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There was plenty of color and horsepower on Main Street recently. The Corvette Club of Amarillo came to Post to participate in the Murder Mystery event at Hotel Garza. Some of the bright, shiny automobiles driven into town are shown here parked at the hotel. The group arrived early in the afternoon to allow plenty of time to shop and relax before the "sleuthing" began. The next Murder Mystery event at Hotel Garza is scheduled for May 21.

When growth is a double edged sword

By Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

A few weeks ago our small community was the buzz around the state for our perceived growth on the latest census. At first glance, this would seem to be a good thing for the community and the county. But when one looks deeper into the numbers and the growth shown by the census bureau, it may not necessarily be a good thing. If all things were equal, it would be a good thing, but all things are not equal in this particular instance. The growth shown by the latest census includes counting inmates at the prison facility where the residents are non taxpaying illegals who are not and never will be permanent residents of our community, and there in comes the rub. While the Dalby Correctional Center has been good in many ways for Post and Garza County, and in its own right has stimulated the economy of Post and provided much needed jobs, in this one instance it becomes a double edged sword that hurts our community in some ways. The prison is still a good thing too however because the city and county does receive revenue from the facility and the facility is an active contributor to our community and our local economy.

That doesn't change the fact though that there are laws and ordinances that come into play when a community reaches a population of over 5,000 people. And while the laws and ordinances are not necessarily bad laws and ordinances, they still have an effect on each one of us, right down to our schools, sanitation department, and our water treatment facilities. Many of the changes we would never have given thought prior to the new figures, but now they must be looked at realistically and feasibly for our community as a whole.

Once a community reaches over 5,000 residents, the city must put ordinances into place that affects you and your property. You will now have to meet certain standards for your personal property, property that you own and pay taxes on that were not required before the census growth. A for instance would be any changes you would like to make to your property like say a large electrical project, and the processes that would then entail would require a permit, even if you were doing the work yourself and were licensed as an electrician. If you are going to make change in something say like, an electrical project on your property, you would then be required to first get a permit for the change, then hire a licensed electrician, always a good idea anyway, but mandatory now. Once the licensed electrician has finished his job for you, you

would be required to get an inspection for the work performed by a certified electrical inspector. The work would have to meet federal, state, and local building codes. You now would have the added cost to your project for the permits required of the electrician and, since the City of Post has no such qualified person on staff, they would either have contract out the inspection or hire an inspector to do job. Where does the money come from for such qualified people? It comes out of the city budget which then requires more revenue to pay a specialist whether by contract or as an employee of the city. Where do you think this revenue comes from? You are correct if you are thinking a rise in your tax dollars or fees tacked onto your water bill, etc. However for every increase in your tax dollar, there are inmates being held in a correctional facility that are counted among us as residents, which are not paying a dime of taxes into our city and county.

Although the city and county receive taxes and revenue from the Dalby Correctional Unit, it still does not change the fact that counting the inmates as residents of Garza County raises many issues for the county and city. If you take away the inmates who were counted as residents and looked at the numbers from that angle, Garza County actually only grew by 80-100 new residents in the past ten years. We are seeing more and more new residents moving into the Garza County area, along with many former residents returning to their roots here in Post. That is a good sign and growth we welcome. And we would love to have more of this type of growth, if we had the housing to accommodate such growth. Post is wonderful town to raise a family in and it is also a great town to be from. It is a little known secret that with the attention focused on its growth in the census, we won't remain a secret much longer as more people begin to discover just how unique the town is as a city and its deep history of being settled by C.W. Post and the early ranchers and settlers who came to Post to put down their roots...



Congratulations to the people of Post. I was downtown on Saturday and your trade day event was great! There were lots of booths set up on the street and the local shops are fantastic. You are not like any other small town in this area. You are doing something right-Keep up the good work!

Post Notes

Easter Concert

The choir of First Baptist Church will be presenting "Eyes of Faith": Seeing and Believing the Messiah" one time only on Sunday Night April 17th. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend. Contact FBC for more information.

Graham Ole Opry:

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday April 16 from 7:00pm till 10:00pm at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles South on FM 399. There is no admission charge; hat will be passed for donations to help with upkeep on the center. Concession stand with drinks and snacks will be available. For more information contact Noel White at 806-495-3261.

One Act Play

Hey, you. Yeah, you! Do you love "Steel Magnolias"? If so then you don't want to miss the wonderful stage play at the Post ISD Auditorium. You have only two chances - 2 pm and 8 pm on Saturday April 9th. Don't miss these two performances. General admission is \$7.00 and \$5.00 for students and seniors

SPONSOR THE POST ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK

If you are interested in sponsoring the yearbook again this year, we are now taking those donations. The cost to sponsor is \$20.00 for a business, \$15.00 for a family/2 names or more and \$5.00 for an individual. Your name or business name will be featured on our sponsor page in each yearbook. For questions please contact Mandi Criswell at 495-3414. Good things come from small beginnings elementary begins their future. Thank you for supporting the Post Elementary Yearbook.

Rotary club will have a broom and mop sale Tuesday, April 12, 2011, 8:00am-5:00pm 110 W. Main Street.

Annual Chamber Awards Banquet - April 9 - 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Don't forget our Annual Awards Banquet on April 9. Make reservations by calling the PACC office - 495-3461.

BROWN BAG BOOK TALK

Friday, April 29, 11, bring your lunch to The Heritage House and talk about books! Peggy Ashley will lead the informal discussion. You'll hear about new books, old favorites and enjoy time shared with others. We'll begin at noon and end no later than 12:50. The Book Talk group will meet the last Friday of every month. Call 495-4148 (The Heritage House) or 990-2149 (Post City Library) for more information.

