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Great turnout for memorial run in honor of late State Trooper

By Jodi Lincoln

Saturday, March 5th turned out to be a beautiful day in Garza County as temperatures reached the mid 60's and the winds remained fairly calm. Such was not the case however at 8:00 am that same morning as a crowd of about 275 runners along with 30 volunteers began gathering at the Garza County Sheriff's Department in the early morning chill and brisk winds to participate in a race set to honor the memory of late State Trooper Jonathan Mc Donald. The runners and volunteers didn't allow temperatures ranging only in the upper 40's keep them from participating in what could be the first of an annual event in Garza County; the turnout of runners which showed the love and the void left in our small community by the tragic accident that took the life of one of our

own. After registration that began at 8:00 am, the runners gathered out in front of the Sheriff's department to begin the race that was divided into two distances. The 1 mile race and the 5k race kicked off just after 9:00 am and the last participant was back at the starting point within 45 minutes of the beginning of the races.

The runners were divided into groups by age. There was an eleven and under group, a 12 to 15 age group, a 16 to 19 group, a 20 to 24 group, a 25 to 29 age group, etc., all the way up to the 60 and over group. The top three runners in each group were awarded medals. Times ranged from the fastest being seven minutes to the last runner at 30 minutes on the 1 mile run and from 19 minutes for the

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Photo Courtesy of Bryan Schwertner

Aerial view of devastation left by March grass fire



Photo Courtesy of Mike Isbell, Garza County Emergency Management Coordinator

By Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

The grass fires that burned across 20,000 acres on the 6th of March left a path of devastation in its wake. The fire burned into the early morning hours before being brought under control by our

local fire department, County Precincts 1-3 and the with aide of several fire departments from the surrounding areas. There are few new details to report this week because the fire is under investigation by the Texas Forest Service. It is known that the biggest

portion of land consumed by the fire was on the Dalby and Kirkpatrick ranches. The Kirkpatrick ranch lost several thousand acres, the total not yet known and

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Tabana Yuane-A Ceremony - A Way of Life

By: Ken LeBlance

American Indians, what Euro-American folks like to call Native Americans, live and conduct much of their lives around ceremonies. It is hard to believe but when I step into the sacred Tabana Yuane Ceremonial Circle at the City Park in Post, Texas on the 22nd Ceremony (Comanche for Sunrise Wind Ceremony). For me it has been a long journey that quite

literally has become a way of life. In 1995 I became the Pipe Carrier for the Tabana Yuane Clan. In 2002 I became the Paraiba (Comanche Head Man) of the clan. This was after the death of Frank (Chief) Runkles. Chief first came to Post in or about 1936 as the ranger at the Boy Scout Camp and lived in Post the rest of his life. He led the Tabana Yuane clan from about 1973 until he passed

away. Fittingly he was buried on the day of the ceremony.

I became the ranger at the Post Boy Scout Camp in 1895. In 1986 Bryan Williams asked me to participate in this ceremony to help Chief Runkles. Chief was getting on in years and was no longer able to start the fire by rubbing the sticks

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Hero

By Darren Weaver

Contributing
Correspondent

Hit the train.

Those were the standing orders for P-47 Thunderbolt pilots flying missions over Germany in the crisp early spring of 1945. As Frankfurt came into view, so did the train, that primary target laden with fresh supplies bound for the enemy. The pilot spotted the target and began his run, this like so many others that were to be done in the

waning days of World War II. It was a tense moment, dropping from the blue sky down toward a moving steel monster. Almost straight down, wait until you were sure the target was dead to rights, wait until you could see the rail cars swaying back and forth as they trundled along the tracks.

Release the ordinance, right over the top of the unsuspecting target, and pull frantically back on the stick to come out of the steep dive and to safety. But safety was not to be realized this cold day in March. Not for 1st Lt. Troy Leonard Dean, resident

of Post, Texas, known to his family and fellow pilots as Cotton. As he pulled up on the stick, he realized with horror that his cockpit, that haven of protection that would get him back to base, was on fire. There was no choice. A mere twenty feet above the ground, he was forced to eject from his Thunderbolt or perish with it. He landed hard and slid, coming to rest bruised and battered, but in one piece.

Cotton found himself in enemy territory, just a few

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Post Notes

Taba'na Yuan'e Ceremony, March 22

The traditional Taba'na Yuan'e or Sunrise Wind ceremony will take place in the Post city park Tuesday, March 22. This historical ceremony will begin approximately thirty minutes before sunrise. Sunrise is predicted for 7:47 a.m the morning of the event. Post City Celebrations, Inc. will serve a free breakfast at the park for all visitors and

participants.

VFW Post 6797 Men & Ladies Auxiliary will meet on Monday March 14 at the Post on the Clairmont Highway at 6:00pm. Ladies are to ring a covered dish or desert for the meal. Meal will be served at 6:00 with the meetings to start at 7:00pm. All members are urged to attend, if you need transportation to the meeting call 495-2026.

Holy Cross Catholic Church will be hosting their annual Fish Fry with all the trimmings March 11th-March 22nd. 5:00pm-7:00pm \$7.00 a plate. For more information please call Juanita Pantoja at (806) 495-3059.

Homestead Exemption Available:

Anyone who becomes 65 in 2011, or has a birthday of 1946 or prior, is eligible

for the over 65 homestead exemption on school property taxes.

Anyone with business personal property as required to file a rendition with the Garza Central Appraisal District. If rendition is not filed, a 10% penalty will be added to the total tax. Please call Garza Central Appraisal District at (806) 495-3518 or come by the office at 124 East Main, Post, Texas to file a homestead exemption or

rendition. Due date is April 15, 2011.

Voter Registration:

Encouraging all registered voters to update their address information for the May Election. If you have a card that belongs to someone that no longer lives here, including children that have moved away, please return it to the Tax Office in the Courthouse.

Call for Entries - Garza County Quilt Exhibit

If you have an entry for the Garza County Quilt Exhibit at the Heritage House, bring your quilt to the Heritage House, 109 No. Avenue N Monday, March 14 through Wednesday, March 16, 9 a.m. to Noon. The exhibit, sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association, will

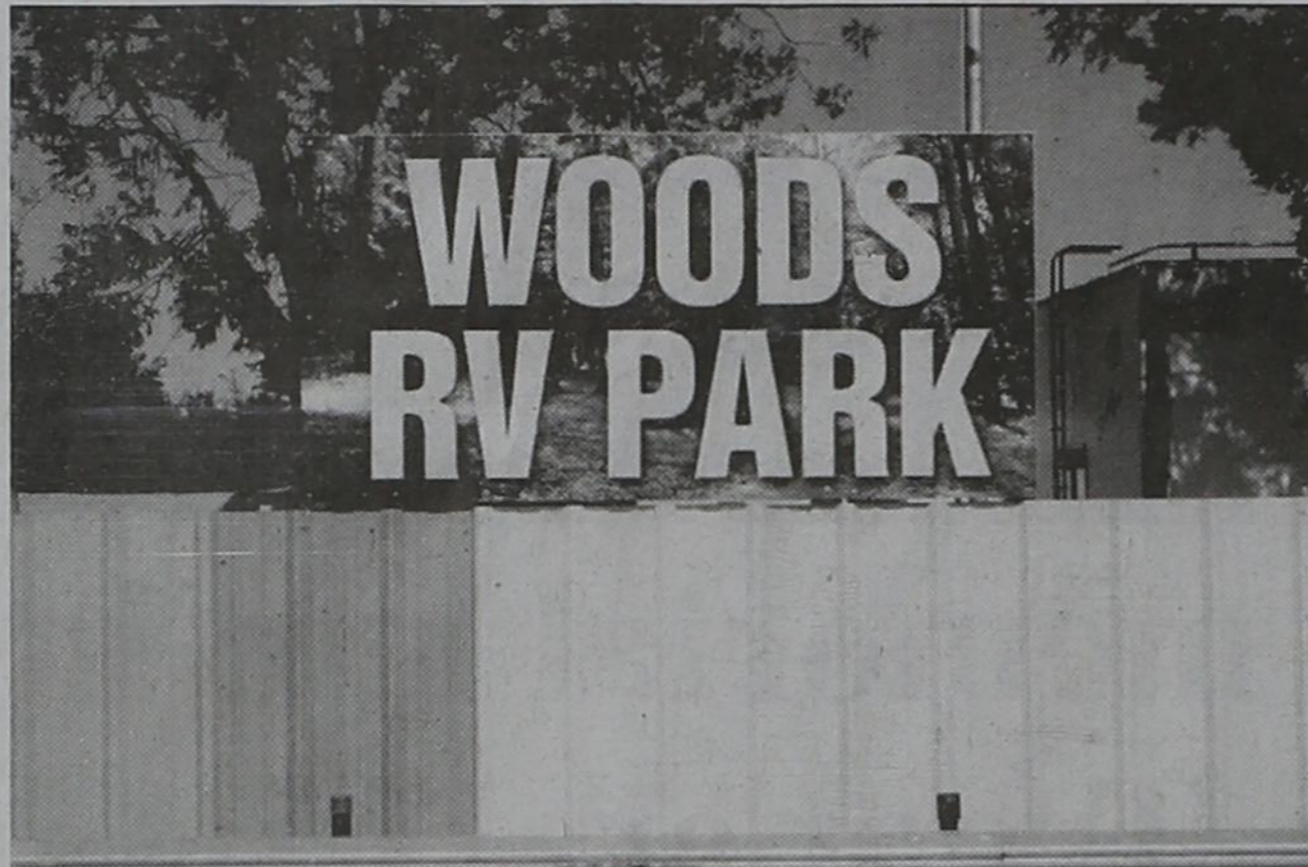
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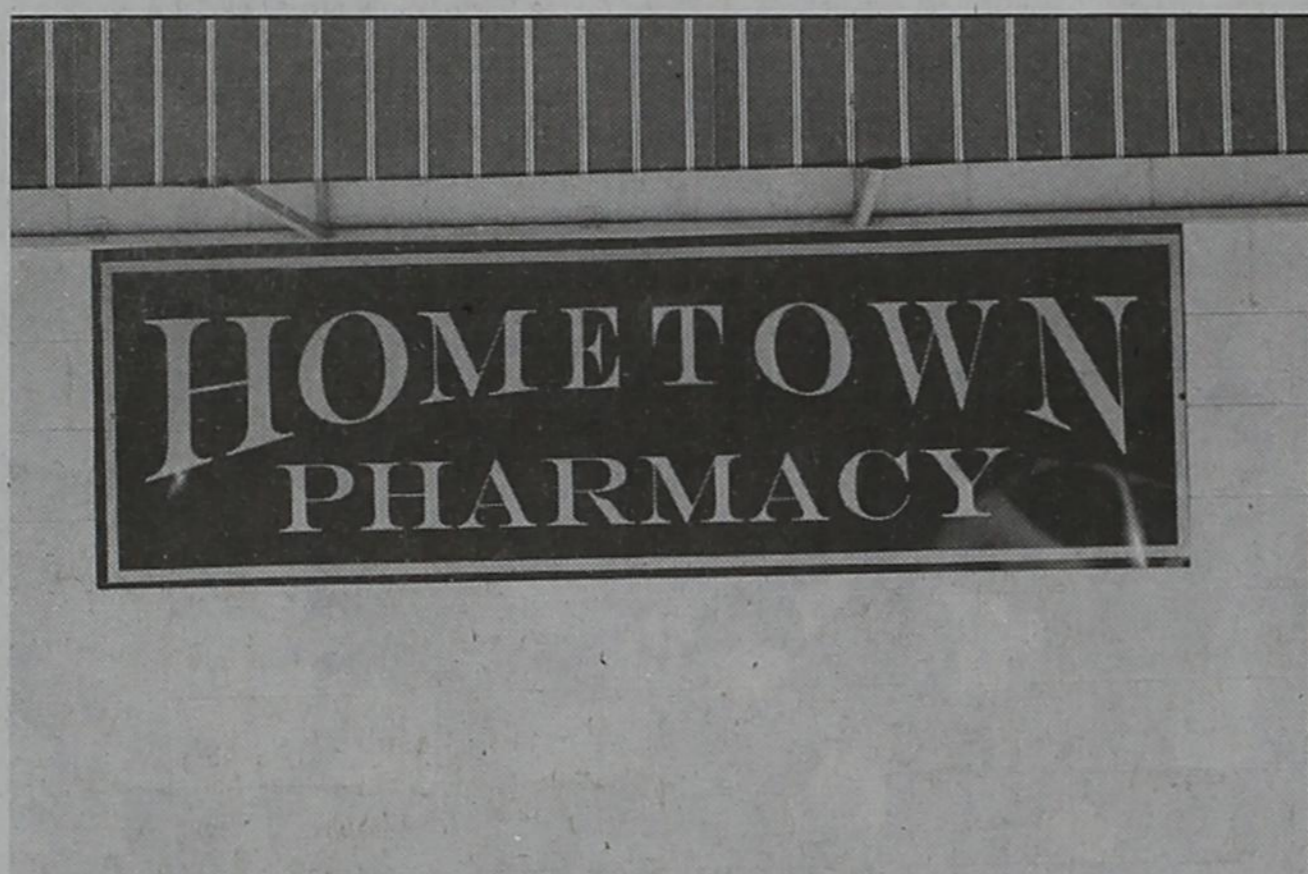
We have had a great first week at our new office at the Historic Depot. We will have an Open House for the community on Thursday, March 17, from 4:30 to 5:30 so come by for some refreshments and a tour. Ragtown will have two shows this weekend. Friday night at 7:30 and Saturday afternoon at 3:00.

