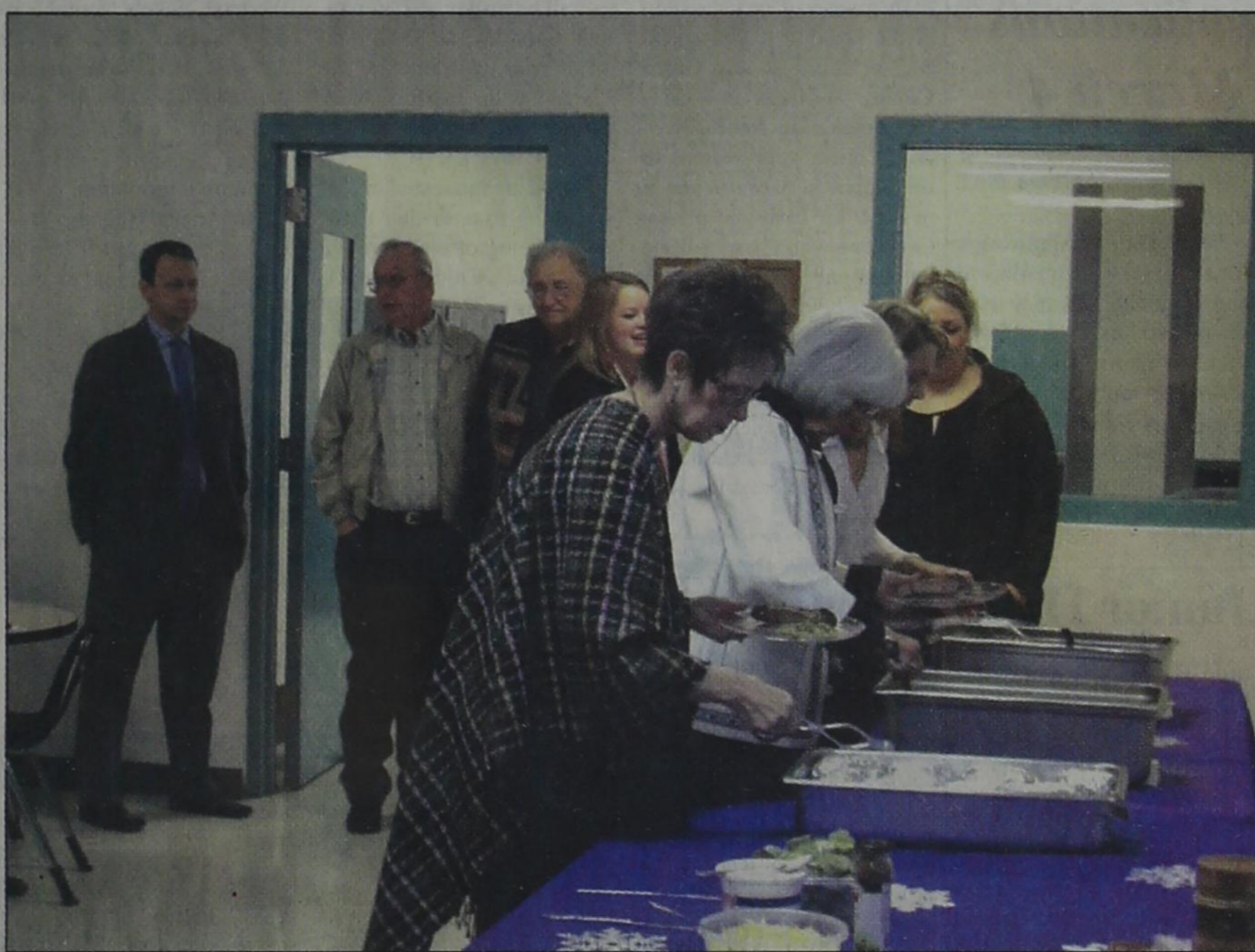
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Mayor Thressa Harp, Marie Neff and News Editor Jodi Lincoln head up buffet line at Rotary luncheon hosted by the Dalby Correctional Unit

Photo by Dawn Bilberry



**The Pet of the Week from Post Animal Refuge Center is Bingo - a heeler/terrier mix. Bingo is a young male who has been at the shelter for about 3 weeks. He is very well behaved and loves to play ball. Bingo is up to date on shots and has been neutered. Please contact PARC at [postarc@yahoo.com](mailto:postarc@yahoo.com) if you would like adopt Bingo or any of the other great animals at Post Animal Refuge Center.**

## Commissioners Review Burn Ban; Hear NRCS Report

By Rosa Latimer  
Correspondent

In a regularly scheduled meeting January 10, the Garza County Commissioners discussed whether or not to amend the current Garza County Burn Ban. County officials continue to receive questions about the ban and its application in individual circumstances. Before making any changes to the burn ban, the commissioners voted to confer with Fire Chief Les Looney.

Commissioner Gary McDaniel, Pct. 1 was appointed Judge Pro-Tem for 2011 and commissioner appointments to various boards were approved. Appointments to the county grievance committee were randomly drawn from the names of outgoing Grand Jury members. The names drawn were: (1) James Boren, (2) Wilma Williams, (3) Eddie Britnell, and (4) Jerry Taylor. The county judge, clerk, treasurer, tax assessor and the sheriff will also serve on the Grievance Committee.

The Caprock Cultural Association requested funding help from the county to help pay for the production and activation of a cell phone audio tour for designated historic structures and sites in Post and Garza County. The commissioners approved the funding in the amount of \$500 to come from the special projects budget line item for this project.

Glenn Killough of the Natural Resources Conservation Service explained that two sites are being considered for USDA federal funds. The projects are to restore damaged low water crossings on county roads due to the effects of Hurricane Alex in July 2010. Killough will submit the Damage Survey Report (DSR) on behalf of the county. The commissioners voted to apply for the funds as described in the report.

Brandt Taylor, Chief Adult & Juvenile Probation Officer, explained that when the probation and Victims' Assistance program offices move from the courthouse annex, a new phone system will be needed. He presented four options and recommended the phone and internet services of Windstream and the Venture Communications phone system. A new internet service of \$130 will be added, but those expenses can be paid with funds from other line items within the probation budget. Also, funds from the juvenile detention budget line item can be used to purchase the phone system. The commissioners approved Taylor's recommendation for phone and internet service.

County Attorney Mike Munk presented a proposed job description for the Crime Victims Assistance Advocate position. The commissioners made suggestions to amend the proposal and tabled the

item.

Judge Norman explained that Strawn Transport Company has donated a frac tank for a back-up water source for the Justiceburg fire station at no cost to the county.

Precinct and countywide accounts payable for December 21, 2010 through January 10, 2011 were approved. The following reports were accepted as presented: District/County Clerk; Treasurer; Budget Usage Analysis; Senior Transportation; Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1; Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2; Deputations and Oaths of the office of District and County Clerk's Deputies; Big Country Resources Conservation and Development Area, Inc. Certificate of Appreciation. Minutes from the December 20, 2010 regular meeting and the January 1, 2011 special meeting were approved as presented. There were no line item transfers or budget amendment requests.

In a second regularly scheduled commissioners court meeting on January 24, Glenn Killough submitted a report of 2010 NRCS activities and the Garza County Water Conservation District Report. He also explained the progress of the salt cedar beetle program Tom Middleton, District board member, thanked the court for its support of the committee and the wildlife control management service. He added that Trent McDonald has been hired as the wildlife damage control technician for the Garza Wildlife Damage Association. The commissioners accepted the report as submitted.

The commissioners discussed theater chairs that were purchased by the county many years ago for the intended use in the courtroom. These chairs have been in storage. Commissioner Benham suggested selling the chairs and the commissioners voted to advertise for sealed bids for the sale of the chairs.

County Attorney Mike Munk presented a job description/resolution for the Crime Victims Assistance Advocate position that was approved by the commissioners.

Minutes from the January 10, 2011 regular meeting were approved and the following reports were approved as presented: Tax Collector/Assessor; AgriLife Extension/McDonald; Garza County Certificates of Obligation Bond Fund, 2008; and Garza County Public Facilities Board Bond Funds, 2005. Precinct and countywide accounts payable for January 11, 2011 through January 24, 2011 were approved. No line item transfers or budget amendment requests were presented. The county commissioners approved an application for public assistance in the amount of \$75.

The next Commissioners Court meeting is February 8, 2011.

## Post Notes

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mayors' Beans and Cornbread Luncheon

Hospice of Lubbock will host the 22nd annual Mayors' Beans and Cornbread Luncheon on Friday, March 4. This luncheon will raise funds and community awareness. Hospice of Lubbock, serving 19 area counties, is our regions ONLY non-profit adult and pediatric hospice. General Admission is \$10. Recognition Business Tables are \$1,500 for 8 people. For more information please call Lindsay Webb at 762-6020.

### 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Supper to be held by Post Volunteer Fire Department

The Post Volunteer Fire Department will have their annual Chili Supper Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm until the chili is gone. Come by the Post Fire Station. Donations are accepted. Everyone is being invited to attend so bring the family and your friends and come out and join us for some good chili and help support the local volunteer fire department.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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!!