Holy Cross Catholic Church will be hosting their annual Fish Fry with all the trimmings March 11th-April 15th, 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 tiled, 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.

Post High School Calendar

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- HS End of Course State Testing, JR. & Fresh.
- 5:30 PM - V Softball at Forsan
- 4:30/7 PM - JV/V Baseball at Forsan

Looking Ahead:

- Ap. 9 - District Track Meet at Denver City
- Ap. 11 - B/G Golf at Denver City
- Ap. 11 - MS District Track at Roosevelt
- Ap. 12 & 13 - District Tennis at Denver City
- Ap. 12 - V Baseball at Trinity, 5 PM
- Ap. 12 - Softball TBA
- Ap. 13 & 14 - NHS Mtg. & Bake Sale, Library, 9:40 AM
- Ap. 13 - ARD Mtgs.
- Ap. 15 - End of the 5th Six Week, Early Release at Noon
- Ap. 15 - V Softball & JV/V Baseball at Slaton, 5:30, 4:30/7:00 PM
- Ap. 18-23 - Boys Reg. Golf at Midland
- Ap. 18-23 - Girls Reg. Golf at Odessa
- Ap. 19 - V Softball & JV/V Baseball vs. Roosevelt, 5:30, 4:30/7:00 PM
- Ap. 19-21 Regional Tennis Tourn.
- Ap. 20 - ARD Mtgs.
- Ap. 21 - HS Blood Drive, Mobile Unit, 9 AM
- Ap. 22 - V Softball & JV/V Baseball vs. Colorado City, 5:30, 4:30/7:00 PM

Post Elementary Post Notes:

- Monday- April 11th- Pre-K and Kindergarten Round-Up 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Friday- April 15th- Early dismissal. Students will release at 12:30 p.m. Buses will run.
- Wednesday- April 20th- Report cards will come home with students.
- Friday- April 22nd- We WILL have school. This is our make up day for bad weather in February.
- Tuesday- April 26th- 3rd and 4th Grade TAKS test-Math
- Wednesday- April 27th- 3rd and 4th Grade TAKS test-Reading
- Thursday- April 28th- 5th Grade TAKS test- Science 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will all be TAKS testing during the month of April. Parents, please make sure that your student(s) get plenty of rest the night before and a good breakfast the morning of their test(s). The elementary school campus is considered a closed campus on testing days. If you do need to pick up a student or visit the office, please make sure that you go directly to the office upon entering the building and that you have your picture ID ready. We appreciate your cooperation during the testing process.

Engagement Announcements



KYLOR DUNN AND WHITNEY ABELL

Lance and Angela Dunn of Acuff proudly announce the engagement of their son, Kaylor Lance Dunn to Whitney Melynn Abell, daughter of Rusty and Sue Abell of Lubbock. The bride-elect is a 2007 graduate of Monterey High School and will graduate from Texas Tech University May 14, 2011 with a degree in Bachelor of Interior Design with a minor in Architecture. Whitney is the granddaughter of Mrs. Marue Bourland McGinnis and the late Wilson Bourland; and the late Dr. & Mrs. R Z Abell Jr. all of Lubbock. The future bride-groom is a 2005 graduate of Roosevelt High School and a 2009 graduate of Lubbock Christian University with a degree in Business Administration in Marketing. Kaylor is employed Southwest Airlines in Lubbock. He is grandson of Joe and Ruthell Stanley of Post; and C.C. and Barbara Matthews of Ransom Canyon; and Darrell and Fran Dunn of Lubbock. The couple will marry May 21, 2011 in Brownfield at the Fulford Barn.



KIMBERLY HARRISON AND COLTER CREECH

Ms. Cindy Jones of Shallowater announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Kimberly Ann Harrison to Colter Creech, son of Scott and Joy Creech, formerly of Post. Kimberly graduated from Shallowater High School in 2006 and will graduate from Texas Tech with a degree in Elementary education in August. She is currently the manager of the 10/20 Boutique in Lubbock. Colter graduated from Post High School in 2007. Following a June 18th wedding in Littlefield, the couple will reside in College Station where Colter will complete his Engineering degree at Texas A&M University.



KIM CROW AND ROSS ATEN

Marcus and Bev Crow of Loop, Texas and Bill and Donna Aten of Post, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children Kim Crow of Seminole and Ross Aten of Tahoka.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Loop High School and a 2007 graduate of Texas A&M University. She employed as a CPA at Davis, Ray and Co. PC in Seminole. Kim is the granddaughter of Early and Wanda Owens of Loop, Betty Ward Crow of Seminole, and Marcus and Lynn Crow of Andrews.

The future bridegroom is a 2001 graduate of Borden County High School and a 2006 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is employed as the Electrical Engineer for Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. Ross is the grandson of Roy and Loveta Josey and Eddie and the late Ted L. Aten all of Post.

The couple will marry on May 7, 2011 at the Fulford Barn in Brownfield, Texas.

Yesteryears

10 Years Ago

Texas Monthly and Accent West magazines do a story on Holly's and their great food and service.

Christopher Howle Metzgar was inducted into the Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Western Texas College.

20 Years Ago

First Baptist Church members present "Resurrection Pageant".

District 4-AAU.I.L. One Act play competition included an All-Star Cast with Krista Kemp, being named Best Actress following the competition: Tyra Hart and Sara Hudman were named to the All-Star cast also.