March 31 is our Small Business Seminar. Lubbock SCORE will be presenting a program regarding the importance of developing and managing a solid business plan. Please let the Chamber office know if you would like to attend this seminar. Don't forget the Annual Chamber Banquet on April 9 and the Chamber Bingo

Night on April 19. A Memorial Golf Tournament has been scheduled for April 29 in memory of Trooper Jonathan McDonald. The tournament will be at Meadowbrook Golf Course and entries are due by April 22. For more information, please call 777-6415. Congratulations to our Members of the Week:



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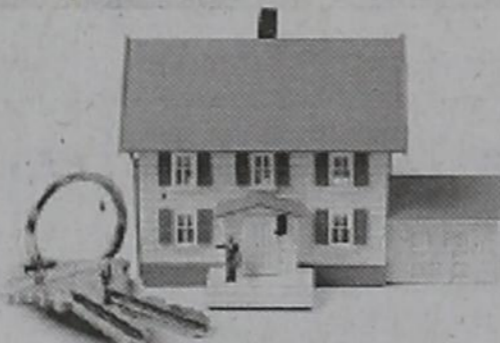


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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

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

ANSWER:

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Post ISD Menu

Spring Break 3/14-3/18		
Milk		
Friday		
Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy,		ding, Milk
Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk		Wednesday
Breakfast Menu for March 21 - March 25		Beef Nachos, Refried Beans, Tossed Salad, Orange Smiles, Yellow Cake, Milk
Monday		Thursday
Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk		Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Fruited Gelatin, Milk
Tuesday		Friday
Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk		Chili Dogs, Baked Fries, Carrots w/ Ranch, Apple, Rice Crispy Treat, Milk
Wednesday		
Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk		
Thursday		
Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice,		
	Milk	
	Friday	
	Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk	
	Lunch Menu for March 21 - March 25	
	Monday	
	Pizza, Corn, Tossed Salad, Sliced Peaches, Milk	
	Tuesday	
	Stuffed Baked Potato, Carrots w/Ranch, Fresh Fruit, Texas Toast, Chocolate Pudding	

Southland ISD Menu

Spring Break 3/14-3/18		
Milk		
Friday		
Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk		ding, Milk
		Wednesday
Breakfast Menu for March 21 - March 25		Beef Nachos, Refried Beans, Tossed Salad, Orange Smiles, Yellow Cake, Milk
Monday		Thursday
Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk		Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Fruited Gelatin, Milk
Tuesday		Friday
Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk		Chili Dogs, Baked Fries, Carrots w/ Ranch, Apple, Rice Crispy Treat, Milk
Wednesday		
Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk		
Thursday		
Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice,		
	Milk	
	Friday	
	Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk	
	Lunch Menu for March 21 - March 25	
	Monday	
	Pizza, Corn, Tossed Salad, Sliced Peaches, Milk	
	Tuesday	
	Stuffed Baked Potato, Carrots w/Ranch, Fresh Fruit, Texas Toast, Chocolate Pudding	

Trailblazers Menu

March 14 th -March 18 th		
Roll, Blueberry Crunch		
Beans, Spinach, Cornbread, Oreo Pie		
Monday		
Lasagna, Mix Veggies, Garlic Toast, Salad, Pudding		Wednesday
	Chicken Spaghetti, English Peas, Salad, Garlic Toast, Cobbler/ice cream	
Tuesday		
Roast Beef, Brown Gravy, Mash Potatoes, Carrots,		Thursday
	Hamburger Steak, Pinto	
Friday		
	Fish, Pinto Beans, Potatoes, Coleslaw, Hushpuppies, Fruit	



Photo by Rosa Latimer

Peggy Ashley, Librarian is shown leading the discussion at the February Book Talk event held at The Heritage House. The group meets the last Friday of each month and is open to the public. There is no fee. Book Talk is a joint project of the Post Public Library and the Caprock Cultural Association.

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Legends...Garza County Historial Museum

By Linda Puckett

The following story was featured in the Borden Citizen, January 1974, published by the Borden County Historical Survey Committee.

THE BLIZZARD OF 1918

On January 10, 1918 the worst blizzard in the living memory howled across the plains of Texas and New Mexico. Perhaps there are those still living who remembers the terrible "blue northers" of the 1880's and 90's, but for most of us, that January 10th was the blizzard of the century. Some may remember the date as the 8th of January, confusing it with the old time fiddle "break down" by that name.

Not only was this the worst blizzard in memory but the losses and suffering were greatly intensified by one of the most severe droughts to ever plague West Texas. This dramatic display of nature was enacted against the backdrop of a man-made drama, the terrible years of World War I. This conflict, with its conscription, its crowded, hastily erected Army Camps, its epidemics, rationing, war bond drives and local Red Cross chapters, the rolling bandages and knitting mufflers, had brought to an abrupt end those tranquil days with which this century began.

In 1917 almost no rain fell. Scurry County recorded 8.15 inches. Dawson County recorded only 3.22 inches. Many seeds planted that year did not sprout until the rains came the following spring. Sand, driven by fierce winds, was piled along fencerows, sometimes covering the fences entirely, even filling the country lanes from fence to fence. Many believe that the first Russian thistle seed came into this country on those winds, for they had not been known here previously. Others think the seeds were shipped in with feed for the hungry cattle. These sand storms were unlike the dust storms of the 1930's, which sometimes blew in dirt from as far away as Kansas and Colorado. This was our own denuded land, bare of vegetation, wind driven, piling up in mounds on our door knobs, blowing through the cracks of our box and strip houses, until at times we went to bed and covered our heads to shut it out, after first shaking the sand from the sheets. It blew in from "the plains" in great black clouds, bringing midday darkness which sent the chickens to roost and children home from school. The yellow light of coal oil lamps sought to dispel the gloom and food was placed in the oven, where the least grit drifted in.

The morning of January 10, 1918, dawned clear and calm with no forewarning of the impending disaster. There were no radios to give "cold wave warnings" or to tell of the terrible winds that were driving sand, snow and livestock before it across the plains. The Jim Dorwards, who lived at the Godwin

Ranch, started for Big Spring, dropping Ophelia off at school. Most of the other children in and around Gail walked to school as usual, some from several miles away.

But soon the ominous blue streak appeared low down on the northern horizon and an electric foreboding permeated the atmosphere. The Dorwards recognized the weather signs and turned back toward home. The wind struck with fury and soon blinding sand filled the air. People became uneasy about the children and livestock. There were not many water pipes to worry about. Mrs. Pearce sent Roy, the oldest son who was no longer in school, to bring the younger children home. They set out afoot along their usual path, but after crawling through the first fence became separated. When they were able to get back together, they joined hands in order to stay together and find their way home. That evening at the Pearce home, beds were carried from upstairs and placed around the heater in the front room and the children slept there to stay warm.

At the Mitchell home there was well founded anxiety. Mr. Mitchell, Reverend and Mrs. S.B. Cox and Brother and Sister Jolly had gone to Lubbock to attend a meeting of Methodist Ministers and Stewards. The car in which they traveled was the Mitchell's seven passenger Buick Touring Car. Do you remember those small jump seats that folded away between the front and rear seats, and the detachable side curtains with small isinglass windows which were usually cracked or broken? When the weather turned bad the Jolly's decided to remain in Lubbock, but the others felt they must get back to families and responsibilities. The blinding storm soon obscured that narrow dirt road and before long they found themselves against a fence post, hopelessly stuck in a snow drift. Since there seemed to be no other alternative, so Mr. Mitchell set out afoot with his back to the wind, guiding himself along the wire fence. After about a mile and a half, he found a gate in the fence and was able to locate a house, where he found shelter and warmth. When he was sufficiently thawed and revived he insisted on attempting to return to the car and rescue Reverend and Mrs. Cox. However, it was impossible to force animals to face into the storm and futile to brave the blizzard again on foot. Mr. Mitchell had to reconcile himself to waiting out the stormy night to learn the fate of his companions.

In the meantime, Reverend and Mrs. Cox wrapped themselves in quilts that were in the car, and huddled together, as they prayerfully faced the ordeal of waiting and uncertainty. The next day they were found still

alive. Certainly the hand of God was evident in their survival. They were found to be within one fourth mile of a house.

Every community had its stories of frost bite, losses, near tragedy, and even death, and Borden County was not spared. Dick and Lotta Cranfil Winfrey were living at the Coates place. Dick, like most of the men in the county, was out in the storm trying to see about the cattle. Mrs. Winfrey had gone outside for more firewood when little three-year-old Margaret got too near the open fire place and her clothing caught on fire. She was hopelessly burned. Telephones were still in operation in and around Gail and the neighbors soon learned of the accident. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were able to reach the Winfrey home. Grandpa Williams, not taking time to catch and harness a horse, set out afoot from his home north of the Coates place. When he returned home, he found some of his chickens were blown as much as a mile and a half before the gale. Dr. Hannabas was unable to reach the Winfrey home. The child died that night. She is buried in the Gail Cemetery.

THE BLIZZARD OF 1918 CONTINUES

Throughout the plains area livestock losses were mounting. Wherever possible, they rode and cut fences to allow the cattle to drift before the storm. Where fences were not cut, cattle piled up in fence corners, freezing to death, snow covering their carcasses until those left alive, if any, walked out over their bodies. Most of the men in the area who owned stock had sent to the plains what cattle they had managed to carry through the drought. There some crops had been raised and stalk field could be found for grazing. In Borden County even the grass roots had blown out of the ground and people believed there would never be grazing here again. The shortage of hay and grain to keep their horses and mules alive was the only energy crises which concerned people then.