### 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 whatever project you are working on or want to

begin: crochet, knitting, cross stitch, quilting, etc. Call 495-4148 for more information.

### Class of 61

The Post High School class of 1961 will be having a 50 year reunion on July 2, 2011. Please contact Jane Mason at 495-2980 or Beth Cook at 990-9120 for more information.

### 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,

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### Trailblazers Menu

Feb 1th - Feb 4th		Spinach, Bread Pudding
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Porkchops, Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese, Roll, Peach Cake	<b>Friday</b> Fish, Beans, Coleslaw, Hushpuppies, Potato Salad, Fruit
<b>Tuesday</b> Footlong Hotdog with Chili, Tater Tots, Salad, Brownie	<b>Thursday</b> Meatloaf, Au gratin Potatoes,	

### Southland ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu for February 7- February 11	<b>Friday</b> Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk	<b>Wednesday</b> Beef Chalupas, Refried Beans, Lettuce and Tomatoes, Orange Smiles, Brownie, Milk
<b>Monday</b> Pancake on a Stick, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Lunch Menu for February 7 - February 11	<b>Thursday</b> Frito Pie, Corn, Lettuce, Tomato, Fruit Cup, Milk
<b>Tuesday</b> Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk	<b>Monday</b> Hamburger, Lettuce, Pickles, Tomatoes, Baked Fries, Carrots w/Ranch, Fruit Milk	<b>Friday</b> Chicken Patty Sandwich, Baked Chips, Chili Beans, Fresh Fruit, Banana Pudding, Milk
<b>Wednesday</b> Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk	<b>Tuesday</b> Fish Plank, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Fruit, Milk	
<b>Thursday</b> Breakfast Quesadilla, Fruit, Juice, Milk		

## Poka Lambro accepting applications for scholarships, deadline March 4

Poka Lambro is now accepting applications for \$2500 scholarships. Area high school students whose parents are customers of Poka Lambro may apply. Recipients are selected based on the following criteria:

- Academic achievement
- Involvement in extracurricular activities
- Educator Recommendations

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be graduating from an area high school
- The parent or legal guardian with whom the applicant resides must be a customer of Poka Lambro
- In addition to the completed application students must submit the following:
  - Letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal or counselor
  - High School Transcript

of Grades

- Copy of ACT or SAT scores

Scholarship Application forms have been mailed to area schools, and may also be picked up at any Poka Lambro store or printed from our website - [www.pokalambro.com](http://www.pokalambro.com). Entry deadline is March 4, 2011. For additional information, please contact Amy Preston at 800-422-2387.

## Post Bands represented by Junior High

Students Hayden Belongia, Casie Eller, Jayson Walden, Rose Taylor, Jessi Isbell, Gabby Soto, Kelbie Oden, Blake Boren, and Ethan Self worked up a concert in a day and a half at the Lubbock

Civic Center Friday, January 28th and 29th. Jimmy Exline from Seminole High School conducted the band. They played "Under the Double Eagle March", "Egyptique", "Fires of Mazama", "Don't

Stop Believing", and "Colliding Vision". Keaton Collins and McKenzie Pena (not pictured) were alternates. "We are very proud of these young people. They make our community look good."



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## Chamber News

This weekend is Old Mill Trade Day Downtown. The Chamber will also have a cash giveaway and drawing at the Depot. If you spend \$25 or more at any Garza County Business or OMT-DD vendor on February 5, 2011, bring your receipt to the Depot between 9 and 5 to draw for cash and prizes. Everyone who draws will be entered one time in a drawing to be held at 5:00 p.m. for a 42" flat-screen television. Be sure and get out this Saturday and "shop at home".

Ragtown Gospel Theater will have "Heaven - A Divine Comedy". Performances will be Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:00 p.m. "The Weir" will open at the Garza with performances Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in participating in a writing class, one is being offered through the Caprock Cultural Association during February. Call 495-4148 for more information. Don't forget the superbowl special at McDonald's through February 6 - 50 piece chicken nuggets for \$9.99.

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](mailto: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. Congratulations to our members of the week: **Gold Member - BOOE ROOFING** and **Silver Member - POST-MONTGOMERY**.

## It's official: Alan Henry Spotted Bass is new state record



ATHENS—DNA tests at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's laboratory at the A.E. Wood Fish Hatchery in San Marcos have confirmed that the 5.62-pound bass caught from Lake Alan Henry January 15 was indeed a spotted bass. Results mean the fish is the

new state record spotted bass, eclipsing the previous record of 5.56 pounds caught from Lake O' the Pines in 1966. The fish was caught by Erik Atkins of Lubbock in a tournament and measured 22.75 inches in length and 15 inches in girth. Unfortunately, the fish died

several days after arriving at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) in Athens, even though it appeared to be doing well. For information on state and water body records as well as how to submit your catch for a record, visit [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishrecords](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishrecords).

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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!

**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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# Proposed state funding cuts would greatly alter local library services

By Rosa Latimer  
Correspondent

Even though the proposed state budget for 2012-13 is in its infancy, now is the time to communicate with your state representative and senator, the Governor, and the Lt. Governor regarding issues and services that are important to you and your community. An example of the extreme budget cuts currently making the rounds in Austin is a decrease in funding by 99% to public libraries and related services across the state. Due to the state budget deficit no agency, department or service will be exempt from spending cuts; however, it is important to remind our state representatives of the importance of local libraries, especially in rural communities.

According to the Texas Library Association web site, these cuts would eliminate programs such as Loan Star Libraries that provides direct aid grants to public libraries. Locally, these grants have been used to purchase books for the Post library. This proposal would also eliminate the Inter-Library Loan services that facilitate the borrowing of books from other libraries. This service greatly expands the resources of our local library without requiring additional book purchases. In some instances, the proposed state budget cuts would eliminate state funding for certain programs and increase fees paid by local libraries in an attempt to continue these programs.

Your communication to Austin on the importance of our local library is especially important.

As our library director Peggy Ashley emphasized in last week's *Dispatch*, you can participate in the "What My Library Means to Me" campaign by responding to three simple questions: In what ways do you use the library?; What is the benefit of the public library to you? and What would it mean to you if the library were not available? You can write your answer to these three questions and place it in the book drop at the library before February 8. You can also go online to <http://www.tsla.org>, click on "Save Our Texas Libraries" and complete the survey online.

You also have the option of communicating directly with your representatives in Austin. Keep in mind that you are representing your community when commenting to elected officials. Your opinion should be brief, polite and sincere. Relevant email and regular mail addresses are: Jim Landtroop, State Representative District 85, P.O. Box 2910, El.422 Austin, Texas 78768-2910 or email [jim.landtroop@house.state.tx.us](mailto:jim.landtroop@house.state.tx.us); Robert Duncan, Texas Senate District 28, P.O. Box 12068, Austin, Texas 78711 or email [senator.duncan@senate.state.tx.us](mailto:senator.duncan@senate.state.tx.us); Porter Wilson at [porter.wilson@senate.state.tx.us](mailto:porter.wilson@senate.state.tx.us); Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, Capitol Station, P.O. Box 12068, Austin, Texas 78711 or go online to [lgov.state.tx.us](http://lgov.state.tx.us) and click on "contact David"; Governor Rick Perry, Office of the Governor, P.O. Box 12428, Austin, Texas 78711-2428 or go online to [governor.state.tx.us](http://governor.state.tx.us) and click on "contact."



Little rubber feet. They have a way of showing up, often in the kitchen. They're always alone.

Has anyone not been faced with one of those lost little rubber pads, typically circular, small and nondescript, never carrying identification? They epitomize detachment.

Last week a black one, flat on one side and slightly convex on the other, appeared on our main coffee table. I put it on the counter between kitchen and den. Neither my husband nor I recognized it. We just knew we had another lost foot on our hands — sort of like a body washed ashore from the Hudson River. You wonder if you'll ever determine the identity.

A few days later, I noticed the underside of my laptop computer had three black rubber feet and one spot for a missing one. Yes!

I called my husband. "Hey, you didn't throw away that little black rubber foot, did you?"

You probably think I'm going to say he'd tossed it and we had to process the garbage in the alley to find it. But he knew right where it was. A good man.

He told me he'd put it on my Bible. That's a rather sacred place for a little rubber foot. But sometimes the smaller the lost object, the more of a treasure it becomes when it's found — or, as in the case of little rubber feet, when you figure out what they go to.

We have a regular depository for homeless little rubber feet plus other small stuff we know what is but don't know what else to do

with. It's a little wooden box -- our version of the standard catchall kitchen drawer.

When I was a kid, our proverbial burlap for miscellanea was in an enamel-topped kitchen table. Among other things, it held a flimsy little frozen meat saw we rarely used -- a give-away from the bank or some other place besides the cotton gin. They gave portholders and rain gauges.