William Tanner of London, England, stopped in Post for a break on his personal experience walk across the state.

30 Years Ago

Huntley has sold his 75-bed Huntley Nursing Home to A.M.I. Inc., which now operates 75 such nursing homes throughout the country.

"The Miracle Worker", the one-act play of Post High School students won first place honors in the district meet.

Fleta Caffey presented with a 25-year service certificate and awards by Postex Plant Manager Don Smith. Fleta had worked in the administrative area since April 1, 1956.

40 Years Ago

Thelma Clark, a Postex Plant bookkeeper, was presented a 40-year service pin by Vic Slater during her retirement party.

Mayor Giles C. McCrary made the first direct dialing, long distance phone call from the Drover House No. 2 Restaurant.

Bobby Norman, Nancy Cook, Sue Parrish and Kyle Josey, display the Division I plaque the band won in sight reading at the regional UIL competition in Dimmitt.

50 Years Ago

Diana Pruitt, a 7th grade student in the Close City School won a spelling bee and became a Spelling Bee Champion.

Officers of the newly organized Women's Auxiliary of the Garza Memorial Hospital were: Mrs. J. E. Parker, President; Mrs. Lee W. Davis, treasurer; Mrs. Phil Crenshaw, secretary and vice president; Mrs. A. B. Carter, 1st vice president; Mrs. Larry Hopkins, correspondence secretary; and Mrs. Ronnie Boucher, recording secretary.

Troy Simpson, 4, honored on his birthday when his mother, Mrs. R.L. Simpson,

was hostess for a birthday party.

60 Years Ago

Post school students will begin eating in the new cafeteria. The new building is located behind the new Elementary school.

James Minor is reelected to the school board while Robert Cox replaced Raymond Redman.

Annual Play Day Events are scheduled at Close City Schoolhouse. Mrs. A. Lobban is in charge of declamation, Mrs. Mary Lee Wristen of Grammar and spelling, Bryan J. William is head of field events. Mrs. Joe Callis in charge of storytelling. Mrs. Bob Lusk will direct ready writers contest.

McMurry Chanters, 60-Voice Mixed Choir to Sing at Methodist Church.

Birth Announcement



Photo by Darren Weaver
Darren and Holly Weaver would like to announce the birth of their son Matthew Isaac Weaver. He was born on March 24, 2011 at 11:15 a.m. at UMC. He weighed 8lbs, 4oz and 19 inches long. Matthew is the grandson of Howard and Margret Bigham of Snyder.



Culline for Steel Magnolias

You have two chances to meet and mingle with the ladies of Chiquapin Parish. "Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling, directed by Zachery Kocurek and Jeff Shirey, will be staged Saturday April 9th at 2pm and 8pm at the Post ISD Auditorium. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets can be bought at the door or you can make reservations online by e-mailing Zachery.Kocurek@ttu.edu.

April Focus: Pulmonary Rehab Program

SUDOKU

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

What really threatens our future?

By WILLIE SOON and BARUM MITRA

Energy sustainability is not about resource availability and pollution. Capitalism and human ingenuity have already addressed "sustainability" in these regards, if the statistics are to be believed.

The real sustainability challenge and threat concerns government intervention in the name of "sustainability," because it is political and bureaucratic intervention that reduces the availability, reliability and affordability of energy. The real sustainability challenge is also about overcoming the forces of nature, via with ever stronger energy infrastructure around the world. That is a job for capitalism, not central planning.

Consider these examples.

Japan's earthquake, tsunami and nuclear accident have brought rolling blackouts, as authorities strive to meet electricity demands with reduced supplies and crippled transmission lines.

However, power cuts and inadequate power are routine in developing countries like India. For them, going without electricity for hours or even days is the norm, not the exception.

But now, the UK's power grid CEO is warning Brits that their days of reliable electricity are numbered. Because of climate change and renewable energy policies, families, schools, offices, shops, hospitals and factories will just have to "get used to" consuming electricity "when it's available," not necessarily when they want it or need it.

UN IPCC chairman Rajendra Pachauri justifies this absurd situation by sermonizing, "Unless we live in harmony with nature, unless we are able to reduce our dependency on fossil fuels and adopt renewable energy sources, and until we change our lifestyles, the world will increasingly become unfit for human habitation."

Thus, people in poor countries who never had access to reliable electricity may be denied it even longer, while people in rich countries could soon face new electricity shortages.

Citizens of the world's poor and emerging economies: Beware of claims that the greatest threat we face is from man-made climate change. They are wrong. The real threat is from energy starvation policies implemented in the name of preventing climate change.

Everywhere one looks, people are enjoying modern technologies, improving their lives, realizing their dreams. Other people want the same opportunities for themselves and their children — and they should have them. Every citizen of the world should someday enjoy access to similar levels of energy that people in developed countries enjoy today.

The technologies, trade and transportation networks, the

legal, property rights, economic and banking systems have all been developed. If countries and communities take advantage of them, a better future will require only one more thing: energy.

Energy is the Master Resource, the key to everything else. Only our Ultimate Resource — our creative intellect — is more important. People who have abundant, reliable, affordable energy — and the freedom to use it — can turn dreams and ideas into reality.

Those who must rely on human and animal muscle, or open fires, remain poor. Certainly, wind turbines and solar panels are far better than primitive energy. They can bless remote villages with electricity. But they are nothing compared to reliable electricity from hydrocarbon, hydroelectric and nuclear power.