Mr. Pearce had sent all of his cattle to a field near Ralls. After the blizzard the entire herd, over a hundred head, lay in a frozen heap in one fence corner. John R. Williams had cattle on stalk fields near Texico. They were near enough to the railroad that he managed to get them loaded onto cattle cars and sent back to Post where he finished wintering them in a feed lot. The York's also had cattle near Texico. At the camp

there Joe was awakened by the bawling of cattle drifting before the storm. He loaded sacks of cake in front of his saddle and set out to feed. In the afternoon, he stopped at a camp and a doctor was staying there recognized the frost bite on his face and treated him with cold water. In the hour he was there the temperature dropped from 2 degrees above zero to 12 degrees below. In a pasture ten miles West of Post, George Duckworth was wintering 160 head of two year-old steers. Every one of them froze to death. Homer Miller had cattle on pasture near Hereford. Some were saved by the protection of a big barn, but many froze. Mr. Hester, who was staying with the cattle there, attempted to drive a pet steer up the fence north toward the barn but finally had to leave him. The steer froze and stood there for five weeks before he thawed out and fell over.

These scenes were repeated again and again all over the plains. Not only were thousands of cattle left dead in snow drifts or sanding stiff against a wire fence, but many of those that survived had frozen feet, teats and tongues. As spring approached, hooves began to drop off leaving them walking on stumps. Many

had to be destroyed. Cripples and one-legged chickens were a common sight.

At the Miller Ranch there was anxiety and suspense. Not only was there concern for the cattle at home and at Hereford but near Snyder there were some 2000 head of sheep, belonging to son-in-law Ed Burdine. Charlie Miller and a hired hand Bud Perry were with them. The sheep had been turned out before the blizzard struck and it was impossible to turn them back against the wind and snow. A Mexican sheep herder stayed with one bunch and Charlie and Bud followed the other flock, taking turns going ahead of the sheep and trying to find some shelter from the wind for a little while. At 4:00 O'clock in the afternoon, Ed Burdine reached them in his Essex car. Bill Miller had stalled his car in a ditch trying to reach the sheep herder. They penned the sheep and hurried to town to thaw out. Bud's ears and throat were frozen and stayed black and swollen for days.

The Snyder Signal, a weekly newspaper issued on Friday, January 18th, told of the blizzard and stated that two sheep herders were reported to have frozen to death. The following week, the Signal had come to the

conclusion that no sheep herder was frozen, in fact, one probably didn't exist since no trace or word of him had been found. However, farther over in the same issue, was the story of the Shepherd, found frozen to death behind a few boards, several miles North of Snyder.

It was reported that Mr. Pete Brady had shipped in a car load of velvet beans for cattle feed. They were cheaper than cotton seed and that Mrs. L.N. Perriman had a hen come out from under a snow drift, singing, after having been snowed in for four days. She was a lucky one; most chickens froze on the roost.

The January issues of the Signal carried many references to the existing conditions. They told of government programs to requisition railroad cars to take 150,000 head of cattle from the drought stricken area, and of giving shipping priority to cotton seed for cattle feed and spoke wistfully of the snow that drifted into gullies and along fence rows, hoping the moisture would bring some grass. They concluded that "No country but West Texas could hold up under the stress that has borne down here for the past year (1917-1918).



Our grandson's first soccer game was last week. I missed it. From what I hear, he sort of missed it too. He was there, but he wasn't. His heart just wasn't in the game. Nor was his head. He likes sports, but he walked off the field at one point. Oh well.

Since I've never had children, I'm not sure what the rule is for how parents should handle a youngster's reluctance to play with the team. Do you let them out of their contract? I think a lot depends on how much you paid for the shoes. He's not quitting.

Some of my friends have told me that some of their grandchildren have shown more interest in kicking gopher mounds than the soccer ball. Maybe that's how it goes sometimes if you're only 4 and easily distracted by things like clouds and gopher mounds.

When I was just 4, nobody had heard of soccer. School started with the first grade back then, and so did any semblance of organized sports, which happened at

recess if it happened at all. You didn't need special shoes, you didn't have a uniform, and team rosters were fluid, meaning we lined up to be chosen for each game according to our abilities. The kids always chosen last knew they were bad. They couldn't opt out. We needed them to have enough to play. Their only choice was to excel at other stuff. Butch, for instance, who didn't live up to his tough-sounding name, checked hefty tomes out of the library. Not only did he read them, but he also talked about them, which made him even more likely to get chosen last. He ended up teaching college somewhere.

But forget school. Back to age 4.

If you lived in the country, you played with kids at hand - siblings or whoever lived nearby. For only-child me, stuck right in the middle of a square mile, playmates came and went often. They belonged to the transient families that moved in and out of our farm worker house - families that arrived in

old cars that had seen better days. Families that left the same way. I remember a pickup that had a quilt for upholstery. One car had a radiator ornament that glowed orange. That car looked regal after dark when it moved along our road.

Most of the time we had enough kids to play baseball or something, but we weren't organized. All the good playing spaces were planted in something that didn't need to get damaged by us anyway.

So we just played. We hauled stuff and each other in my little red wagon. We ran around barefooted and always got stickers in our feet. We kicked gopher mounds.

OK, really I don't remember specifically that we kicked gopher mounds. More likely we dug into them and sifted the soft dirt between our fingers and figured out how to flood gopher tunnels with a water hose.

Soccer? We just didn't know what we were missing.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather
Warm, Windy and Dry... that's about it. Keep pray'n for that rain that we need so desperately.

News
Our sympathies go out to Nancy Maddox Griffin and her family for the loss of her husband, Billy Griffin. Nancy is the daughter of Thurman and Faye Maddox who both went to school at Close City.

Our thoughts and prayers are with this family. Spoke to Max Haney on

the phone the other day. He says he and Rebecca are doing well; they live outside of Spur now but come by and visit when they can.

This coming week is spring break for most of the kiddos so you know they will be out and about. Please keep an eye out for them. We want to keep our kids safe. You all know what I'm trying to say...slow down when you come thru here. Not only is safer for you and the kids, but think of the gas you can save when you drive just a

little slower.

Did you know
Most people that hear or see the word YAWN...will yawn. I have yawned twice just typing this up! hee hee

Visitors
Ronnie brought Addi to visit us on Monday. She loves to come out here and get one of our special "kid cups" and a snack; other than that we have just had our regular morning crew out this week. Ya'll come out and

have a cup of coffee with us some morning or afternoon... you are guaranteed to be entertained and might even get your picture on our Wall of Shame"

Close City Birthdays
March 13th - Cain Abraham
March 14th - Brenda Norman; Rhonda Norman
If you or your family are not on our birthday calendar, shoot me a line and I will add them.

FYI
The Close City Community

Bingo night is officially set for APRIL 2ND at the VFW Hall on east 380 from 5:00 - 8:00. Mark it down and come out play Bingo, enjoy some good food and visiting with good neighbors. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Ragtown folks in the

nursing homes we need to remember are...W.C. and Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; Doug and Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham 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 and send me your news! See ya next week.



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Weekly Inspirations

PREACHED HIM TO DEATH
By: Michael F. Taylor

Early in my ministries studies at Wayland Baptist University, I heard a professor tell of a Pastor who was having a hard time keeping his congregations attention during his sermon. It seems that the pastor's dissertations were long and laborious and by the end of them, many folks had simply nodded off or walked out of the sanctuary. On this particular Sunday morning, the pastor's sermon dealt with another touchy subject to his congregation- on tithing and stewardship. So on this fine summer Sunday morning, the preacher stood in the pulpit and declared to his congregates, "It's wonderful to see each of you this blessed Lord's Day. I stand before you prepared to preach three different sermons; the first is a \$500.00 dollar sermon which will last five minutes; the second is a \$100.00 dollar sermon which last thirty minutes; or the third, a \$20.00 dollar sermon which shall last an hour and a half. Now if the ushers will come forward, we will take our morning tithes and offerings and find out which sermon I will preach!"

Well, I'm not sure that would work in my church, but I think that he probably got the point across to his congregation! I sincerely hope that my sermons aren't quite that hard to listen to, but believe that we as Christian people should find a place where the Word of God is preached and enjoy what the Lord has to say to us through His ministers.

I am reminded of a time in Paul's ministry that a particular individual feel asleep while Paul was preaching. In Acts, Chapter 20 we read, "7 On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. 8 There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting. 9 Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead. 10 Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!" 11 Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left. 12 The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted."

Well, luckily, I have never preached so long that someone fell asleep and has fallen from three stories to their death. But I find it encouraging to know that there are many churches all over the United States, the Great State of Texas and right here in Post where each of us can come and hear the Word Preached. God bless each of you and don't forget to go to church Sunday.

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

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Deuteronomy 6:5

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10 YEARS
PostAntelope... members earned honors. Earning honors were: Jarr... (1st team), Micha... team), Tyrone J... team) and honor... Mitchell Mills, C... and Raul Ortiz.
Four - year old... has received nu... in recent week... tumbling competit... earned a first plac... third place ribbon... fourth place in tra... is the daughter of... Marcie Oden.
Amity Study C... quilt presentation... Zoe Kirkpatrick.

20 YEARS
Mr. Mrs. Robe... Sr. is proud to an... forthcoming marri... daughter, Rebecca... Perez, Jr. They wil... March 17, 1991.
Ann Nobles is... appointed home... extension agent... County. She is f... Colorado City.

30 YEARS
BILLY D. GRIFFIN
Billy Don Gr... Wolfforth, died... March 5, 2011... were 11:00am... March 9, 2011 at... Baptist Church... Rev. Cory Ric... officiated. Milita... rites were held... in the Terrace... Post.
Arrangements... the personal car... Janet Justice Fu... Born July 3, 19... Howard and... (Bussey) Griffi... Billy was raise... graduated And... School. He wen... Force and serve... later married Na... October 25, 19... They made the... in Andrews and... lived in Odessa... Lubbock and... Billy's special... football. He is... death by his p... brother, Tommy... was a member of... Baptist Church... include his wife... Wolfforth. Two s... Paul and Bryce... Wolfforth. One b... Griffin and his... of Odessa. One... Reese of Oklah... also survived... nieces and ne... family greeted... the service at Be... Church.

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10 YEARS

PostAntelopebasketballteam members earned All District honors. Earning All-District honors were: Jarrett Vickers, (1st team), Michael Huff (1st team), Tyrone Jefferson (2nd team) and honorable mention Mitchell Mills, Clinton Curtis and Raul Ortiz.

Four - year old Kelbie Oden has received numerous honors in recent weeks in her first tumbling competitions. Oden earned a first place medal, a third place ribbon and third and fourth place in trampoline. She is the daughter of Rodney and Marcie Oden.

Amity Study Club enjoys quilt presentation presented by Zoe Kirkpatrick.

20 YEARS

Mr. Mrs. Robert Espinoza Sr. is proud to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Rebecca to Lupe Perez, Jr. They will be married March 17, 1991.

Ann Nobles is the newly appointed home economic extension agent for Garza County. She is formerly of Colorado City.

30 YEARS

Approximately 50 Post women were instructed in the safe use of firearms during a five-hour class held at the Garza County courthouse. The class was taught by Garza County Highway Patrol Louis Cardinal, Gene Posey, Gary Briley and Sgt. Doug Hyatt of Lubbock.

Tom Middleton was recognized at the annual Soil Conservation Service banquet as Garza Rancher of the Year.

40 YEARS

Mrs. Jimella Simpson presented a program on cake decorating to the Mu Alpha chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi at their Monday night meeting.