Back then, my parents subscribed to the "Saturday Evening Post," which came on Tuesday, which didn't seem right. I'd look first at the cartoons. In one cartoon a man and his wife were awakened in their upstairs bedroom when they heard someone in the kitchen below. The woman wanted her husband to go downstairs to deal with the supposed burglar. He saw no need to take action. He told his wife he could tell from what he was hearing that the intruder had found the kitchen drawer.

Yes, pity the burglar who gets involved with a kitchen drawer.

Regarding little rubber feet, they hardly figured in the mix back then because plug-in gadgets, particularly for the kitchen, were few and far between, and the technology of little rubber feet was still in developmental stages. We didn't know what we were missing.

Now we know what we're missing. We've got missing feet and things missing feet. What next?

A special version of match.com might be the answer. If not, maybe a lonely little rubber foot club.

# Yesteryears

## 10 Years Ago

Stephanie Saldivar honored by Post ISD as Artist of the Week with her award winning work entitled "Amor."

Post Volunteer Fire Department Chief Ivan Line presented a special plaque to Dan Hodges in recognition of Hodges' more than 20 years service as secretary and fireman.

Erica Schooler made the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University.

Kasey Hardin of Post was named to the Dean's List at University of North Texas in Denton.

## 20 Years Ago

Twin Cedars Nursing Home celebrated its 30th Anniversary.

The Women's Division of the Post Chamber of Commerce tied yellow ribbons on trees downtown in support of military personnel stationed in the Persian Gulf.

The entire student body

at the Post Middle School tied yellow ribbons onto the branches of the trees around the middle school building.

## 30 Years Ago

Graveside services held for Brandon Dean Egbert, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lance Egbert, of Post.

Mrs. Maxine Durett Marks and Lewis H. Earl exchanged wedding vows Jan.31 at the First United Methodist Church.

## 40 Years Ago

Seven young business men from Chile visited Post as part of Rotary Foundation's group international study exchange program.

Precinct I County Commissioner Paul Jones used their equipment to surface three skip blocks on Avenue S and from 15th street to Highway 84.

Miss Adelmera Soliz, bride-elect of Joe Sanchez, was honored with a bridal shower in her home. The couple will be married

## Feb.5

## 50 Years Ago

Poll tax payment total 1,381; reported to be an "off-year" record.

The 1961 Mothers March of Dimes netted approximately \$973.40.

Rural phone service is sought for east half of Garza County. Rural residents will include; Verbena and Justiceburg.

The home of Mrs. Quannah Maxey was the scene of a layette shower honoring Mrs. Leon Davis of Wichita Falls.

## 60 Years Ago

Principal D. C. Arthur able to sit in his office and get in touch with any classroom in the new building with this modern inter-communications system. Speakers are installed in every room.

Girl Scout Troop 1 received letter of thanks from a Sister Troop in the Philippine Islands for their Christmas gift.

# Legends...Garza County Historical Museum

## Part II of the Country Doctors' escapades.

Mr. Post developed friendly and helpful associations with his employees, one of which was Dr. C.C. Woods, the Double U Company veterinarian. Apparently Woods was forever getting into scrapes. He seemed to have a chip on his shoulder. Post used to write him from time to time, telling him to get his hotheaded instincts under control. He finally dismissed him from the service of the Double U Company during a periodical reduction in personnel.

Post did help him get started on a stock farm, and for a time, things went smoothly. In fact Mr. Post sent him one of his letters of fatherly advice: "Every man should make himself liked by everyone that he associates with. This is most important in working for success, and I want you to think it over carefully and adjust your movements so that everyone works with you smoothly." That seemed to work for about five months with Woods staying out of trouble, but he made up for it by getting into several scrapes at once.

The Double U Company minutes of October 20, 1913 reflected one of those seemingly "periodical outbreaks" that typically happen in a small western town like Post City. The disturbance seems to have happened between the local telephone man and Woods over the payment of a bill. Then some weeks later, Woods became involved in a barbershop brawl which spilled out into the street. In the process he happened to see his old adversary, the telephone man and couldn't resist using some bad language on him, which caused the telephone man to become enraged and make for Woods. Woods in turn drew his six-shooter and drove the man off. Shortly after this incident, Woods seems to have heard and believed a rumor that John Cash and J.F. Hartford were intending to kill him. Armed with his 30-30 Winchester, he confronted them at a warehouse of the Double U Company store building.

Hartford and Cash were saved from their predicament when Wood's young son put himself in between his father and his adversaries. Hartford and Cash had the good sense to not attempt to escape, and after they denied the accusations, the incident was over. By that night Woods was in difficulty again. He had no liking for the Double U Company physician, Dr. A.R. Ponton, and when he heard some slighting remarks made by Ponton, he rang up the doctor and demanded an explanation. Dr. Ponton apparently told him he was about to come to town and if he had anything to say to him, he could say it when he saw him there. In due course, Ponton came to town, and Woods, again carrying the Winchester, Met him in front of Warren's Drug Store. Woods is reported to have walked past Ponton, then suddenly turned, leveled the rifle, and asks if he was ready to settle the matter. Ponton said yes, and at the same time ducked the gun and knocked Woods down. They fought until Sheriff Kelley came along and separated them.

The board made note of the incident to Mr. Post and after reading the account, Post wrote back: "I note what you say about the row Dr. Woods got into. He has been in broils more or less for a long time. We have done all we could to keep the peace, now it is about up to the people there to insist on it."

By 1918, Dr. A.R. Ponton had moved on to Lubbock and established the Lubbock Sanitarium with Dr. J.T. Hutchinson and Dr. O.F. Peebler. The 35-bed facility included a laboratory and operating room. In 1920, Peebler and Ponton sold their interest to Dr. Overton and T.J. Krueger. An exhibit in the Lobby of Covenant Hospital reflects on Dr. Ponton's early association when the hospital first opened as a sanitarium in 1918.

I hope you are enjoying our Legends series, courtesy of the Garza County Historical Museum archives.

# Obituary



## JOYCE OVERTON

Services for Joyce Overton, 62, of Post were held at 2PM Monday, January 31, 2011 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Darren Weaver officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Friday, January 28, 2011 in Post. She was born on May 15, 1948 in Dallas to Bill and Mildred Whitaker. She married Boyce Overton on December 6, 1966 in Perryton.

She was co-owner with her husband of Caprock Water Well Service.

Survivors include her husband; Boyce Overton of Post, 3 Sons: Shon and fi-

ance Shawnda Overton of Post, Brian and Suzanne Overton of Seminole, Chad and Ysabel Overton of Lubbock, 2 Step-sons: Robert and Debbie Presson of Amarillo and Harley and Tonya Gruben of Houston, 3 Brothers: Richard Whitaker of Breckenridge, Roland Whitaker of Breckenridge

and Donald Whitaker of Brownfield, 1 Sister: Sharon Alexander of Sundown and 8 Grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 1 Brother: Ronald Whitaker, and 3 Sisters: Norma Whitaker Hill, Gloria Whitaker Reed and her twin sister: Gail Whitaker Gilbert.

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# In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

**Weather**  
Hang around in West Texas a while and you may see some of every season in just a week. I saw on the news that today (Wednesday) was the coldest temperature of 2° since 1989. 2°!!! now that is cold!

Just wait till in the morning though (Thursday) I think it suppose to be even colder then.

**News**  
Jerry and Judy Bush had a little bit of company; Barba McCampbell who lives in Roswell and her son Eric who lives in Spring were here over the weekend. Barba is Judy's sister-in-law and Eric is her nephew.

I don't have much news this week, I'm not sure if that means we are all behaving around here or else we are pretty boring around here.

**Visitors**  
We've only had our regulars in this week; think it might

have something to do with the weather? Either we have a loyal bunch of farmers out here or they really love my coffee for them to have braved the cold like they did; anyway ya'll know we love visitors so come out have a snack and visit with us sometime.

**FYI**  
Our Close City Community BINGO night is coming up the first part of March.....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 this week**

February 4th - Trevah Yarbro, Sylvia Winder  
February 6th - Mike Carter, Rhianna Ellis, Cierra Dorval  
February 8th - Shirley Sappington McInroe  
February 9th - Monique Hendrix, Sherry White McNeeley  
If you or your family are not on our birthday calendar shoot me a line and I will add them.

**Get Wells**  
We want to send out a get well wishes to Gloria Abraham who is in the hospital in the Dallas area. Louis is one of our regulars around here so he tries to keep us updated on her. Hope you are feeling better real soon Mrs. Abraham!