However, policies based on false claims that we can control Earth's climate restrict access to energy and increase its cost. They perpetuate poverty, and prevent people from building better homes, having comfortable lighting and heating, using computers and modern conveniences, preserving food and medicines, and even surviving natural disasters and adapting to climate change.

Using computer models, thousands of scientists say human carbon dioxide emissions are responsible for recent warming. But thousands of other scientists say the sun and other natural forces still control our complex, unpredictable climate.

Earth's climate has changed repeatedly throughout history. Its temperature rose slightly during the last century, as our planet recovered from the Little Ice Age, but not in a straight line. It went up 1900-1940, then cooled until 1975, warmed again until 1995, and has been steady since then — all while global CO2 levels were rising. Flood, drought, hurricane and other weather patterns also change periodically.

Earth's climate is influenced by far more factors: solar, planetary, atmospheric, oceanic and terrestrial. Climate models are useless, even harmful, for setting energy policy.

But even if carbon dioxide does affect climate, China, India and Brazil are building power plants and automobiles at a record pace. Their people are rapidly climbing out of poverty, using coal, oil, natural gas and hydroelectric power to achieve their dreams.

Leaders of these countries are not going to tell their still-poor people that they cannot enjoy the benefits that plentiful, affordable, dependable energy can provide.

Europe, Canada, Australia and the United States became modern economic powerhouses by using fossil fuels. They gave people wondrous technologies, improved their health and living standards, and doubled their life expectancies — using hydroelectric and hydrocarbon power.

Some people in rich countries talk about ending their fossil fuel use. But they have not done so — and cannot afford to. They talk about switching to wind and solar power. But they can no longer afford massive renewable energy subsidies that destroy two jobs in other sectors of their economy for every "green" job they create.

People in rich countries will not give up their modern living standards, electricity, automobiles, airplanes, hospitals, factories and food. Mr. Pachauri certainly will not. Why, should people in poor countries give up their dreams?

During the Cancun climate summit, rich nations said they would give poor countries \$100-billion annually in "climate change reparation and adaptation" money. But these are empty promises, made by nations that can no longer afford such unsustainable spending.

Poor countries that expect this money will end up fighting over table scraps — and whatever funds do flow will end up in the overseas bank accounts of ruling elites. The poor will see little or none of it.

For awhile longer, rich countries will continue supporting global warming research and conferences. Researchers, bureaucrats and politicians will continue issuing dire warnings of imminent catastrophes, while they enjoy the benefits of modern energy, traveling on airplanes, attending talk fests at fancy hotels in exotic locations — all powered by coal and petroleum.

They may continue telling the world's poor how important and admirable it is that we keep living traditional, sustainable, environment-friendly lifestyles; getting by on small amounts of intermittent, unreliable, expensive electricity from wind turbines and solar panels; and giving up our dreams of a better, healthier, more prosperous life.

Ultimately, the climate change debate is really over just two things.

Whether we, the world's poor, must give up our hopes and dreams. And whether we will determine our own futures — or the decisions will be made for us, by politicians who use climate change to justify restricting our access to reliable, affordable energy.

Which should we fear most? Climate change that some say might happen 50 or 100 years from now? Or an energy-deprived life of continued poverty, misery, disease, and forgotten hopes and dreams?

Our future is in our hands.

Willie Soon, a native of Malaysia, is an astrophysicist and climate scientist. Barun Mitra is director of the Liberty Institute of New Delhi, India.

Other Opinions

Campaign Spending Limits are Dead

By RICK MANNING

Imagine the uproar if one candidate for president refused to accept the campaign spending limits that he voted for, and proceeded to outspend his opponent by more than a 3 to 1 margin.

I'm sure you heard the repeated cries of outrage from Common Cause and other "reformers" from the left.

What? You didn't know that Barack Obama spent more on his campaign in 2008 than George W. Bush and John Kerry combined in the previous presidential election?

You didn't know that John McCain, constrained by campaign finance limitations, and his own crusading in favor of them, spent \$227 million to Obama's \$740 million?

Why is this old news important or timely?

Obama has announced that he is ramping up for another term, with fundraising expectations that dwarf previous campaigns. The difference is that no Republican challenger in his or her right mind will hamstring their campaigns by taking matching funds and consigning their campaign to watching Obama dominate the paid airwaves when they are pinching

pennies for a push in the last couple of weeks.

The great campaign spending limitation experiment is dead, and it died without a whimper from those who have spent lifetimes decrying monies influence on politics — all because their favored candidate wielded the knife.

In Wisconsin, Republicans are re-learning this lesson as incumbent Supreme Court Justice David Prosser is facing a public employee union-fueled challenge from the left in an attempt to take control of the state's Supreme Court. Wisconsin, the original good government state, has rigid campaign finance spending rules.

In the aftermath of the passage of collective bargaining laws, Justice Prosser is facing a \$3 million public employee union spending onslaught through the Greater Wisconsin Committee featuring a commercial that falsely accuses him of shielding a child molesting priest as a prosecutor. Even the left-leaning Politifact has given the ad a low rating on its Truth O Meter.

Once again, because Justice Prosser is trapped conforming to campaign spending limitations, these false ads are going largely unchallenged as he struggles to tell his story.

At one time, campaign reformers could argue that campaign spending limits benefit the electorate with a straight face. Today, in the wake of Obama's 2008 and promised 2012 campaigns, and the Wisconsin Justice race that will determine the future of the state's collective bargaining laws, no one can pretend any longer that campaign spending limitations do anything except put those that accept them at a strong disadvantage.