Miss Patti Peel became the bride of Roy Sappington on March 6, 1971. Patti is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Peel and Roy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sappington.

50 YEARS

The first academic letters ever awarded at Post High School went to 26 students.

Pvt. Charles G Tubbs, son of Dr. Harry A. Tubbs. Tubbs completed an artillery survey course at The Artillery and Missile Center at Fort Sill,

Okla. On Feb.25.

Miss Kay Martin and Dan Lamb exchanged vows in a double ring ceremony.

Miss Kathryn Louise Collier and Robert N. Cato Jr. exchanged vows in a double ring ceremony.

92 students are on the Junior High School honor roll.

60 YEARS

Ned Myers shows champion calf at Junior Livestock show. Billy George Taylor shows off his reserve champion calf and Wayland Craig shows off his grand champion barrow, a Chester White hog.

Dr. R. F. Harrington President of Samuel Huston college will accompany the college male Negro quartet. They will present a program at the Methodist Church on Monday night.

Polly Spence and Dale Cravy marry in Roswell on Feb. 24 Feb. 24, 1951

LaRue Steven won first place in an amateur show presented by local talent at the Tower Theatre, second place went to a black-face trio Patsy Mason, Lenona Stone and Nita McClellan from Graham Marca Dean Holland won third.

Extension Extras

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

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

Photography Project

If you are interested in the County Photography Contest,

pictures are due to the office today.

Upcoming 4-H Connect Openings

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Club Meeting

Our next club meeting will be Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 6:30 at the Extension

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Obituaries

BILLY DON GRIFFIN

Billy Don Griffin, 59 of Wolfforth, died Saturday March 5, 2011. Services were 11:00am Wednesday March 9, 2011 at the Bethany Baptist Church in Lubbock. Rev. Cory Richard Butts officiated. Military graveside rites were held at 3:00pm in the Terrace Cemetery in Post.

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

Born July 3, 1951 to Thomas Howard and Minnie Ella (Bussey) Griffin Andrews. Billy was raised there and graduated Andrews High School. He went in the Air Force and served 4 years. He later married Nancy Maddox October 25, 1980 in Post. They made their first home in Andrews and have since lived in Odessa, Levelland, Lubbock and Wolfforth. Billy's special interest was football. He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Tommy Griffin. He was a member of the Bethany Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife Nancy of Wolfforth. Two sons, Timothy Paul and Bryce Lane, both of Wolfforth. One brother, Larry Griffin and his wife Karen of Odessa. One sister, Linda Reese of Oklahoma. Billy is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. The family greeted friends after the service at Bethany Baptist Church.



IRIS GAYLE HOWELL

Iris Gayle Howell Farley passed from this life on March 6, 2011 at 2:45 pm at Hospice House in Odessa, Texas.

She was the youngest daughter of Ben and Daphne Polk Howell. She was born May 7, 1950 in Hobbs, New Mexico. Iris was a dialysis tech and worked in Medical Records for Dr. Gallaway and Dr. Oliver for 33 years. She was a patient teacher with all the people she trained and encouraged them to further their education, which many of them did.

She raised five boys, her sons, Kip, Jeremy and Dylan, and her grandsons, Kaleb and K.C. She was preceded in death by her parents, her oldest son, Kip Stanley and husband Rocky Farley.

She is survived by her sons, Jeremy Hatfield, his two children Tori and Jonah; son, Dylan Farley; grandsons, Kaleb and K.C. Stanley; two sisters, Frankie Millican and husband Rusty and Vonda Hanson; niece Rhonda Canell, and nephews

Dean Millican, Doug Millican and Kyle Hanson.

Iris was ...sweet baby daughter, a loving and funny sister, a beautiful wife, always supportive mother, a proud "Granny Dear" and a favorite and coolest aunt, your best friend, a patient, meticulous teacher, a loved care giver, the best story teller, and a "little bit" of a hippie with Jasmine in her hair, and also a glorious child of God.

Visitation was scheduled for 5-7 PM Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. Services were held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel with Dewey Blevins and Glenn Park officiating.

Pallbearers were Beau Perez, Ed Green, Raul Serrano, Lonnie Blevins, Jim Blevins and Chad Webb.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com

DORA IRENE NOWLIN

DORA IRENE (MARKHAM) NOWLIN, 81, died Thursday March 3, 2011 at a Lubbock hospital. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday March 6, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church in Rotan. Burial followed at Belvieu Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home. Visitation

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To our wonderful community, We are humbled by your continued support of our families. Thank you to all those who participated, sponsored and volunteered for the Trooper McDonald Memorial Race. It is truly a joy to be a part of this community.

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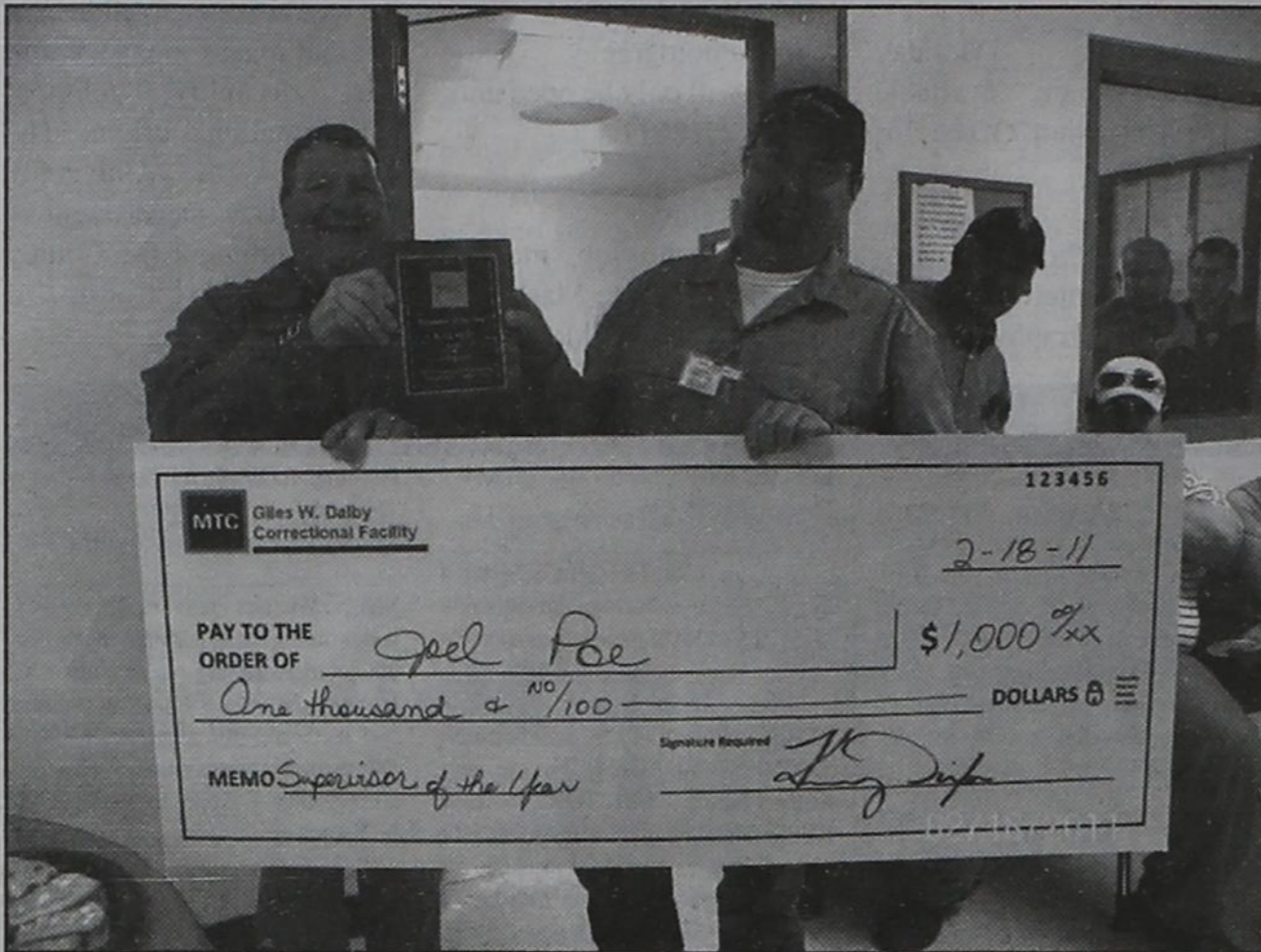
Dalby Correctional Facility names Employee's of the Year

The Dalby Correctional Unit honored three of its employees as employees of the year. Joel Poe was honored as Supervisor of the Year for 2010 in the Maintenance department. Joel was presented with a plaque and a check for \$1,000.00 that was presented to him by

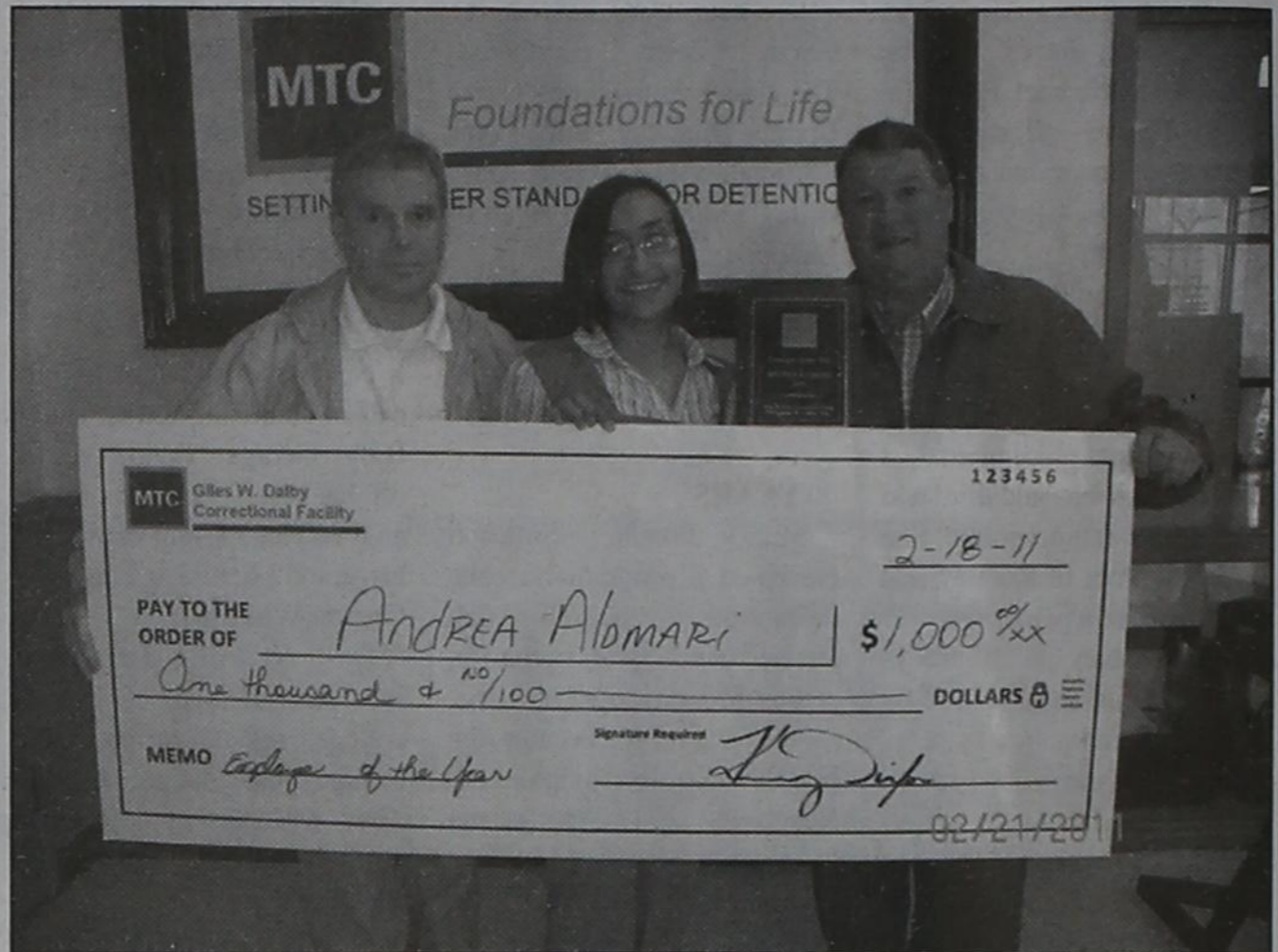
Warden Kerry Dixon.