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; 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

### The Camping Trip

By: Michael F. Taylor

Several years ago, I heard a story about motivation. It seems that a young family was seen driving into a rather large campsite in Yosemite National Park. The family was driving a completely packed Ford Station Wagon loaded with sleeping bags, tents, fishing rods and reels, and everything imaginable for camping. And elderly couple was quietly sitting at a camp fire drinking a cup of coffee watching the whole proceeding. As soon as the father parked the car, three children were seen to pile out of the car along with the mother. Each one of them seemed singularly intent on what they were doing. The kids instantly began unloading the camping gear and then in a matter of a few minutes had three tents set up and staked down. The two boys then rushed off and began gathering firewood for the coming evening campfire. The mother and young daughter were observed rushing to set up the stones and erect a camp stove around a clearing adjacent to the elderly couple's site. "It was a thing of beauty", remarked the elderly man to his wife. "I have never seen such efficiency in a family setting up a campsite", he marveled as the family went about erecting a perfectly manicured camp. The elderly man was so impressed by the efficiency of the family, he walked over to the father and complemented him, "Sir, I have never seen a family work together in such harmony and put up a camp so quickly". Without skipping a beat the father replied, "Oh, yes you see, I have a system. No one including my wife can go to the restroom before the camp is completely done!"

Well, I guess that's one way to motivate folks to set up your camp!! Sometimes I wonder how many ways God uses to motivate his people to spread the gospel. I think that His Word is the first place to look. I know that Jesus taught us in Matthew Chapter 9, "35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." NIV

And then in Matthew Chapter 13 Jesus teaches us about the Parable of the Sower, " 18 "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. 20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. 22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. 23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." NIV Let's make it our goal this week to be that GOOD SOIL so that when we hear the word and understand it, we may produce a crop yielding a hundred fold. God bless and have a fruitful week in the Lord.

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

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# Vote Now: Don't Mess with Texas celebrity face-off

AUSTIN - A tournament-style bracket at [DontMessWithTexas.org](http://DontMessWithTexas.org) is now open to voters in a Celebrity Face-Off that will decide the favorite Don't Mess with Texas TV ad of the past 25 years.

The Face-Off celebrates a quarter-century of Don't Mess with Texas, the litter prevention campaign by the Texas Department of Transportation to hold down rising litter pickup costs.

The Face-Off started with 38 commercials, and voters now have narrowed the pool of ads to eight. Prior to the quarterfinals, ads featuring Willie Nelson and Jerry Jeff Walker were on the fence. Front-runners were Johnny Dee & the Rocket 88's,

George Strait, and Stevie Ray Vaughan. With the top eight favorites now advancing to a bracket format, voting is reset and all ads start equal.

Anyone can watch the commercials and then vote an unlimited number of times. Quarterfinal voting continues through January 31, at 9 a.m. Final Four voting then begins and runs through February 7, at 9 a.m. Finals' (top two) voting will run through February 21, at 9 a.m.

Voters' favorite ad will air on TV all year.

"Some of the best-known Texans have appeared in Don't Mess with Texas ads encouraging people not to litter," said TxDOT Travel Information Division Director Doris Howdeshell.

"Based on voting so far, it appears that the *Celebrity Face-Off* could go down to the wire."

The late blues guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan appeared in the first Don't Mess with Texas ad in 1986. That year, TxDOT spent \$2.33 per person for litter pickup, and the agency now spends \$1.90 each year per person. Don't Mess with Texas has become a part of pop culture. In 2006, voters named it "America's Favorite Slogan," beating out Just Do It, Got Milk?, and Have It Your Way.

TxDOT's research shows roadway litter in Texas is down 11 percent since 2001 despite Texas' population and road growth.

GIRL SCOUTS

# New cookie packaging has Girl Scouts going greener

Jan. 21 marked the official start date for the Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains' annual Girl Scout Cookie sale. Many scouts in Childress are on the streets selling cookies.

This year, in an effort to improve the environment, Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains will be one of several Girl Scouts councils to pilot a new eco-friendly packaging for the fudge-dipped shortbread cookie, Thanks-A-Lot.

By switching from paperboard cartons to a film wrap (similar to Oreos), Girl Scouts expects to save 150 tons of paperboard. The compact design takes up less room in trucks saving

fuel and adds less waste to landfills for an equivalent energy savings of 30,000 gallons of gasoline.

"When our bakers came to us and wanted to try new packaging, we were very enthusiastic," said Kathleen Copeland, Editor in Chief of Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains council.

This year, Girl Scouts will learn valuable lessons about protecting the environment in addition to the five key skills already learned by girls during cookies sales: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics. "Even a 5-year-old Daisy Scout can make a difference in this world," Copeland

said.

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. The Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains council serves nearly 26,000 girls and 9,000 adult volunteers in 81 counties from Fort Worth up through the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles. The council has regional service centers located in Abilene, Amarillo, Fort Worth, Lubbock and Wichita Falls.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT The George R. Brown Partnership, L.P. has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

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The proposed injection wells are located South 1 mile to Post, TX in the Garza Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3000 to 3250 feet (OA).

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

Requests for a 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 fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792.)

Post Classifieds

Personal

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

Al-Anon

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

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

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DISTRICT 3-2A BASKETBALL STANDINGS  
(as of 01/29/2011)**

TEAM	DISTRICT	OVERALL
Colorado City	9-0	18-4
Stanton	7-2	19-3
Denver City	7-2	15-10
Forsan	4-5	10-14
Coahoma	3-6	11-13
Slaton	3-6	9-14
Roosevelt	3-6	7-17
Post	0-9	7-16

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**Varsity Girls  
DISTRICT 3-2A BASKETBALL STANDINGS  
(as of 01/29/2011)**

TEAM	DISTRICT	OVERALL
Roosevelt	11-0	21-7
Slaton	9-2	18-8
Denver City	7-4	13-11
Forsan	6-5	14-11
Colorado City	5-6	10-16
Stanton	3-8	13-16
Coahoma	3-8	10-14
Post	0-11	5-20

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**ANTELOPES BASKETBALL ROUNDUP**

**VARSITY BOYS**

**FORSAN 58, POST 50 (1/28/11)**

Post 10 9 11 20 -50  
Fors 19 6 17 16 -58

Forsan (10-14, 4-5 in District 3-2A) — Robles 23, Self 16, Bagnall 6, Johnson 4, Schreiner 4, Phillips 4, Roman 1. Post — McDonald 18, Holly 9, Perez 6, Blair 5, Osborn 5, Soto 4, Apolinar 3.

**DENVER CITY 76, POST 31 (1/25/11)**

Post 9 13 1 8 - 31  
DC 21 17 22 16 - 76

Scoring: Post — Holly 8, Blair 6, McDonald 6, Tav. Soto 5, Osborn 4, Postell 2. DC — Garrett 14, Martin 14, Reyna 14.

**JV BOYS**

**FORSAN 50, POST 40 (1/28/11)**

Post 14 9 12 5 - 40  
Fors 8 13 12 17 - 40

Post scoring: Campbell Kirkpatrick 10, Travis Greathouse 8, Mondo Martinez 8, Pake Jones 5, Nathaniel Gill 4, Tyler Jones 3, Dakota McDonald 2. Post Record: 2-7, 9-13.

**DENVER CITY 55, POST 28 (1/25/11)**

Post scoring: Chris Yarbrough 11, Campbell Kirkpatrick 4, Travis Greathouse 4, Pake Jones 3, Nathaniel Gill 2, Mondo Martinez 2.

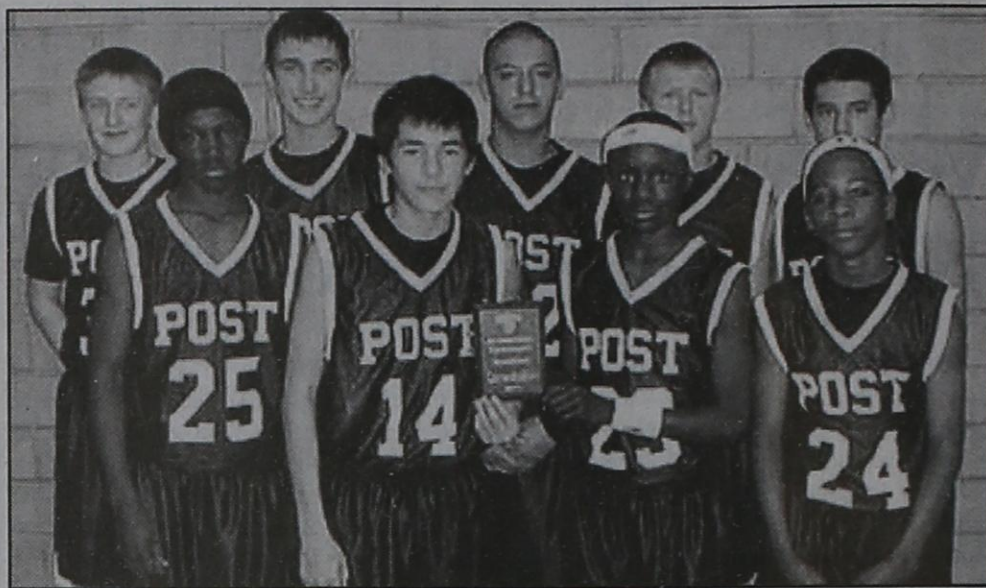
**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS, A-TEAM**

**POST 27 ROOSEVELT 17 (1/24/11)**

Roos 4 2 1 10 - 17  
Post 8 2 8 9 - 27

Post scoring: Freddy Araiza 13, Carson Kirkpatrick 5, Blake Boren 4, Ricky Fontenot 3 Keaton Collins 2. Post Record: 7-6.