It is time, to level the playing field and get rid of political spending limits, taxpayer-funded matching funds and stop the charade. Although it is not hard to predict that when the right decides to play by the same financing rules that Obama and his cronies are using, the nation will be subjected to a chorus of condemnation in the New York Times from the formerly silent left.

Let's hope that Republican candidates for president are smart enough to reject matching funds and the limitations on spending that accompany them. We cannot afford to unilaterally disarm in this upcoming election by accepting campaign funding limits, when President Obama will be spending 3 to 4 times that amount.

Other Views

The Fed Bails Out the World

By ROBERT ROMANO

The Federal Reserve is the world's central bank. There is simply no question now.

In 2008, while the financial crisis was at its peak, the Fed was lending at lightning speed to financial institutions all over the world. "The biggest borrowers from the 97-year-old discount window as the program reached its crisis-era peak were foreign banks, accounting for at least 70 percent of the \$110.7 billion borrowed during the week in October 2008 when use of the program surged to a record," Bloomberg News reports.

The foreign banks included the Bank of China, Arab Banking Corp., Commerzbank, Depfa, Landesbank Baden-Württemberg, Société Générale of France, Royal Bank of Scotland, Dexia, Erste Group, Norinchukin Bank, Credit Suisse and Deutsche Bank.

Bloomberg, along with FOX News, finally got the Fed to release the recipients of these loans through their Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, which had been kept under wraps until now. The Fed lost two court decisions fighting the FOIA requests, and then the Supreme Court denied certiorari in the case, leaving the lower court decisions in force.

"Our job is to provide liquidity to keep the American economy going," Dallas Fed head Richard Fisher said, justifying the Fed's loan program, despite the participation in the program by foreign firms.

Of course, it turns out that the 2008 credit lines to foreign firms would not be the last.

As reported by the Wall Street Journal, the Fed has helped bail out Europe during its ongoing sovereign debt crisis. According to the report, "the U.S. Federal Reserve said Sunday that it would revive an emergency lending program used dur-

ing the financial crisis. The Fed will ship billions of dollars overseas through foreign central banks, including the ECB, so they can, in turn, lend the money out to banks in their home countries in need of dollar funding."

That was ironic, of course, because on February 24th, 2010, when asked if the Federal Reserve was planning to bail out Greece, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke testified to the House Financial Services Committee, "we have no plans whatsoever to be involved in any foreign bailouts or anything of that sort." Yeah right.

Of course, even these loan programs pale in comparison to the Fed's program to purchase mortgage-backed securities (MBS) from financial institutions left holding the bag after the housing bubble popped. Based on data released by the Federal Reserve, of the \$1.25 trillion of MBS bought by the Fed, foreign entities sold some \$442.7 billion at the height of the program. According to the Federal Reserve, the securities were purchased at "Current face value of the securities, which is the remaining principal balance of the underlying mortgages."

Importantly, the MBS purchases were not loans, but outright purchases. That's a bailout.

That included \$127.5 billion given to MBS Credit Suisse for the junky securities, \$117.8 billion to Deutsche Bank, \$63.1 billion to Barclays Capital, \$55.5 billion to UBS Securities, \$27 billion to BNP Paribas, \$24.4 billion to the Royal Bank of Scotland, and \$22.2 billion to Nomura Securities. Another \$4.2 billion was given to the Royal Bank of Canada, and \$917 million to Mizuho Securities.

According to the New York Fed's website, the purpose of the program was to "foster improved conditions in financial markets". Even those in foreign countries, apparently.

Perhaps the reason for all this assistance is because many

of these foreign financial institutions also happen to be primary dealers, those banks that are responsible for lending money to the government via purchases of U.S. treasuries at government auctions.

That's what Senator Jim DeMint thought when he was asked about the financial bailouts in 2008. On Oct. 1 of that year, Senator DeMint hypothesized that one of the principal causes of the federal government's plan to purchase toxic mortgage-backed securities as part of the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) was to bail out foreign entities.

On "The Mark Levin Show," he said, "I think China and Saudi Arabia are holding a lot of these securitized mortgages. And I think they've basically said they're not going to loan us any more money until we buy them back. And if they don't give us loans every day, we default on our loans [because] we have so much debt as a nation. So, we're going to borrow more money to try to make this situation right. There's nothing else for me, Mark, that explains the urgency in using a sledgehammer to fix something that most of us know a few screwdrivers could fix."

Of course, TARP was rapidly turned into a bank recapitalization program by then-Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson. But clearly, foreign institutions got all the assistance they needed — from the Fed.

And they did not even have to bother with going to Congress since none of the Fed's loans or outright bailout purchases of MBS require any congressional approval. All of these actions were authorized by Section 14 of the Federal Reserve Act — in 1913. Perhaps it's time that Congress revisited that Act, and ask the question: Does the nation's central bank have too much power?



Be careful when you give a child a toy. Toys shape lives.

Map puzzles are a case in point. Did you have one?

My wooden puzzle map of the United States still has a hold on me. My mother always blamed herself for letting me play with it at my desk, which faced south. My brain is off 180 degrees.

The little states in New England were so small their names had to be written in the Atlantic Ocean, which didn't seem right. I never bothered to match the names to the pieces. I still don't know one from the other.