Employee of the Year went to Andrea Alomari in accounting for Accounting Clerk, who received her plaque and check for \$1,000.00 from Charles Ulm, who is the Finance Manager along with Warden Kerry Dixon.

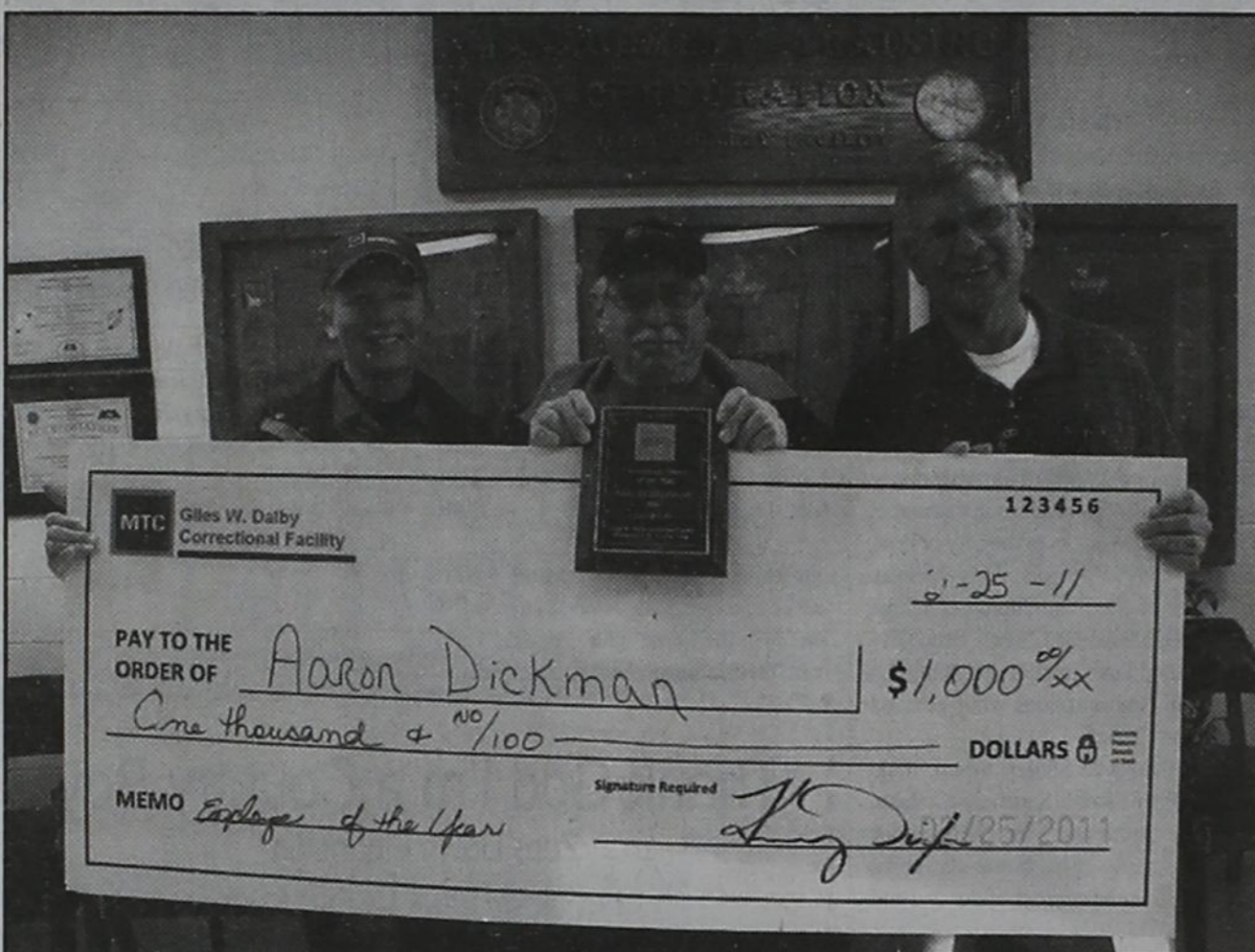
Officer of the Year went to Aaron Dickman took the honor of being elected Correctional Officer of the Year. Captain Susan Little and Warden Hugh Bryan presented him with a plaque and a check for \$1,000.00.



Supervisor of the Year Joel Poe, Maintenance, with Warden Kerry Dixon making the presentation.



Employee of the Year Andrea Alomari, Accounting Clerk, with Charles Ulm, Finance Manager and Warden Kerry Dixon making the presentation.



Officer of the Year Aaron Dickman, Correctional Officer, with Captain Susan Little and Warden Hugh Bryan making the presentation.

March 28 Scholarship Deadline for Texas High School Seniors

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas high school seniors have until March 28 to apply for the Don't Mess with Texas scholarship.

The 8th annual scholarship is sponsored by Dow Chemical Company in partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. The first-place winner will receive \$3,000. The second- and third-place winners will receive \$1,000 each. Don't Mess with Texas is the litter prevention campaign of the Texas Department of Transportation.

The scholarship is one of TxDOT's efforts

to generate more youth involvement in Don't Mess with Texas, since research shows that age is the number-one predictor of littering behavior, with Texans ages 16-34 littering the most.

Any Texas high school senior who will attend a two- or four-year Texas college or university can apply. For the essay prompt, application, rules, and background information, visit <http://dontmesswithtexas.org/programs/scholarship/>. Winners will be notified in April.

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Obituaries...

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was held from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Born April 11, 1929 in Mount Idée, Ar. Irene was the daughter of the late Charlie and Lillie Mae (Dowell) Markham. Irene moved to Rotan in 1940 where she lived the rest of her life, and graduated from Rotan High School. She married Dwight Nowlin in Rotan on December 22, 1950. The only time Irene lived away from Fisher County was while Dwight was in the Air Force in Pensacola FL. Irene was a homemaker and loved to play bridge. She was a member of the First United Methodist of Rotan. Irene is preceded in death by her parents, husband in 1988, four brothers, Ellis, Buster, Carl and Lawrence Markham.

Irene is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Jarita Nowlin of Rotan and Stuart and Tammy Nowlin of Rotan; one daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Neal Summers of Midland; six grandchildren, Bryan Nowlin, Jarrod Greene, Joel Clary, Tara Nowlin, Paige Terry and her husband Tyson and Seth Summers and one great-grandchild, Betsy Terry.



RICKY EUGENE CREEK

Memorial services for Ricky Eugene Creek II were held February 20th 2011 at New Testament Baptist Church in Lubbock with Rev. Richard Craven officiating. Ricky left us on December 14th, 2010.

Ricky was born December 14th, 1978 in Kansas City Missouri to Ricky Eugene Creek and Brenda Jameson Creek. After moving to Lubbock he graduated from Coronado High School in 1997 and attend South Plains College. He married Sonja Benham of Post, Texas on February 3rd, 2001 in Lubbock Texas. He worked for All State Fence Company for a number of years. He was also the singer/songwriter of

the band Bleeding 9 Gauge of Lubbock, Texas.

His dad preceded him in death in 1986. He is survived by his wife Sonja, sons Jonas (8), Jeremy (7) and Jacobi (1). Ricky was also expecting a new arrival in May to be named Zane Attilo (1/2 brother to Jonas, Jeremy and Jacobi). He is also survived by his grandmother Claudia Jameson, mother Brenda Jameson, and brother Toby Jameson all of Kansas City Missouri and brother Scott Sekany of Chicago Illinois, sisters Dusty Creek of Lubbock and Tammy Calloway. Multiple aunts, uncles, brother-in-laws, cousins, nieces, and nephews as well as his many friends also survived him.

In his short time here on Earth he truly enjoyed life... his boys... snowboarding... going to the lake... traveling... his music... and hanging out with his family and friends just having a good time. He was loved by many and will be missed dearly.



ROBBIE GENE KING

Robbie Gene King, 82 of Post, died Monday, March 7, 2011 at his home in Post. Services will be 10:00 am Friday March 11, 2011 at the First Baptist Church with Wendell Johnson, Mike Johnson and Jay Scott Stone, officiating. Burial will follow at the Cross H Ranch Cemetery. Arrangements are under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Born at Daphne May 13, 1928 to Ewing Allen and Jewel (McClellan) King, Robbie attended school there and he and his family moved to Post and Garza County in 1945. He served in the US Army during the Korean War. After the war he went to work in the oil field and retired from George R. Brown in 1990. He also worked for Giles W. Dalby and the Cross H Ranch from 1964 until a few years ago. Robbie loved cowboying, roping

and shooting pool. He was a fisherman and hunter, too. He was a long time member and supporter of the Post Stampede Rodeo Association and a life member of the American Legion. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Charles King; a sister, Julia Lee and a granddaughter, Michelle Martin. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife: Diane Brockman, one son: Jeremy King of Post; two daughters: Gaynell Carter and Melanie Fortenberry and her husband John all of Lubbock. One brother: Rex King of Kingsland. Eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



TROY DEAN

Troy L. (Cotton) Dean was born November 20, 1919 in Dunn, Texas and passed away February 28, 2011 at Carrilon Lifecare in Lubbock.

Cotton made his home in Oregon until 6 years ago when he moved back to Post to be close to family.

Cotton was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, his father, Walter Dean and his mother, Bettie Ammons Pierce, two sisters: Eula Mae (Dean) McCrary of Pala Verde, California and Dorothy (Dean) Condron of Big Spring and one brother, Rusty Dean of Post.

He is survived by sons, Michael of Anchorage, Alaska, Kevin of New Braunfels, Texas and one sister Denise Eatherton of San Antonio, Texas as well as brothers, Corkey Ammons and Pokey Ammons of Post, Sterling Ammons of Front Royal, Virginia. Sisters: Virgie Jenkins of Brownfield, Anna Merle of Bakersfield, California, Marcella Hair, Weaver McKamie and sister-in-law, Nita Dean of Post.

A memorial service to honor Cotton will be held Saturday at 2:00 PM at the Post Community Center.

Lake Alan Henry Report

1. Conservation pool elevation - 2220.00 feet above mean sea level
2. Elevation as of March 7, 2011 - 2217.42 feet, 2.58 feet below conservation pool elevation
3. Water Temperature March 7, 2011 - 52 - 55 degrees Fahrenheit
4. 2011 cumulative precipitation as of March 7 - 0.29 inches
5. 2011 cumulative evaporation as of March 7 - 13.40 inches

Fishing is gradually improving with rising water temperatures.