See more on PostSportsPage.com.



**7th grade boys keep championship hopes alive**

By Jim Plummer  
PostSportsPage.com

A win on Monday is necessary for the Lopes to have a chance at the District 3-2A championship for the 2010-11 basketball season.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade boys team takes its 6-2 district and 10-3 season records into the game against challenger Denver City on Monday at 4:30 P.M. at the Post Antelope Arena.

Post coach Billy Quinn explained that "Stanton is undefeated in district play" and that his team needs to win the final two games

and Stanton lose two games in order for the Lopes to claim or share in the district title.

The seventh graders are coming off decisive wins against Slaton and Roosevelt. Previously the team scored a consolation finish at the Idalou Tournament. (See accompanying photo.)

The Post Middle School boys teams wrap-up the season on February 14 at home against Coahoma. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade plays at 4:30 and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade follow at 6:00 P.M.

The girls' teams finish the 2010-11 season Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at Denver City.

**LADY LOPES BASKETBALL ROUNDUP**

**VARSITY GIRLS**

**FORSAN 44, POST 33 (1/28/11)**

Post 5 8 8 12 -33  
Fors 7 9 11 17 -44

Post — Cravy 13, Araiza 5, Blair 5, Short 4, Jones 3, Wilson 2, Berry 1.  
Forsan — Hill 14, Forshee 10, Roemer 8, Wilson 5, Tilley 4, Stanley 3.

**DENVER CITY 56, POST 27 (1/25/11)**

Post 2 8 4 13 - 27  
DC 13 10 11 22 - 56

Scoring: Post — Williams 14, Araiza 6, Jones 2, Wilson 2, Berry 1, Cravy 1, Osborn 1. DC — David 25, Hawkins 16.

**SLATON 62, POST 29 (1/11/11)**

Slat 7 11 13 31 - 62  
Post 2 11 5 11 - 29

Scoring: Slaton — Col. Heinrich 22, Felton 15, Char. Heinrich 8, Staudenraus 8.  
Post — Cravy 10, Berry 6, Jones 3, Short 3, Araiza 2, Wilson 2, Osborn 2, Williams 1.

**STANTON 44, POST 41 (OT) (1/7/11)**

Post 4 18 3 11 5 - 41  
Stan 2 12 7 11 8 - 44

Scoring: Post — Wilson 9, Berry 7, Araiza 6, Williams 6, Short 5, Jones 4, Cravy 4.  
Stanton — Snellgrove 13, Ramsey 9, Beasley 8.

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS**

**A-Team**

**Roosevelt 17, Post 14 (1/24/11)**

Post 2 3 6 3 - 14  
Roos 4 7 4 2 - 17

Post Scoring: Macy 1, Whitfill 7, Record 2, Soto 2, Perez 2.

**B-Team**

**POST 20, ROOSEVELT 19 (1/24/11)**

Post scoring: Garza 10, Perez 4, Priccilla 3, Pizana 1.

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By ROBERT R...

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## The Paperboy



### Egyptian Big Brother

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

I had a late night Monday night and it was interesting hearing and seeing the road crews out preparing for the storm. As I awoke, the crews were still at it.

Ever think of where we'd be without the men and women keeping our roads open? What about crews that keep the power on?

Last year around this time thousands suffered through an ice storm that left many without any power, some for days at a time. Sometimes Mother Nature is just too strong for us to keep up, but thankfully, we have a force out there working their tails off trying to keep society moving.

When winter storms hit, check on friends and acquaintances who might be struggling to keep warm. Sadly, some do suffer and can be in peril when freezing weather occurs. If you haven't seen signs your neighbor has been out and about, give them a call.

Want to hear something scary? The government can turn off the Internet if it wants to. It happened in Egypt last week.

When the protests began against the dictatorial government of Egypt, the Egyptian government, under the order of the President Mubarak, ordered the Internet be turned off and it was shut off immediately.

Last year, Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Joe Lieberman (I-CT) sponsored legislation to give President Obama the authority to shutdown the Internet in the event of a "cyber security emergency." So far, this legislation has not been brought to the Senate floor, but is expected to be later this year.

However, I think we all know if the government thought it was in its best interest, off it would go.

This reaction to the Egyptian government turning off the internet has been consistent in the U.S. Conservatives, moderates, liberals and progressives are all in agreement that do-

ing so in the U.S. is not a good idea.

It makes one wonder, however, if progressives are up in arms over the decision in Egypt, why are they pressing for "Net Neutrality?"

Perhaps this has awakened them into staying away from the thought that the government should not be regulating Internet Service Providers (ISPs).

We all know about "Big Brother." I believe most of us would like the government to stay out of the private sector as much as possible and this includes the internet.

One more thought: Can you imagine the reaction in the U.S. if the internet were off, meaning cell phones would not work? It would not be good ...

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### Will the U.S. Ever Pay the Debt?

By ROBERT ROMANO

Imagine a borrower looking to take out a home mortgage, and the lender does a credit check only to discover that the borrower never actually repays any of his debts. Instead, every year, he just takes out ever larger loans and uses credit cards to pay principal and interest owed on the previous debts.

When the lender asks the borrower if he ever intends to repay the debts, he smartly quips that he doesn't need to. He can just borrow from himself and his family, in addition to going to the banks, to constantly refinance his obligations. He also has worked out arrangements with his neighbors to borrow money. Those arrangements are contingent his lending them money for their own spending sprees.

As long as he can keep borrowing with an unlimited credit line, he tells the lender, it doesn't matter. In fact, so steeped in debt is he, that his creditors cannot afford for him to stop borrowing. There is simply no other way to honor the obligations. Therefore, if he stops borrowing new money, he warns the lender, he would default, leading to catastrophic losses for the creditors.

In short, he is too big to fail.

While any responsible lender would probably tell the borrower that he had very poor credit, and that he was not qualified for the mortgage, we're not just talking about any lender. We're talking about the bond market.

Similarly, we're not just talking about any borrower. In fact, the above circumstance describes the financial position of almost every advanced economy in the world, including the United States, Japan, and many European states as it relates to sovereign debt.

Every year on end, the national debts of these countries go up, because every year they fail to balance their budgets. They spend more than they take in, and thus they must borrow. Therefore, they never get around to paying down the accumulated debt. And increasingly, they cannot afford the interest owed on the debt.

This will become increasingly problematic over the next ten years because the national debt is due to almost double by 2020, from \$14 trillion today to over \$25 trillion, according to the Office of Management and Budget.

It's hard enough for the Treasury to refinance the \$14 trillion, as is evidenced by the Federal Reserve's purchases of more than \$1.1 trillion of U.S. debt. So difficult is the task now, the Fed has already resorted to simply printing money to refinance the debt.

By 2020, the Treasury will have to constantly be refinancing \$25 trillion worth of debt. By 2030, that number could easily top \$40 trillion. Does anyone see a problem here? At what level does the debt become unpayable? At 100 percent of GDP? 200 percent? How about 300 percent? Because that's where we're headed.

The larger the debt becomes, the harder

it will be to refinance it in its totality and to roll it over without printing money. The more money that is printed to pay the debt, the less confidence creditors and markets will have in the dollar. In short, the larger a can grows, the harder it becomes to simply kick along to future generations.

Eventually, it can no longer be kicked. There actually is an upper limit to how far this scam can be perpetuated. It's when somebody, whether China, Japan, or one of our other major creditors declares that repayment will no longer be accepted in dollars. At that point, printing dollars will not be sufficient to refinance the debt.

The alternative is for Congress to actually require a balanced budget and that the debt be repaid by a fixed amount, say 10 percent of revenue, every year, not unlike a fixed mortgage payment. Unfortunately, the current system of financing never contemplates debt repayment, which is the only way to prevent collapsing under an expanding debt that cannot be paid.

That is because several institutions depend on the debt never being repaid, namely, the banks that are profiting off of interest owed. We'll call them the drug dealers. The government, obviously, is the drug addict. The drug is unlimited spending powers. If governments kick the habit, and stop spending, the banks will lose their cash cow.

Therefore, treasuries sales every year, now well over \$2 trillion, are only marketable if we

never repay the debt. So rigged, corrupt, and perverse are the rules of this system, that if the U.S. does not raise the debt ceiling and agree to expand its debt into perpetuity, it would likely be downgraded by credit rating agencies. That's what Moody's threatened to do in 1996 when the same issue came up, as noted by former lead analyst at Moody's, Vincent Truglia.

That's what happened to Iceland recently, a nation that after its housing bubble popped, courageously refused to bail out its banks, many of which failed. They were greeted with a downgrade.

This leaves lawmakers with quite a conundrum. Either, we don't raise the debt ceiling, get downgraded and watch as the dollar collapses. Or, we raise it with only making token spending cuts, and eventually get downgraded anyway because the growth of the debt is actually unsustainable. And still the dollar collapses.