The term "Wide Open Spaces" puzzled me when I first heard it, circa 1952. Mother showed me the vast expanse of western states. I jiggled them in their places. Sure enough, the cracks between them were indeed wider than the spaces between those jammed up little New England pieces. Texas didn't move as much as some of the others, probably because Texas was up against the puzzle frame and its southernmost tip was hooked in somewhat securely. So I decided Texas wasn't a Wide Open Spaces state. Never mind that I could see the horizon all around me and watch the sun rise and set.

Each state was a different color. In my mind's eye, they still are. Texas is green, Oklahoma is yellow, Kansas is brown, and so is Arkansas. I felt sorry for brown states. Colorado got lucky with red, as did California.

Yesterday someone was talking to me about Pennsylvania. I saw it in a flash, very blue and big

enough for its name. It takes me somewhat longer to point its direction.

Back to the Wide Open Spaces, where directions matter. In the flat farmed Wide Open Spaces, the grid system predominates, defining towns with east-west and north-south streets and crisscrossing everywhere else with roads that follow square-mile section lines. As long as I think of the sun instead of my puzzle map, I'm fine.

If you grow up somewhere like San Antonio, it's different. I remember a time when even my savvy father was barely navigating San Antonio. Someone in the car mentioned the town was laid out along cow trails. I was about 6 - old enough to know cows make crooked trails. Anyway, if San Antonians don't know their directions, they've got the cow trail excuse and a winding river to boot.

But if you grow up in West Texas and don't know your directions, you are suspect.

Is that too harsh a judgment? Maybe.

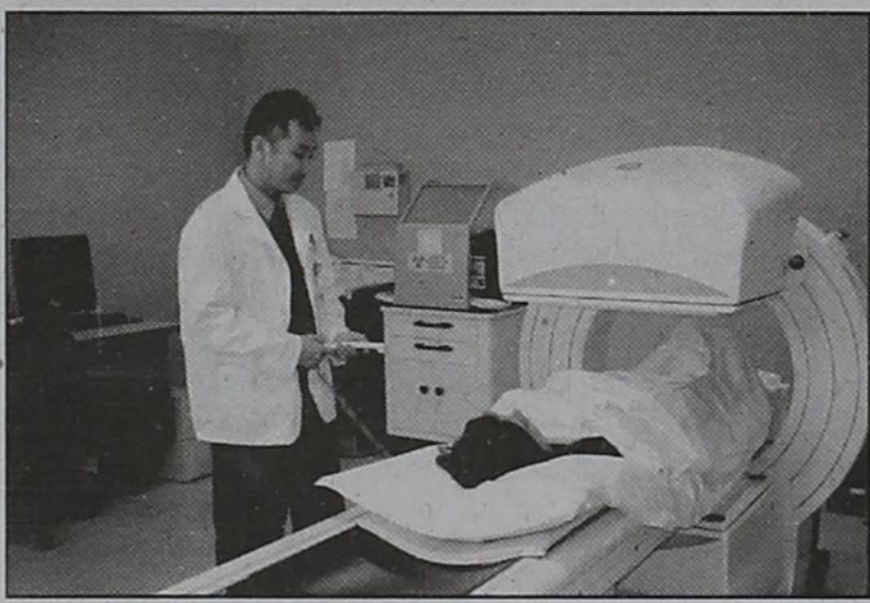
Nowadays, when any well-intentioned grandparent gives a child a map puzzle and a globe, both objects pale into insignificance once said child masters the Internet, like at age 5. I exaggerate, but not much.

Moreover, paper maps are rapidly losing ground to smart phones with map apps. North? Ask the phone.

OK. It's confession time. Yesterday, I, quintessential West Texan, got lost in the mother of all grids - Lubbock, Texas.

I was following the blue dot on my iPhone.

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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?

Steer Validation

It's that time again! Validation tags need to be ordered by April 14, 2011 if you plan on showing Steers at any major stock show. Contact the office with your order. Tags will be \$10 each.

2011 State Fair of Texas Lamb & Goat Validation

Validation tags need to be ordered by April 13, 2011 if you plan on going to the State Fair of Texas with your Lamb or Goat.

D-24-H Rifle Contest

The rifle contest will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011. Contest entries are

due on Monday, April 11, 2011.

Horse Validation

If you plan on participating in the district or state horse show, validation is due in the office by April 28, 2011.

District Roundup

4-H connect opens on Friday, April 1, 2011 and closed on Friday, April 22, 2011.

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TSCRA recover millions in stolen property and equipment

Fort Worth, Texas - Stolen livestock and ranch equipment worth more than \$3.6 million were recovered or accounted for in 2010 by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Rangers.

The Fort Worth-based producer group was founded 134 years ago to fight cattle theft in Texas, a problem that still plagues ranchers today.

In 2010, more than 7,700 head of cattle and horses were reported missing or stolen to TSCRA, a slight jump from 2009 when the number peaked at just over 7,400.

"Livestock and ranch equipment theft is a big problem in Texas," said Larry Gray, the association's executive director of law enforcement. "The good news is that most of these thieves get caught because of the hard work and dedication of the special rangers."

In 2010, TSCRA Special Rangers investigated 978 cases in Texas and Oklahoma, primarily involving stray or stolen livestock. The total market value of all recovered livestock and property reached \$3,616,559. Convicted thieves received a total of 113 years of prison, state jail, probated and suspended sentences and deferred adjudication. Thieves paid more than \$1.1 million in restitution, fines and court costs.

Though the association's rangers are commissioned by the Texas Department of Public Safety and/or the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, they are not funded with taxpayer dollars. TSCRA membership dues, paid for by ranchers and landowners, provide the rangers with funds for salaries,

equipment and training.