White River Municipal Water District

Gauge Reading	Feet below spillway	Rise	Rainfall past week	Rain to date		
2355.65	16' 9"	0"	.10"	0.99"		
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 3,916,077,318 billion gallons left available at the intake or 40% capacity or 12,018 acre feet. Subtract 19,551,059 MG for evaporation this week in February that leaves 3,896,526,259 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

PET OF THE WEEK



Paco is a young terrier mix who currently resides at the Post Animal Refuge Center. He is VERY friendly and would make a great pet. For adoption information on Paco or any of our other animals, contact PARC by email at postarc@yahoo.com or on face book at Post Arc.

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Post Softball Starts District with a Win

By Jim Plummer
PostSportsPage.com

(COAHOMA) – Head Coach Charles Whitfill and his Lady Lopes started District 3-2A play on March 1 with a come from behind last inning surge to win 7-4 on the road at Coahoma.

Post entered the top of seventh inning down 3 runs to 1. Their bats came alive amounting to six runs to take the lead for good. Coahoma was able to score another run to end the game.

Senior shortstop Sydnee Jones knocked

in two runs going 2 of 4 at the plate. One of those hits was a triple. Jones also added a stolen base for the Lady Lopes. Both Haily Berry and Kelsey Overton contributed two hits out of four tries each. Berry also had a stolen base while one of Overton's hits was a double. Caitlin Cravy, playing third base this year, led the offense going 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Experienced pitcher Chelci Hair went the distance and struck out five in the Lady Lope's win.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
POST	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	7	10	3
COAH	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	4	7	2



Photo by Lance Dunn

Bottom row l-r Kelsey Overton, Sydnee Jones, Chelci Hair, Haily Berry, Caitlin Cravy, Kari Dunn; Top row l-r Kayla Comeaux, Bethany Curtis, Kayla Hall, Sara Greer, Jessica Rodriguez, Katie Dunn, Sierra Hodge, Ashley Collazo



Sydnee Jones Advances to State

By Jim Plummer
PostSportsPage.com

(ODESSA) – Last Saturday, March 5, two Lady Lope power lifters competed at the regional meet at Odessa Permian High School.

Senior Sydnee Jones finished as the number one 2A lifter in the region and will represent this region at the Texas State Meet on March 18th-19th in Corpus Christi. She finished fourth overall in the 132 lb. class with a 655 lb. combined lift.

Kim Rivera was another Post lifter who competed in the meet at Odessa, but will not advance to the statewide competition.

Thanks for reading!

Post ISD Athletic Schedule

- March 10-12 Post Varsity Softball Tournament, here
- March 11 Varsity baseball @ Morton, 5:00 PM
- High School track @ Plains, 12:30 PM
- March 12 Boys Regional Powerlifting Meet @ Sundown H.S
- March 14 JV & Varsity softball hosts Forsan, 4:30 & 7:00 PM
- March 15 JV (2:30) & Varsity (12:00) baseball hosts Forsan
- March 17-18 Girls State Powerlifting Meet @ Corpus Christi
- March 21 Girls High School golf @ Lorenzo, 9:00 AM
- March 22 JV & Varsity softball hosts Slaton, 4:30 & 7 PM
- JV & Varsity baseball hosts Slaton, 4:30 & 7 PM
- March 23 Boys High School golf @ Lorenzo, 9:00 AM
- March 24 Junior High track @ Abernathy
- March 25 High School track meet @ Abernathy
- High School tennis @ Levelhand
- March 26 Boys State Powerlifting Meet @ Abilene

Courtesy of PostSportsPage.com

Lady Lopes Take Second at Ralls Tournament

By Jim Plummer
PostSportsPage.com

(RALLS) – The Post Lady Lope softball team won two-out-of-three games at the Ralls Lady Jackrabbit Tournament last weekend to claim runner-up after losing to Lubbock Christian High School in the last inning of the championship game.

Post beat the Muleshoe Lady Mules, 13-11, and the tournaments host team Ralls, 5-1, to get to the final game. The Lady Lopes had a 4-1 lead going into bottom of the seventh inning when the LCHS Lady Eagles scored four runs to win the championship.

The Lady Lopes averaged 10.3 hits and 7.3 runs a game in the three game event.

Championship Game (3/5/11)
vs. Lubbock Christian Lady Eagles

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
POST	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	12	5
LCHS	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	8	0

2nd Game (3/4/11)
Vs. Ralls Lady Jackrabbits

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
POST	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	5	9	1
RALLS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1

1st Game (3/3/11)
vs. Muleshoe Lady Mules

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
POST	2	0	0	0	9	2	0	13	10	4
MULE	4	1	0	1	0	1	4	11	19	3

Southland does well at San Angelo Stock Show

Southland was represented very well at the San Angelo Stock Show where students showed in the lamb show, the Pure Bred JR Swine show, Certified Texas Bred Registry show, and JR. Rabbit show.

Reserve Breed Champion CTBR Swine

Crista Matteson

Devin Blanton
York 1st
Show Swine

Hamp 1st
Swine
Hamp 2nd
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Light Weight Cross
4th CTBR Show Swine

Alexis Zarate
2nd Duroc

JR

Duroc 7th
R Swine

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4th Duroc
Swine

CTBR

3rd Light Weight York
Swine

CTBR

Devin Blanton OVERALL SHOWMANSHIP in the CTBR Swine Show out about 800 of Student from all over Texas.

3rd OPB
Swine

JR

Devin Blanton won 1st in class out of 77 pig with his heavy weight cross bred pig. It was a very impressive sight to watch. Congrats to Devin and all the exhibitors that represented Southland FFA during this show season.

2nd Heavy Weight York
Swine

CTBR

The Horse Judging team competed well for their first contest. The teams consisted of; Kelcee Lewis, Daegan Moore, Jaden Binford, Trevor Metcalf, Taylor Graves. San Angelo stock show is over for us and I am very proud of how everyone did. Devin Blanton sold his barrow for \$900.00 and two gilt for about \$2500.00 a piece. M'keison Guerrero received runner up in the JR. Rabbit show.

5th OPB Chester
Swine

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Antelope Baseball Roundup Varsity

Sweetwater Wood Bat Classic Baseball Tournament

- Post 9, Ozona 3 (3/3/11)
- Sweetwater 7, Post 0 (3/3/11)
- San Angelo Lake View 9, Post 3 (3/4/11)
- Sweetwater 4, Post 3 (3/5/11)
- Post 4, Anson 3 (3/1/11)

Coach Pyles – Ernie Saldivar picked up his second win of the season. He pitched 6 innings for the win and Vance Blair pitched the 7th to pick up the save. Dalton Hollys' bases loaded 2B gave the Bold Gold a 3-0 lead in

the top of the 4th. Post would add another run in the top of the 7th to hold off the Anson Tigers.

Junior Varsity
Lamesa Tournament.

- Post 3 0 3 0 0 - 6
- Sundown 3 2 1 5 2 - 13

Coach Toney – The game was called at the top of the 6th because of the two hour time limit. At the bottom of the fourth with 2 outs, we made a couple costly errors that allowed them to pull ahead.

POST BOLD GOLD BASEBALL 2011

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
FEB. 7	TAHOKA (SCRIMMAGE)	HERE	5:00
FEB. 19	LEVELLAND (SCRIMMAGE)	THERE	12:00
FEB. 24-26	NORM CASH CLASH	HERE	TBA
MAR. 1	ANSON	THERE	7:00
MAR. 3-5	SWEETWATER TOURNAMENT	THERE	TBA
MAR. 8	DENVER CITY*	HERE	7:00
MAR. 11	MORTON	THERE	5:00
MAR. 15	FORSAN*	HERE	12:00
MAR. 22	SLATON*	HERE	7:00
MAR. 26	ROOSEVELT*	THERE	12:00
MAR. 28	COLORADO CITY*	THERE	7:00
APR. 2	COAHOMA*	HERE	12:00
APR. 5	DENVER CITY*	THERE	4:30
APR. 8	FORSAN*	THERE	7:00
APR. 12	TRINITY	THERE	5:00
APR. 15	SLATON*	THERE	7:00
APR. 19	ROOSEVELT*	HERE	7:00
APR. 22	COLORADO CITY*	HERE	7:00
APR. 25	COAHOMA*	THERE	7:00
*DISTRICT GAME			

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The Paperboy

All in a day's work

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Do you know why God rested on the seventh day? Because he got finished with his work.

I don't know about you, but I don't get finished. Do we ever? Or does the list of things to do continue to grow until we leave unfinished business when we die?

I keep a running list of daily tasks and lately it seems for every item I mark off, I put two in its place.

I prioritize my list so the things on the bottom have usually been there awhile. For instance, I have an item on my list referring to cleaning out the garage ... that has been on there for months. It may be a couple more months before I get that one scratched off.

So, to feel more productive, or to be more exact, to show myself how productive I actually am, I have modified my list system. I now have a master list which I build my daily list off of.

Now I can knock off my daily list guilt-free ... until I take a look at the master list and see how much I really have to do. It's a vicious cycle.

Watching Charlie Sheen's meltdown has been interesting.

On one hand, I think Sheen is just doing what stars are programmed to do: Take any and all publicity and spin it and weave it until it goes away.

On the other hand, I look at Sheen as another Hollywood disaster headed to the abyss.

But, as we've learned through watching the stars, everyone in Hollywood has a second chance, third chance, fourth chance, etc... All they have to do is remain alive and eventually get their feet back on the ground.

Robert Downy, Jr., who is regarded as one of the best American actors, is a prime example of how someone can get their life back on track. However, it took him years to figure it out and get over his addiction problems.

As most of you know, I'm not a big fan of Hollywood or the dream world many of our stars live in, but I do feel for the families. Watching Martin Sheen struggle with the issues his son is going through is difficult. It's the same as what some go through locally, but when it happens to stars, everyone knows it and many lampoon it.

I expect if Sheen can stay alive, he'll be back on top in a few years. Once he's through with the limelight, or the limelight is through with him, perhaps he'll get the help he needs and stay off the radar for awhile. Then he can start taking baby steps back to the top.

It won't be easy however. The man is burning bridges like a crazed arsonist so beyond getting his mind right, he's going to have to do a lot of mending. Then again it's Hollywood, we've seen it time and time again.

There is a study out claiming children think food tastes better if they have cartoon characters on the packaging.

Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania tested the influence this marketing has on children. They had 80 kids,

ages 4 to 6, look at one of four boxes of a "new" cereal created for the experiment. The cereals were called Healthy Bits and Sugar Bits. One box of each type had a cartoon character on the front, and one of each type didn't.

Cartoon penguins Mumble and Gloria from the movie Happy Feet were used on the packages.

The boxes were filled with a relatively healthy kids' cereal sold at natural-food stores. The kids were told the names of the cereals before the taste test. They all tasted the same cereal, but they saw and sampled from only one type of box. Then they were asked to rate the taste on a scale of 1 to 5.

The findings, reported in the March issue of Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine:

Kids who ate the cereal with the penguin characters on the box reported liking it better than kids who ate the cereal without the characters.

The cereal's name had an influence on taste perception, too. When there was no character on the boxes, the children rated Healthy Bits cereal better-tasting than those who sampled Sugar Bits.

Kids who ate Sugar Bits without the character on the box gave it the lowest rating.

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There's Always a Plan B

By REBEKAH RAST

A "Plan B" is put in place as a backup, a form of insurance in case "Plan A" doesn't work out.

A Plan B is valuable when taking a cross-country road trip and you happen to hit road construction and can't get through. A Plan B is handy when trying a new recipe for the first time where you'll be serving guests — just in case the meal doesn't turn out as planned.