The only rational option is to voluntarily kick the spending habit and tell the drug dealers to pound sand. It must be required that the budget be balanced, spending be limited to a fixed percent of the economy, and that the debt be repaid at fixed intervals. It is the only way to avoid the collapse that now is all but certain.

### Trade Agreements Are Good for America

By REBAKAH RAST

There's no question that we live in global environment.

We buy products from all nations, eat foods from all around the world and interact daily with people from all different countries.

It is important that America participates in this changing world, or it will be left behind. The more America opens up to the idea of trade agreements with other countries the more competitive and productive it will be.

"The world's changed. It's not enough to just buy American you need to sell American all throughout the world," says U.S. Representative Kevin Brady (R-TX) in an exclusively interview with Americans for Limited Government (ALG). "Unfortunately this past Congress and the White House have refused to help us level the playing field."

Rep. Brady is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Trade. He is a firm believer in trade agreements with South Korea, Colombia and Panama.

"South Korea, Colombia and Panama are together worth almost \$13 billion of new sales for our U.S. goods and services," Rep. Brady went on to say. "So we are going to create a lot of jobs and find new customers that will help us get out of this economic recession, if we can open those markets. The President has indicated that he is willing to move South Korea, he needs to

move all three and go beyond that—open those new markets and let us compete."

According to the Wall Street Journal, Congressional debate on the proposed South Korea free trade deal could begin as soon as March. The article goes on to say, "Once the deal reaches Congress, it will be debated not only on its merit, but on its timing in relation to other pending trade agreements with Colombia and Panama."

In a hearing before the Committee on Ways and Means on Jan. 25, The Council of the Americas, which is a business organization representing some 190 member companies invested in and doing business throughout the Western Hemisphere, issued a statement of strong support to expand trade and investment throughout the Americas.

One of the arguments for such trade agreements is that it will retain America's competitiveness with South America and the rest of the world.

Having a trade deficit, like the U.S. has, is not necessarily bad, but it does impact the country's ability to compete with other world powers.

"Unfortunately we don't have agreements with China, Europe, and other parts of the world, but other countries are reaching those agreements, shutting us out and putting us at a disadvantage," Rep. Brady says. "The more agreements that give us two-way trade, a level playing field, the better it is for us."

Trade agreements that America are involved in, like NAFTA

(North American Free Trade Agreement), help to stimulate our economy by manufacturing goods and services here in the U.S. and by providing jobs.

"Most of our deficit in trade is with countries we don't have trade agreements with," Rep. Brady explains to ALG. "The ones we actually reach agreements with we sell more goods and services. In fact, we have a big surplus of sales."

Though America exposing itself to more trade agreements would not cure the nation's economy on its own, it would be a step in that direction.

"Freedom in every avenue in life is a good thing," says Don Todd, senior research director at ALG, "whether it is freedom in trade or in political action. Moves towards restricting free trade are moves toward restricting freedom. Freedom leads to a healthier and more productive economy."

As Congress and the President work together to negotiate trade agreements with other countries, other hindrances to U.S. competitiveness should come into the light as well. America's tax policies, labor laws and the current levels of goods and services produced in the United States also need to be altered to enhance the country's global image.

A willingness to begin trade agreements with other countries is a willingness to participate and compete in an ever-changing global environment that will boost U.S. jobs and tax revenues. A good first step for a country that's on an unsustainable fiscal path.

### Fiscal Reckoning Draws Closer

By BILL WILSON

On January 26th, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) announced that the budget deficit would top \$1.5 trillion in 2011, the highest ever on record. That is mostly because of the unpaid-for \$56 billion extension of unemployment benefits and a \$120 billion cut in payroll taxes on employees from December's tax deal.

Because there were no offsetting spending cuts for these items, the deal as enacted will now dig the nation deeper into an already unsustainable pit of debt. For comparison, the deficit in 2010 was \$1.3 trillion.

At the time of the deal, Moody's had warned the U.S. that it would increase the likelihood of a negative outlook on the nation's Triple-A credit rating. Now, the sovereign credit rating agency is keeping to its word.

In a January 27th report, Moody's wrote, "Although no rating action is contemplated at this time, the time frame for possible future actions appears to be shortening, and the probability of assigning a negative outlook in the coming two years is rising." A negative rating would in turn increase the likelihood that the Triple-A rating would be downgraded.

To be fair, policymakers had a choice to make. Either allow taxes to rise across the board on all Americans, or keep rates where they were. That was the overarching issue. It so happened that the unemployment benefits extension and underfunding of Social Security were included in the latter option.

Because of the risks to the economy, Congress made a con-

scious policy decision not to raise taxes. That's the world we now live in. But it means that the only way to reduce the deficit will be through spending cuts.

And time is growing short to do so. Moody's has previously warned that when interest owed reaches 18 to 20 percent of revenue, the nation would be in line for a downgrade. By 2018, the CBO reports that the U.S. will reach that level if Obama's ten-year budget is enacted.

That would mean higher borrowing costs, making it far more expensive for the U.S. to refinance its massive \$14 trillion debt. Right now, those payments net \$197 billion every year, but just fast forward ten years and the situation looks far worse. In 2020, the CBO baseline estimates that net interest owed on the debt will total about \$751 billion yearly.

To put that into perspective, in 2020, every man, woman, and child in America would owe \$2442 — just for interest on the debt. By then, of course, the debt will total over \$25 trillion, according to the Office of Management and Budget. That's \$80,645 of debt for every American. How will that ever be paid back?

Unless something is done soon, it never will be.

It is now up to House Republicans to put serious spending cuts on the table. Barack Obama is merely proposing a discretionary spending freeze, which will institutionalize spending at its record-high levels and do nothing to decrease the deficit. This is a pathetic proposal that merits no serious consideration.

Meanwhile, Representatives Jim Jordan and Scott Garrett

and Senator Jim DeMint have proposed \$173 billion of discretionary spending cuts over the next two years, \$16.1 billion in cuts to Medicaid, end the 'stimulus' saving \$45 billion, and ending government ownership of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, saving another \$30 billion. These cuts represent a good start, and could be attached to a continuing resolution due to expire on March 4th. But more must be done.

Congress also needs to put so-called "mandatory" spending on the table for immediate consideration. This spending is on autopilot, and if Congress does not act, will continue to increase year on end from \$2.1 trillion today to \$3.3 trillion in 2020, according to the CBO.

As much as \$460 billion of cuts could be attached to an upcoming vote to increase the national debt ceiling above \$14.294 trillion. Combined with the Garrett-Jordan-DeMint proposal, the savings would total \$725 billion, almost cutting the deficit in half.

If coupled with a flattening of the tax code with the elimination of double-taxation, tax credits and exemptions, along with significantly bringing down overall rates, a massive economic expansion would take place. The increased revenues would cover the rest of the \$775 billion deficit.

A fiscal reckoning is coming, and once again, policymakers have a choice to make: To take care of it now while it is still manageable or to wait hoping that it will magically go away. The choice seems obvious.

# Research shows livestock industry is 'green'

AMARILLO - Livestock agriculture is green. It is time the industry stopped allowing itself to be pushed around and start using science-based information to tell what it is doing for the world, according to speakers at the recent Southwest Beef Symposium in Amarillo.

Dennis Avery, director of the Hudson Institute in Washington, D.C., told the crowd that as the world's population increases in wealth and size, farmers and ranchers will have to double global food production within 40 years.

"This is a bigger challenge than Dr. Norman Borlaug faced when he launched the Green Revolution in the 1960s," Avery said. "Since we already farm 37 percent of the Earth's land area, we cannot double food production simply by plowing more land and using more of today's inputs."

"We must find new ways to add yield and productivity on the best land."

Avery said the push for grass-fed beef, organic foods and trying to grow a fuel supply with biofuels will become less popular.

Confinement feeding produces more meat per pound of feed, is kinder to animals and puts less carbon into the air than grass-fed beef, he said. Organic farming is not conservation-friendly and biofuels divert too much good land to produce tiny amounts of high-cost fuel.

"During this period, farmers and ranchers must do something they have never done: Tell urbanites why they farm differently from their grandfathers - to feed the hungry even as we save land for nature."

Dr. Brent Auvermann, Texas AgriLife Extension Service environmental systems specialist, followed Avery with a discussion of agriculture's "carbon footprint" and the role carbon plays in the production of beef.

"Over the past 10 years, we've seen a shift in the terms the environmental community used to lead us into conversations about the health of the ecosphere, which is simply the air, water, soil and the living organisms that make their homes there," Auvermann said.

Early on, the talk was of sustainability - economic, environmental and social, he said. But no one learned to measure sustainability; it was an abstraction.

Next came the term "global warming potential," used to refer to the magnitude of the stress human activities were imposing on the world's climate.