The 29 rangers are stationed strategically throughout Texas and Oklahoma. In addition to being trained in all facets of law enforcement, each ranger has in-depth knowledge of the cattle and ranching industry, making them a true asset to fighting crime in rural Texas.

The rangers are aided by TSCRA market inspectors. Market inspectors collect brands and other identifying marks on four to five million cattle sold at 104 Texas livestock markets each year. The inspectors report their findings to TSCRA headquarters where the information is entered into the nation's largest brand recording and retrieval system. This database is the first source checked when a special ranger receives a theft call.

Gray says ranchers should brand their cattle to help prevent theft and to aid in the recovery if their livestock is stolen. Locking gates and counting cattle regularly are other tips that can prevent livestock theft. Parking trailers and equipment out of roadway site and marking your saddles, tack and other equipment with your driver's license number is not only a deterrent, but also aids in the recovery and return of stolen property.

"Becoming a TSCRA member and displaying the blue gate sign on your property where it can be seen from the road is one of the best deterrents to theft," said Gray. "Thieves know what the blue gate sign means and they are less likely to come onto your property."

TSCRA SPECIAL RANGERS RECOVER MILLIONS IN STOLEN PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Family Harvest Church celebrates 15 years

Please join us Sunday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m. for worship and lunch as we come together to celebrate and express our gratitude to the Lord for a 15-year history of transforming the

lives of people, locally and internationally.

Lunch will be served across the street at Trail Blazers immediately following the regular Sunday Morning Service.

County Commissioners Reject Use of Third Party Building Inspectors

By Rosa Latimer
Correspondent

During the March 28 regular meeting, the Garza County Commissioners considered whether or not to amend the county's current building permit process as it relates to the use of third party inspectors. Currently the use of third party building inspectors is allowed.

The Commissioners had two options regarding this issue. One option was to restrict builders and contractors from using a third party inspector, requiring them to use only the county's contracted inspector. The other option was to allow builders and contractors to use a third party inspector with the following terms: the third party inspector must be on the county's approved list of certified inspectors; builders and contractors must apply with the county for review and approval of plans for a permit; and the third party inspector must submit inspection paperwork including the final inspection to the District/County Clerk for the issuance of a Certificate of Occupation.

After discussion, the Commissioners voted to restrict third party inspectors from participating in the building permit/inspection process in Garza County; to continue with Chad Price of County Line Inspection as the building inspector for Garza County; and to require that Price have a qualified inspector as a back-up when he is not available.

Commissioner Morris expressed the need for reimbursement of items lost or damaged when tending to rural fires. He suggested using the volunteer fire department funds.

The Commissioners voted to use those funds

to reimburse precincts for damages to tires, mirrors and lights and for fuel used during rural fires.

The court considered whether to extend the maintenance warranty on a motor grader for Precinct 1 at a cost of \$6,800. The expense would require a budget amendment. The Commissioners voted not to take action to purchase the extended warranty.

The court approved two resolutions for April 2011. One proclaimed the month as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Garza County and the other established April as National County Government Month.

During other business, minutes from the March 14 Commissioners' Court meeting were approved as presented. The election contract with Post ISD was brought before the court and was approved as presented. Precinct and countywide accounts payable for March 15 through March 28, 2011 were approved.

During the Public Comment portion of the agenda, Commissioner McDaniel suggested that County Attorney Munk check into the law about the county providing services to the general public since the population projections following the 2010 census will put Garza County over 5000. That population benchmark would change the rules. Munk will confer with the Allison-Bass law firm who is under contract by the county to supervise the redistricting process. At the recommendation of Attorney Munk, until population figures are certified, the Commissioners will continue to conduct business as if the population were below 5000.

The next Commissioners' Court meeting is set for April 11.

White River Report

Gauge Reading	Feet below spillway	Rise	Rainfall past week	Rain to date	
2355.30	17' 2"	0"	0"	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 3,770,421,921 billion gallons left available at the intake or 38% capacity or 11,571 acre feet. Subtract 30,412,760 MG for evaporation this week in April that leaves 3,740,009,161 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.

Lake Alan Henry Report

1. Conservation pool elevation - 2220.00 feet above mean sea level
2. Elevation as of April 4, 2011 - 2217.10 feet, 2.90 feet below conservation pool elevation
3. Water Temperature April 4, 2011 - 59 - 62 degrees Fahrenheit
4. 2011 cumulative precipitation as of April 4 - 0.29 inches
5. 2011 cumulative evaporation as of April 4 - 23.12 inches

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Band students compete in ensemble



Kalynn Villalon, Jace Fannon, Israel Gonzales, and Jordan Barbosa competed on a class I ensemble for brass called "Whitney #3" and received a division 1 rating. Amanda Duran, Julie Boren, Nicole Ramirez, and Vanessa Rodriguez competed on a class I ensemble for woodwinds called "conversations" and received a division 1 rating.

on May 30th at Pflugerville high school.

I am so proud of these kids. They worked the pieces up on their own, and, with some coaching by Mr. Tackitt and myself were able to pull off a win," said Band Director Aaron Rathbun. "This is the type of win you put in your college applications." I love it when our students make our school and community look good.

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Legends...Garza County Historical Museum by Linda Puckett

Some History and Life in Early West Texas

Mrs. Will Cravy's story continues as she shares her early memories of life in rural West Texas.