But a Plan B in case the dollar continues to weaken or collapse? That's exactly what 13 states are working on, and their idea is not original to America's past.

In fact, the state of Utah is taking implementation of this Plan B very seriously. What is the plan? It would recognize gold and silver coins issued by the federal government as legal currency in the state. The Utah bill passed the

House March 4 and now waits to be voted on by the Senate.

Though this legislation and others are mainly symbolic at this point, since the U.S. no longer mints gold and silver coins, the state's message is clear: there is a sense of uneasiness and insecurity in America's current monetary system and it doesn't hurt to have a Plan B ready to go just in case.

In February, South Carolina politicians attempted similar legislation in case the Federal Reserve collapses and hyper-inflation ensues.

Similar bills were introduced in Georgia and Virginia. A Yahoo! News article reported that, "A bill in Georgia would require all debts to the state be paid in pre-1965 gold and silver coins. The Virginia proposal would let the state print its own money."

Neither of these bills made it to a vote, but it is clear that states are worried that the American

dollar may not survive in this weak economy.

As states strike out on their own to create a backup for America's struggling dollar, is it even a possibility for gold and silver to enter back into the monetary system?

Debunking all consideration of the idea, Ben Bernanke said the precious metals will not be making a comeback. A Fox News article quoted him as saying, "It did deliver price stability over long periods of time, but over shorter periods of time it caused wide swings in prices related to changes in demand or supply of gold."

The gold standard held strong in the U.S. from 1873 to 1933. In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard per President Franklin Roosevelt's plan to fight what became known as the Great Depression.

By taking America off the gold standard, the Federal Reserve could hold onto more of the gold supply and thus inflate the paper money

supply.

The U.S. held the value of gold at \$35 per ounce until President Richard Nixon in 1971 announced that dollars would no longer be converted to gold at a fixed value, which brought the gold standard to an end in the U.S.

Ever since the fall of the gold standard, the paper supply of money has been inflated to adjust to market trends and has now led state leaders to fear that the entire monetary system might come crashing down.

If ever there was time to implement a Plan B, it is now.

Imagine if America were on a gold system now.

With an exchange rate of \$1,437.20 per ounce of gold, the gold and silver monetary system sounds like a good Plan B.

San Jose Union Fights for 'Right' to be Hired

By ROBERT ROMANO

Is there a right to be hired? That's what the 214-member Confidential Employees Organization, a public sector union representing employees of the San Jose City Council, seem to think. Controversy erupted when City Councilman Pete Constant wanted to save the city, which currently faces a \$100 million budget deficit, \$70,000 annually by not hiring an assistant.

But, instead of being praised for his fiscal discipline, the city's only-serving Republican was met with a lawsuit by the union. The union says he is required under the city's collective bargaining agreement to hire the assistant, whether he wants one or not. Constant has said he prefers to handle the secretarial duties himself with the help of his aides, and that his constituents support him making the decision of who to hire, if anyone.

Judge Kevin McKenney of the Santa Clara County Superior Court has ordered that the case be decided by California's Public Employment Relations Board.

Constant is hoping the board will rule in his favor. "My concern quite frankly is not who decides the issues. It's getting a resolution on the core issue, which is: Who should determine how I staff my office?" Constant explained. An eminently reasonable question coming from what is supposed to be one of the city's top-ranking officials.

According to Mercury News, the union agrees that the city is powerless to anything other than follow the labor agreements. "LaVerne Washington, president of the employees' association, said it is not Constant's prerogative to create his own 'process and procedures,' which she said conflict with labor agreements between the city and the union."

Washington elaborated, saying, "This was a process the city designed well before Pete Constant got there."

Constant's struggle just to make his own staffing decisions highlights the inherent defects of collective bargaining for public sector unions. By agreeing to up-front costs in the budget via those arrangements, municipalities and states have created hundreds of billions of dollars of taxpayer liabilities. As a result, those arrangements are shaping public policy decisions large and small, and mean that before legislators ever convene to make a budget, most of the revenues are already accounted for.

In the slow economy, with tax collections remaining low, legislators now are powerless to rein in those obligations specified by the collective bargaining agreements, which guarantee substantial pay and benefits higher than their private sector counterparts — and apparently even the right to be hired. The only solution is to revisit those agreements, which is exactly what Republicans in Wisconsin have proposed doing.

Mish's Global Economic Trend Analysis blog comments

on the controversy, saying the union's reaction to Constant "is just the kind of thing that gets the public riled up against public unions," adding, "It will backfire." The author, Mike "Mish" Sheddlock, is right.

This particular case in San Jose a teachable moment for the public, who are once again being reminded of how much has been given away to public employees. The blog explained, "union rights to 'organize' must stop at the point when they tread on the rights of others to pursue employment, to do whatever they want with their own time, and to not waste money hiring employees they do not need."

In addition, public sector unions regularly wield their political clout to defend the collective bargaining agreements at all costs, pressuring legislators from doing anything that would reduce the considerable benefits, and raising millions of dollars to elect pro-union elected officials.

That is why the Wall Street Journal's James Taranto writes, "Collective bargaining in the public sector thus is less a negotiation than a conspiracy to steal money from taxpayers," since the primary stakeholder — the public — has absolutely no say in how their own tax dollars are spent. And that is the injustice Councilman Pete Constant and Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker are fighting to remedy.

Are We Under Economic Attack?

By ROBERT ROMANO

Are we under economic attack? The author of a controversial 2009 Pentagon-contracted report, Kevin D. Freeman, seems to think so. Penned for the Department's Irregular Warfare Support Program (IWSP), "Economic Warfare: Risks and Responses" outlines a "potential direct economic attack on the U.S. Treasury and U.S. dollar" intended to bankrupt the nation and destroy our currency.

The basic threat is a "focused effort to collapse the dollar by dumping Treasury bonds [which] has grave implications including the possibility of a downgrading of U.S. debt forcing rapidly rising interest rates and a collapse of the American economy." Currently, foreign creditors hold \$4.3 trillion of the \$14.1 trillion national debt.

The report summarizes, "In short, a bear raid against the U.S. financial system remains possible and may even be likely." But how would that be possible? How could the U.S. be so vulnerable to an attack against the nation's key financial and governmental institutions?

The report suggests that government bailouts in 2008 to prop up the financial system has "saddled the U.S. Treasury with substantial debt." This gives the nation's creditors not only leverage over the government, but the means to pull the rug out from under it.

Since September 2008, the national debt has risen from \$10 trillion to \$14.1 trillion, close to 100 percent of the economy now. At exactly the same time of a sharp increase in borrowing, market demand for treasuries has apparently dropped, necessitating the Federal Reserve to intervene to purchase U.S. debt.

Pimco reports that in 2009, 80 percent of treasuries were purchased by the Fed, and in 2010, it had to buy 70 percent. This means about three-quarters of new government debt, brought about by Congress' spending spree since the financial crisis be-

gan, is being financed by a printing press.

If that is because demand for treasuries has dropped markedly, that could mean Phase Three of the tri-pronged attack, outlined by Freeman, when treasuries are dumped may already be underway.

Sadly, printing money to pay off the debt is nothing new. It's been tried countless times in history, and it has always resulted in the decline of entire societies. The nation's exposure to such a systemic financial risk, whereby creditors can dump U.S. treasuries and bankrupt the nation, is largely because of the Fed's printing press that helps the government to spend so much.

This chart, published in USA, Inc., pretty much says it all, outlining government spending as a share of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). So does Mish's Global Economic Trend Analysis, commenting on the chart, saying, "Note this mess started with the creation of the Fed."

Basically, from 1790 to 1930, government spending as a percent of GDP averaged just 3 percent, with brief blips in the 1830's and 1860's. Until 1913, when the Federal Reserve was created to administer the nation's supply of dollars.

Since then, government spending has gone through the roof. First, it skyrocketed in World War I, when it rose above 20 percent for the first time, and then again in 1930's and 1940's when it topped 40 percent. Since World War II, government spending has risen from a low of less than 15 percent to over 24 percent today.

So, what changed? How could an historic average of 3 percent government spending that prevailed for over a century rise so significantly? Because after 1913, the Fed could essentially print money to lend to the federal government. Judging by the skyrocketing of federal spending coupled with the advent of the Fed, the correlation is too strong to ignore.

Once the government could lend itself money with fiat dollars, and financial institutions could reap the rewards by collecting

interest payments on that debt, there was a perverse incentive to perpetually expand government spending and debt.

The politicians added to their own powers by expanding government's reach, and the financial interests profited from it along the way.

No further explanation is really required as to why the national debt has increased every single year since 1958. It is why spending has nominally increased every year since 1965. Until today, the Fed is the number lender in the world to the government with over \$1.23 trillion of U.S. treasuries, more than any foreign creditor including China or Japan.

Excessive government spending and corporate welfare has in turn corrupted our political system. Perhaps that is why Freeman warns that there are "legitimate questions about the performance of the regulatory regime [in Washington] and Wall Street institutions. Implications that these parties have been complicit or otherwise co-opted cannot be ruled out."

You read that right. The report suggests there is a possibility that members in the highest positions of power in the U.S. government and financial institutions have been compromised by foreign enemies devoted to a single goal, the bankruptcy of the nation.

So, Freeman proposes that a study of this danger "be conducted outside of traditional Washington and Wall Street circles." He recommends the creation of "a specialized threat finance unit to develop and implement appropriate countermeasures to emerging threats in coordination with key defense, intelligence, and financial agencies, preparing targeted global responses as needed."

If true, Freeman's contentious charges raise truly troubling questions about the state of representative government in the United States. It would mean that everything is at risk including preservation of the Constitution and the very liberty of the people.

Rotary Students of the Week



Taylor Smith

Along with being Drum Major for the Antelope Band, Taylor has participated in UIL Academics, One Act Play, student council, and yearbook staff. The daughter of Benjie and Roseanne Smith, Taylor enjoys photography, scrapbooking, and spending time with family and friends. Taylor has been in the top ten of her class in her freshman and sophomore years, and has been a top algebra, geometry, and chemistry student. As Drum Major for the band, Taylor has been a part of a Division I performance all four years of high school, as well as earning a trip to state in solo and ensemble competition. After graduation, she plans to major in nursing at Hardin Simmons University.

Taylor was also a Rotary guest student for the month of November 2010, and she met the requirements to become a contender for the scholarship awarded to two outstanding students who were guest of the Rotary at some point during their senior year.



Amber Wilson

Amber is currently president of both her senior class and the National Honor Society. She has been ranked 1st in her class all four years, has participated in UIL Academics, and has received multiple awards in Headline Writing and Computer Apps at district and regional competitions. Amber is the daughter of Robert & Julie Wilson. Among her other interest Amber has also played varsity golf, tennis, basketball, and track, as well as the annual staff, One Act Play, debate, and the Post ISD Marching Band, where she has received multiple rewards and honors. She has been a member of NHS for 3 years, and has been on student council for 2 years and was a class officer for 2 years. In tennis Amber placed 4th in District singles her freshman year. In One Act Play, she was part of a group that received 3rd place in area competition last year. In band, she earned a trip to state in ensemble, and also made All Region Band in both freshman and sophomore years. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, travel, scrapbooking, and basketball. Amber plans to attend LCU, where she has been accepted into the honors program as a result of high ACT test scores.

Amber was among the students who have attended Rotary Luncheons and has met the requirement for being a contender for one of the scholarships given by the Rotary each year. Amber attended the Rotary meetings in November 2010.

Memorial Run...