"Global warming potential wasn't really a case of air pollution until Congress and the EPA got hold of it and the Supreme Court gave them elbow room," Auvermann said. "It didn't include other considerations like water quality or natural resource availability, either."

And, as global warming potential has lost its hold on the public's imagination, it has now been replaced by "ecological footprint," referring to the carrying capacity of an ecosystem, Auvermann said.

The ecological footprint is essentially an accounting procedure that adds up all the land and sea areas required to supply resources and assimilate wastes and divides by the number of

people supported to get the per capita footprint.

"If we divide the global ecologically productive area by the global population, we get the global average of 4.7 acres available to each person on the Earth," he said. That means that some nations like Canada have room to grow, but that there are billions of people living in countries with far less bio-capacity than the global average.

The ecological footprint is derived from energy, cropland, pasture, sea space, forest land, built area and hydroelectric. The biggest portion of that is the energy footprint, Auvermann said. And that is where the carbon comes in.

The energy footprint is the area of land, predominately forest land, required to sequester the carbon emissions from fossil fuel combustion, he said. So when speaking of the carbon footprint, it is actually a subset of the total ecological footprint.

A production and environmental quality model for beef production shows how enhancing product quality, increasing efficiency or reducing emissions is deeply embedded in a larger system characterized by feedback, time variation, human agency and mutual dependence, Auvermann said.

This life-cycle analysis shows how a product that hits the plate is the product of just about everything else involved in its production, including the resources consumed, the machinery built to process it, and all the labor, processes and resources required to dispose of the wastes within the

manufacturing and supply chain, he said.

"While the whole process is complicated, the idea underneath it all is pretty simple and appealing: We can't just pretend that a product's environmental footprint is limited to the waste-disposal processes immediately downstream from it in the supply chain. There's more to it than that."

Auvermann said some of the carbon-intensive items involved in feeding cattle in confinement are the corn, natural gas used to manufacture nitrogen fertilizer, diesel fuel to rail corn from the Midwest and the coal or natural gas to produce electricity for irrigation pumps.

"The carbon footprint is but one piece of a much broader ecological footprint, but in many cases it is the dominant piece," he said. "These sustainability metrics need to be refined on the basis of more detailed knowledge and greater attention to site-specific influences."

Dr. Jim MacDonald, AgriLife Research beef cattle nutritionist, followed Auvermann by saying society is increasingly concerned about the impacts of animal production practices on the environment, human health and animal health.

This concern has resulted in increased monitoring and proposed regulations by the government, with special attention being paid to ammonia, greenhouse gasses and water quality. In the past five years, production practices such as the use of implants, ionophores, beta-agonists and antimicrobial agents have been questioned.

"One of the best things we can tell consumers is what impact the production practices we've adopted had," he said. "Reality is that if you were to tell us that we could no longer use technology in the beef industry, it would change the way we formulate diets."

These technologies have contributed to improved animal performance over the past 30 years by increasing dietary energy concentration, weight gain and carcass weight with marginal increases in dry matter intake, MacDonald said.

"The improvements in feed efficiency observed over this time period likely would not have been possible without the adoption of growth-enhancing technologies," he said.

"While the emission of ammonia and greenhouse gasses produced per head have remained stable, the emissions have been reduced when expressed on per pound of carcass weight," he said.

"Therefore, we conclude that the use of growth-enhancing technologies is vital in reducing the carbon footprint of a serving of beef."

Taking away one or more of the technologies would mean a loss of 150 pounds per animal, a loss of average daily gain and some feed efficiency, therefore costing more to produce a pound of gain.

The key here is that it is absolutely inappropriate to report these things on a per head basis, MacDonald said.

"When you report on per pound of hot carcass weight, taking into account the improvement in efficiencies,

the carbon footprint of that steak is less today than it was 30 years ago," he said.

"We make money in this industry by adding weight. We are more environmental friendly by adding weight. We are producing more with less," MacDonald said.

Those technologies allowed producers to reduce manure production 30 to 45 percent; ammonia losses decreased 11 to 14 percent; methane production decreased 12 to 30 percent depending on technologies used.

"So there is no doubt in my mind if you are interested in environmentally friendly beef, you would accept the use of technology in the feedlot," he said.

A constant beef supply requires fewer head therefore fewer cows. The animal population has been reduced, as has the feed energy, land use, water use, fossil fuel energy needed, methane, nitrous oxide and total carbon footprint, MacDonald said.

"We have made progress in terms of our environmental footprint. It's a mistake to allow components of society to try to force us to take away the very technology that has allowed us to do this."

Perhaps the most convincing piece of information is that over the past 30 years, the greenhouse gasses per 10-ounce steak has dramatically decreased, MacDonald said.

"Don't let these issues be decided for you," he said. "The decisions that are being made are not being made based on science, but rather emotion. The beef industry has been silent far too long on these issues."

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## Sinus infections: unavoidable, but manageable

HOUSTON — Sinus infections may be prevented, but in some cases they just can't be avoided. The good news is that with over-the-counter anti-histamines and time, most go away, said a Baylor College of Medicine ([www.bcm.edu](http://www.bcm.edu)) physician.

"In subtropical climates like Houston, there are a lot of pollutants and allergens looming around," said Dr. Steve Rosenbaum, assistant professor of medicine and section chief of general internal medicine at the Baylor Clinic ([www.baylorclinic.com](http://www.baylorclinic.com)). "Sinus infections are caused by some of these things that we pick up, not by something specific to our body."

Helping to protect On a daily basis, we can become exposed to and pick up these infections, Rosenbaum said.

"Think of the classic symptoms — cough, runny nose, itchy eyes," said Rosenbaum. "We are exposed to these microbes daily, even if we do not have direct contact with people they can still spread."

As unpleasant as it sounds, Rosenbaum said these droplets of drainage and fluid can suspend in the air or on a surface. "A simple touch of a door handle or grocery cart can result in transmission of these infections."

Rosenbaum said the best tip is to remember to wash your hands or use antibacterial gel immediately after these exposures. "Use the wipes provided in the grocery store, wash your hands after touching a public door handle and if exiting a bathroom, use a paper towel to open the door."

This will help protect, but some infections cannot be avoided, he said.

Treatment Most sinus infections are not serious and can be easily managed, although they may creep around for five to seven days, Rosenbaum said.

"Initially we treat the symptoms," said Rosenbaum. "We recommend over-the-counter antihistamines, such as Claritin® or Zyrtec®."

Extra drainage may cause a painful sore throat in the middle of the night,

Rosenbaum said. "Mom's good-old recipe of gargling with warm salt water can help relieve this pain, along with throat lozenges."

With time, your body will eventually rid itself of the infection, he said.

If the infection lingers around, it may be necessary to take an antibiotic.

When should you see a doctor?

If your symptoms do not go away after about five to seven days, you should go see a doctor, Rosenbaum said. "The infection could go from viral, to a secondary bacterial infection and you might need more aggressive attention."

Rosenbaum said that intervention could include a CT scan and in rare cases drainage procedure from an ear, nose and throat specialist.

"Good antibiotic treatments should be enough to clear the infection," said Rosenbaum.

Examples of serious symptoms include not being able to breathe and severe sinus headaches.

## Study shows ethanol plants have higher rates of return for water used

AMARILLO — With the ethanol industry being one of the newest contributors to the economy of the High Plains of Texas, several questions still need to be answered, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

While community and state leaders know ethanol plants create jobs and boost economic activity, there are concerns about using scarce water resources for production, said Dr. Bridget Guerrero, AgriLife Extension agricultural economics program specialist in Lubbock.

Guerrero, along with other economists from AgriLife Extension, Texas Tech University, Kansas State University and West Texas A&M University, recently conducted a study to help answer that question. A similar study conducted in western Kansas had many of the same conclusions.

The study was funded through the federal Ogallala Aquifer Program. Guerrero said she used an input-output analysis to determine if locating ethanol plants in the High Plains was an effective use of water resources relative to current irrigated-crop production in terms of economic impact.

"We looked at a plant in the Southern High Plains of Texas," she said. "This plant produced 40 million gallons of ethanol, was constructed in 2007 and they employed 35 people after it became operational in 2008."

It was a \$65 million construction project, which generated an initial \$4.8 million in economic impact to the region, Guerrero said. The sales of ethanol and its related byproducts, once it was running in 2008, generated \$155.6 million in economic impact annually.

In addition to the 40 million gallons of ethanol, the water used also generates about 130,000 tons of wet and dried distiller's grains sold locally to dairies and feedlots, as well as syrup that is added back to the distiller's grains and also sold separately as a feed additive, she said.

The ethanol plant studied used 2.7 gallons of water per gallon of ethanol, she said. That would be 300,000 gallons of water per day or a total of 108 million gallons annually. Water is used primarily for cooling and to create mash by mixing milled sorghum and water in the ethanol production process.

"Typically you would think wow, that's a lot of water that the ethanol plants are using," Guerrero said. "But we took the 108 million gallons used by the plant and related that to the equivalent acreage of irrigated corn, wheat, cotton or sorghum."