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fastest run to 45 minutes for the last runner to finish on the 5k run.

Alison Blalock of Lubbock, and a close friend of the McDonalds who had dealt with her grief by running since running is her passion, arranged the event. When asked how she came up with the idea of a race, Alison responded to the Dispatch with "I was running one day with a friend and in a conversation about honoring Jonathan's life. I was questioning how I could honor his life when my running partner suggested that I organize a race because Jonathan, who was not a runner, always asked me how I was doing with my runs and when my next event was scheduled. He was always so supportive of me in my runs, so I agreed with my partner, what better way to honor Jonathan's memory and a race was born." Although Alison was a bit worried about the turnout for

the race, her fears proved to be groundless as 275 runners appeared to honor Jonathan's memory with her.

The proceeds from the race came to just over \$8,000.00 and was donated to two year old Brynn Bigham who has a rare unnamed disorder that prevents her body from gaining nutrients from any source of food, resulting in Brynn requiring a constant feeding tube. She often suffers an upset stomach as one of the symptoms of the disorder. Jonathan was close to the Bigham family and was always wishing for a way to help the family out. Brynn had a special place in Jonathan's heart and so this is what his wife, Laura and Alison felt would be Jonathan's wish for the proceeds to go to. Brynn's parents in turn took the funds and set up an organization called Brynn's Smiles for other children like also have needs.

While wondering about the crowd and taking pictures, this

reporter was able to visit with a number of people who had shown up for the run, but one viewer who was also taking pictures made this remark to the Dispatch which summed up the day's event accurately with this comment, "Although I had never met Trooper McDonald, it was plain to see he is very much missed in Post and the surrounding area. I know how close Law Enforcement officers come to death very often. I am an LPD officer and have been so for almost 31 years. Any time another falls in the line of duty, it brings home the dangers associated with the job. We sometimes forget how hard it is for those left behind but this event helps us to remember!"

Alison would like to thank all the sponsors and those who showed up to run the race. She was overwhelmed by the number of sponsors, volunteers and runners who participated.

Ceremony...

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together. Chief taught me this skill and I performed it until 2003 when like Chief it became harder and harder to do this task. However, I still hold the record of starting a fire for the ceremony in 28 seconds. Chief not only became a close friend to my wife and I but a mentor and a surrogate father. I had lost my father early in life at age 19. Chief had lost both his sons to cancer. Through this mutual need my wife and I became very close to Chief and his wife, Alylene.

Some folks think that Tabana Yuane is no more than a quaint way that Post promotes Trade Days. They don't realize that it came from what early settlers learned from the native peo-

ple in the area. For Most of the 1800s the area of Garza County Texas was the capital of what was known as Comanche (the Comanche Homeland). The Comanche people had lived in this area for well over 200 years. By 1875 the Texans had driven the Comanches into Oklahoma but their ceremonies and traditions were still part of the fabric of the area. Many early ranchers and farmers in the area were friends with the native people and learned about their ceremonies and legends.

I became interested in Indian ways early in life. I was born in Lovington, New Mexico and was exposed to the Mescalero Apaches when I was a teenager. My wife Shirley and the Tabana Yuane Clan of Mato Numpa

Sake. Annually we attend at least three War Dances, four to six Pow Wows in Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, and the Sun Dance of the Burnt Thigh Sioux at Saint Francis, South Dakota.

As you can see, for me as for all Indians, ceremonies are a way of life. I invite all the people in or around the area of Post, Texas to come join in this ceremony. Come learn the ways of the native people. Tabana Yuane is always held on March 22. The ceremony generally begins about 7:15am and generally over by 8:15am. It does not matter if you are a cowboy or an Indian the things we have in common are love of the land, love of community, and love of family.

Hero...

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miles Northeast of Frankfurt. Too many had seen his plane go down, and try as he might, the bushes and thickets were not cover enough to keep him hidden from view. He was soon captured and became a Prisoner of War in Hitler's Germany.

The circumstances surrounding POW's in the spring of 1945 were brutal. As Allied forces advanced through a weakening German countryside, orders were given to abandon many of the prison camps and march the captives away from possible liberation. Most of the prisoners were starving, diseased, and weak from months of captivity. Yet they were forced to march across a cold and unforgiving landscape, some for hundreds of miles.

Cotton Dean soon found himself in the midst of one such forced march, as he became part of a column of POW's that were being led to the Southeast. He soon realized that despair was the order of the day, as many fellow soldiers fell by the roadside, overcome by weakness,

exhaustion, starvation, and illness. Many were executed or simply left to die.

As the German soldiers marched the captives through late March and early April, it became increasingly obvious that the war for Germany was lost. German farmers, seeing the cruelty and overwhelming condition of the prisoners began at last to show compassion. At the head of the column, those farmers handed out potatoes to the starving captives, who ate some and tried to share. However, the column was long and the captives were numerous, and the potatoes were not enough to sustain everyone.

Cotton, assuming responsibility for 28 starving men, began to gather the peels of those potatoes and tuck them away in his pockets. As the column would halt, he would pass out those simple meager rations of potato peels to insure that those men would have enough nourishment to last through another night and trudge through another day, a selfless heroic act that would enable the survival of men whose welfare he placed

above his own.

Cotton's P-47 went down just a few miles Northeast of Frankfurt, Germany, on March 25, 1945, and he was liberated from Stalag VIIA at Moosburg on April 29, 1945. He had been force-marched 250 miles across Germany before being freed along with thousands of fellow soldiers by Patton's 14th Armored Division. The next day, Hitler committed suicide and the war with Germany was over.

1st Lt. Troy L. "Cotton" Dean recently passed from us, and most of his stories have passed with him. May this humble article serve to honor your memory, Lt. Dean. And may it serve to help your family to be proud. May it also serve to honor those who have served our great nation in the past, present, and into the future. And may it yet serve to remind us that stories such as yours are vital to the freedoms we take for granted. Lt. Dean, this is your story. May God, Who so faithfully used your life to save others, have seen fit to bring you into His loving embrace. Thank you, Cotton. Rest in peace.

Fire...

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lost 12 miles of fence line. The Dalby ranch suffered the biggest loss of grassland with almost half of the ranch consumed by the fire. They lost 7 miles of fence line and at a cost of \$10,000.00 per mile to replace the fence lines; both ranches suffered a great loss in just fences alone. Both ranches also lost some livestock, mostly yearlings and young calves. Gary McDaniels' who leases land from the Post Montgomery Estate lost 5 miles of fence line.

The source of the fire is still unknown and is under investigation. Once the Texas Forest Service has released their findings, we will bring you a more in-depth report. We do have a correction to make from last week's story. Precinct 3

was there with two maintainers operated by Joe Cimental and Bradley Cimental. The fire was in Precinct 3 and they responded to the fire and fought

along side the other firefighters into the wee hours of Monday morning. Strawn Transport provided water to the fire trucks and Post Tire and Lube kept the vehicles running by providing tires and changing them on the spot as they were needed. Steve and David Norman provided fuel as it was needed throughout the night to keep those fighting the fire filled with fuel. The whole operation ran a smooth as clockwork and Mike Isbell, Garza County Emergency Coordinator is to be commended for a job well done. We need to take the time to thank these men and show our appreciation.

The Texas Forest Service forecasters are predicting similar conditions and are encouraging residents to be prepared to evacuate. So far this year, the state has responded to 287 fires burning 194,510 acres. Fire departments have responded to hundreds more. To date, more than 8,200 struc-

tures have been saved, and 282 have been lost. On Sunday, Feb. 27, more than 850 homes were evacuated in West Texas. Officials say the conditions on Tuesday will be similar to what occurred on Feb. 27, although wind speeds will be less than what was experienced on that day.

"While last Sunday was tragic for those who suffered losses, we were prepared for greater damage," Stanford said. "We believe part of the reason for the reductions was the media work and educational efforts with local government and citizens."

Residents should avoid outdoor activities that could generate a spark or open flames. Even if your area has had recent rain relief, it could still be in danger of wildfire. Clear combustible materials away from your home and don't do any outdoor burning until the threat of fire decreases and burn bans are lifted.

Post Notes...

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open with a reception Saturday, March 19 at 1 p.m. All quilts must have been created by a Garza County resident. This is a non-juried event and there is no fee to have a quilt in the exhibit.

For more information, call 806-495-4148.

Post Elementary Calendar
March 11th- Friday- Life Touch pictures. Both individ-

ual and class pictures will be taken. Payment for pictures is due on the day pictures are taken.

March 14-18- Spring Break. Have a safe, fun holiday!! We will see students back at school before the tardy bell rings at 8:00 on Monday morning, March 21st

Post Middle School Weekly Calendar

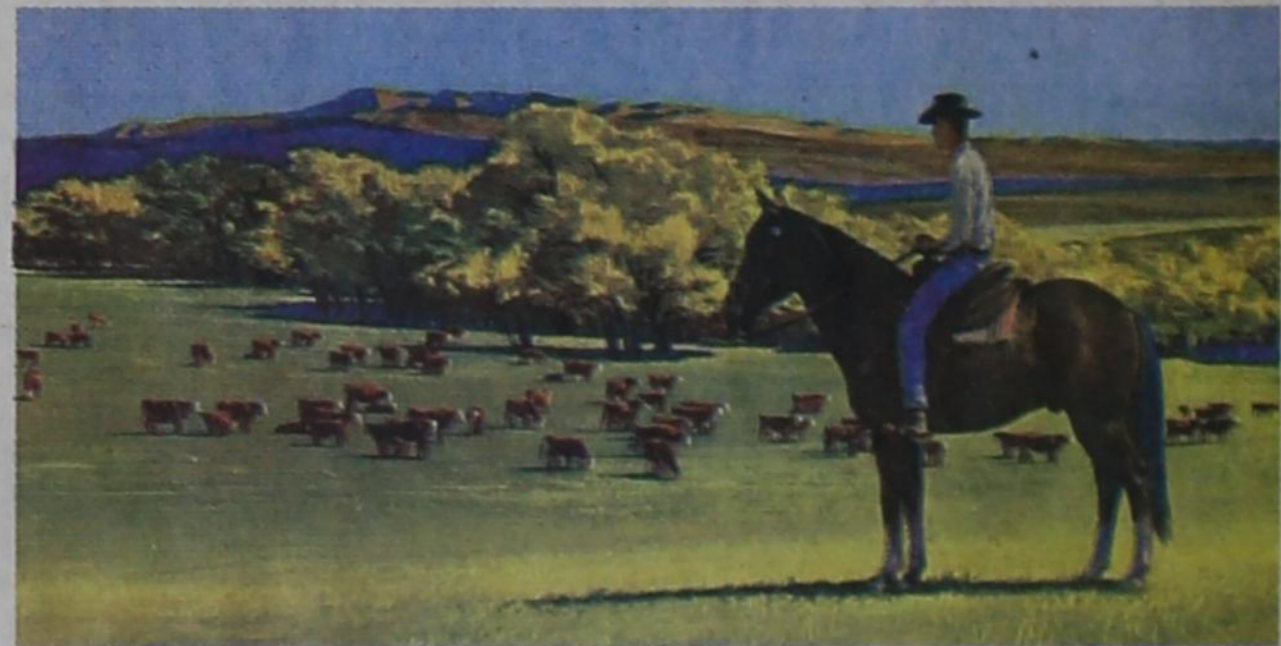
February 28-March 18, 2011

3/11/11 11:15 7th & 8th Grade Dating issues assembly in library

3/14-18/11 Spring Break

Faculty Birthdays:
3/17-Robert Wilson
3/15-Chris Lackey

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