She said the study found that the equivalent amount of water would produce, in relation to irrigated crops, 199 acres of corn, 331 acres of cotton, 284 acres of sorghum or 265 acres of wheat. The employment generated from these acreages is significantly

less than the ethanol plant.

She added that these economic impacts are estimated from the farm-gate backward and any potential future economic benefit to local gins, elevators or further processing sectors tied to irrigated crop production were not captured in this study.

"Thus, the difference in economic impacts between ethanol production and irrigated crop production would not actually be as great when including forward linkages since most irrigated crops are further processed within the region,"

Guerrero said. She said, however, that there are also some economic benefits of ethanol production that are not accounted for in this study, such as diversified crop markets and higher commodity prices for farmers, plus the transportation industry effect.

Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist and team leader, said the message from the study is simple: "While the location of ethanol plants within the region will be somewhat limited in the future due to federal policy, it should be encouraged."

"Ethanol production generates significant employment while not using that much water, relatively," he said. "In addition, it complements our other agricultural industries by creating higher grain prices and a cheap source of cattle feed."

## Six-month beef management series planned

AMARILLO — Cattlemen will have a chance to improve their marketing and management skills during a six-month-long series of seminars sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Beef Council.

"Beef Marketing and Management 2015" is a series of educational activities for people involved in the beef industry, according to the organizers.

"Whether you are in the cow/calf, stocker, cattle feeding or an allied industry sector, an owner, a customer-based operator or an employee, this program offers an opportunity to learn more about factors influencing beef quality and value," said Brandon Boughen, AgriLife Extension agent for Potter County.

The program will kick off March 1 and end Sept. 1, and will consist of two components: BEEF 2015 and BEEF 706. All activities will be held at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Amarillo and West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Registration is \$50 per participant and due by Feb. 21, said Michael Wilkes, AgriLife Extension agent for Oldham County. Pre-registration is required, and registration forms and the \$50 registration fee made payable to Oldham AG Committee

should be mailed to Oldham Ag Committee, Box 380, Vega, Texas 79092.

BEEF 706 seats are limited to the first 45 people, Wilkes said. Participation in the BEEF 706 section requires registration and participation in the Beef Marketing and Management 2015 program. Seats for the series of BEEF 2015 meetings are not limited.

The BEEF 706 program will begin with teams of participants selecting feeder steers at the kickoff meeting in March, Boughen said. These steers will be placed on feed and monitored until finished in August.

This will culminate with a two-day BEEF 706 activity where participants will grade and fabricate their steers' carcass, he said. The BEEF 706 component is sponsored by the Texas Beef Council.

Participants will experience firsthand the differences encountered in carcass composition and see the production of boxed-beef cuts, Boughen said. Their resulting information will be evaluated in terms of boxed-beef value differences among steers and how that translates back to value differences in live cattle.

The second component of Beef Marketing and Management 2015 is a series of seven meetings and seminars supporting the BEEF

706, said Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist. These start with the kickoff in March and end in September.

These programs will cover feeder cattle and carcass evaluation, influence of genetics and management on carcass merit, marketing on carcass grids and tradeoffs between live and carcass marketing, McCollum said.

Speakers for this program are professionals involved in the beef industry or beef educational programs, he said.

The meeting schedule and topics are:

- March 1, Kickoff, Texas AgriLife Research farm at Bushland, followed by a dinner at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.
- March 29, Carcass Evaluation and Value.
- April 26, Types, Genetics and Carcass Traits.
- June 7, Cattle Observation and Ultrasound.
- June 28, Cattle Management and Carcass Characteristics.
- July 28, Pre-harvest Cattle Evaluation and Grid Marketing.
- Aug. 9-11, BEEF 706, West Texas A&M University Meat Lab.
- Sept. 1, Advanced Grid Marketing Topics and BEEF 2015 Wrap-Up and Evaluation.

## Texas park sand wildlife releases video on fizzing bass

ATHENS — The Inland Fisheries Division of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) today announced the availability of a seven-minute video detailing the results of a two-year study to determine the best method of treating largemouth bass suffering from barotrauma.

"Barotrauma refers to an overinflated air bladder," said TPWD Inland Fisheries biologist Randy Myers, who led the study. "A fish's air bladder inflates and deflates to enable the fish to suspend at a particular depth. Fish that are caught and brought to the surface are suddenly under less pressure. If a fish is released immediately, it will usually back down to the depth it was caught from."

Fish caught in tournaments are particularly susceptible to barotrauma, Myers explained. "Fish caught in tournaments are typically held in a livewell for several hours before weighing. After a few minutes at the surface, the air bladder can expand to the point the fish is unable to submerge. The overinflated air bladder presses on vital internal organs, and the fish's stomach may protrude from its gullet. The fish becomes exhausted from trying

to submerge and floats on the surface, where it may die or be injured."

Organizers of several bass fishing tournaments allowed Myers to use fish caught in tournaments to train a number of TPWD employees how to use a needle inserted into a fish's air bladder either through the mouth or the side to release excess air. This procedure is commonly called fizzing, since the air released from the bladder makes bubbles in the water.

Myers then conducted a study on fish collected by electrofishing. Some were fizzed through the mouth or side by trained personnel, some by untrained personnel, and some not treated at all. "We wanted to determine if fizzing results in greater survival, and if so, whether fizzing through the mouth or the side was more effective," Myers said. "Our study proved that side fizzing resulted in the survival of 14 percent more fish than mouth fizzing."

Myers used Lake Amistad as the site for training and study. "Amistad has a lot of bass tournaments, and 50 percent of the fish weighed in at those tournaments suffer from barotrauma," he said. "Increasing the survival rate of those fish makes a significant

difference."

The video, entitled "Treating Barotrauma in Largemouth Bass," was shot in high definition and uses a dissected bass to show the locations of the air bladder and internal organs that can be affected by mouth or side fizzing. Myers also demonstrates the proper technique for side fizzing, including how to locate the needle insertion point and how long to release air from fish of different sizes.

"Tournament organizers and anglers have long been practicing fizzing and were very helpful during the study," Myers said. "However, no one had ever determined which method of fizzing was best for the fish. Our goal was to provide a scientific basis for the practice and show anyone interested the best way to fizz a fish."

The video may be viewed on TPWD's YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pEeQrsHewf8>. TPWD encourages anyone with a web site to link to that page. Broadcast media or others wishing to download the HD version from TPWD's FTP site may obtain instructions for doing so by sending an e-mail to Larry Hodge at [larry.hodge@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:larry.hodge@tpwd.state.tx.us).

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## Staying smart about Social Security

By Bernadine Smith

Sometimes people don't give themselves enough credit. But if you work and pay Social Security taxes, you're earning credit for yourself every payday -- credit that will pay off later in life when it comes time for retirement, or in the event that you become disabled and are unable to work; credit that can help your family if you die early and need to provide for those who depend on you.

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- 2/5/11-End of 3 weeks
- 2/7/11-MS Basketball Girls at Denver City Boys here 4:30
- 2/9/11-Progress Reports sent home
- 2/14/11-MS Basketball Boys Vs Coahoma Here 4:30
- 2/25/11- End of 4th 6 weeks-Early Release 12:00 Buses run at 12:30
- FACULTY BIRTHDAYS
- 2/1-Irene Perez
- 2/13-Peggy Graves
- 2/16-Bill Coltrane
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### Post Elementary Calendar

- January- 19th Report Cards go home.
- February 2nd- Lifetouch Spring and Class Pictures
- February 7th - Report Cards go home.
- February 25th- 12:30 Dismissal
- Post Elementary Notes**
- LifeTouch pictures scheduled for Wednesday, February 2nd were canceled due to inclement weather. As soon as we know the reschedule date we will send out an Alert Now phone message. If you are not receiving phone messages, please call the elementary school office and update your phone number.
- Monday, February 7th- Progress Reports go home
- Monday, February 14th- 3:00 p.m. classroom Valentine's Day parties

## Foreigners must report land holdings

Memphis, Texas-- Jan. 27, 2011-- Hall County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Billy Foster, reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

"Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Foster.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act

(AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

"Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land," said Foster.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or

from agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

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The number of credits needed for disability benefits depends on how old you are when you become disabled. For example, if you become disabled before age 24, you generally need 1 1/2 years of work (six credits) in the three years before you became disabled. At age 31 or older, you generally need at least 20 credits in the 10 years immediately before you became disabled.

In most cases, about 10 years of work is needed for a worker's family to qualify for survivors benefits. Survivors of very young workers may be eligible if the deceased worker was employed for 1 1/2 years during the three years before his or her death.

You can find a detailed chart that shows exactly how many credits you would need in the online publication, How You Earn Credits, available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10072.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10072.html). You also may want to read Understanding the Benefits for more information about Social Security and how it works. You can find it online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10024.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10024.html).

Next time you feel like someone else is taking credit for your hard work, just remember that your hard work is earning you credit in ways you probably don't even think about -- Social Security credit.

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## Student of the Week



### MIRANDA HAIR

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