There were just seven of my Dad and Mother's children born in Tennessee-five girls and two boys. Their first Texas child, a daughter, was born March of 1900 in Dickens County where we first settled. My father did not move us to the 2-room house over in Garza County until after my sister was born. Otherwise, she would have been the first baby born to actual settlers in Garza County. My father bought a 12X12 tent - built a little fire place in the end and went to work building fence and making improvements in the late summer, fall and winter of 1899 and continued working on our new home through the winter. My older sister and I stayed with him most of the time and cooked on the little fire place until the house was finished and my mother could move.

I remember my first trip into Garza County; it was on a hot day in August of 1899. I went with my father and old maid aunt Lucy McClain who had filed on land too. To determine what was their home section, he tied a rag on the wagon wheel to get the distance by counting the times the wheel turned to get the mileage, quite a difference in the way we determine distance today. One of the oldest Spur Ranch cowboy's was John Wilkerson; he ran the Espuela Land and Cattle

Company store that furnished supplies accommodating the trail herds from Southern Texas. The deep ruts of the wagon trails of those herds were still there after my father moved us over to Garza County. I have crossed over them going to my sister's, after she married in our house to Will Harrell in January 1, 1900. She was Garza County's second bride - they lived on Chimney Creek. We would cross those trails going to their place. All that could enlighten me on this have passed to their reward.

Mr. J.H. Cunningham was the first to settle in northeast Garza County. This was about 1890 - living in a dugout. His niece, coming to visit them, met Shorty Wilkerson, brother to John O. Wilkerson. He was also a cowboy working in the west Spur pasture. This meeting proved to be a romance. On January 27, 1892 they were married there in his dugout. Everyone was invited with many guests traveling long distances. Shorty later died and she married a Mr. Wells.

In early Texas history - Texas released large bodies of land for ranching to induce settlement but in amongst this was many sections reserved for Texas schools. Some of the land released to settlers cost \$1 to \$1.50 per acre with 40 years to pay and must make it their home for three years. It was not understood as some thought the settlers would sell back their land to the ranchers when it was lived out, even though some did for

the simple fact they needed to go where they could have better school advantages for their children.

In the northeast part of the county was a community called Slick Nasty. It was centered around a pond and roundup grounds by the same name.

Another early settler was J.A. Bird in 1900 who married Beulah Buchanan, daughter of an early settler in Dickens.

The Cotton family was in the house of the first post office (about 1902) named Verbena. The first church was a Baptist organized under a brush arbor on McDonald Creek - 1902. There was several miles distance between the two communities but they took part in the social activities even though they traveled many miles, they prepared dinner to take, most going in a wagon. My sisters Mamie and Josephine and myself usually rode horseback to the meetings.

The roundups were the source of much attraction as the settlements were surrounded by the Spur pasture. Several roundups grounds were in the west pasture. They had names for each of the roundup grounds. Here is the list. They would leave from the ranch headquarters in Dickens as soon as the grass came in the spring about the 10th of April beginning in the west pasture; 1. Head of McDonald, 2. Pig Pen (by a creek by that name), 3. Mouth of McDonald, 4. Slick Nasty

Tank, 5. Mouth of Slick Nasty, 6. Kay Tank, 7. Two-mile, 8. Head of Bull Creek, 9. Cunningham Crossing, 10. Home Creek, 11. Head of Drekum, 12. Red Mud Tank, 13. Mouth of Red Mud, 14. Marble Bank, 15. Mouth of Jordan, 16. Wilson Tank, 17. Pade Tank east of Spur, 18. Soldier Mound. Will Cravy gave me this record just as they made their rounds at roundup when he was a Spur cowboy working with the Spur outfit.

In June of 1903 my father sold out and we moved to Gray County Texas. It was just the beginning of the bad drought; it didn't rain until the next June. In January 1904 Leonard Barrow married Nettie Wilks. That same year the first church was built near the Slick Nasty roundup grounds and tank and named Verbena but still was called Slick Nasty by that community, meaning no disrespect.

On January 19, 1905 at our home in Gray County, Will and I were married. We crossed the Plains in sleet and snow as we returned to live at the Spur line camp. Will stayed a cowboy for the Spur Ranch until the spring of 1908. We moved just 3-miles down the river of Salt Fork on our own place where we lived throughout our married life except for the years he was Sheriff and since moving to Post in 1958. At his passing on October 17, 1959, he had lived in Garza County for 60 years and I the same except for 1-1/2 years that I lived in Gray County.

SPCAA Head Start now accepting applications

POST, TEXAS - South Plains Community Action Association Windham Head Start Center in Post is currently accepting recruitment applications for the 2011-2012 school year. The Head Start program serves children ages 3 to 4 years-old. Children must turn 3 or 4 years-old by September 1, 2010 to enroll in the Head Start program.

In addition to preschool education, children enrolled in Head Start will receive complete medical, dental, mental health, disabilities and family support services all to help prepare the entire child for success in kindergarten.

Selection for this program is need-based and considers age, income, life circumstances, employment and disabilities. Ten percent of funded enrollment is reserved specifically for children with disabilities. SPCAA HS is able to provide individual support services for children with special needs.

Families can call (806) 495-

2544 for Windham Head Start to complete an application or to learn more about this program. Windham Early Head Start and Garza County Home Based are also accepting recruitment applications for children birth to 3 years old and pregnant women. Please call (806) 495-2544 for more information about Early Head Start.

SPCAA Head Start partners with area public schools to provide Head Start services in a 12 county area. SPCAA Head Start classrooms are in Lubbock, Levelland, Littlefield, Denver City, Morton, Muleshoe, Sudan, Smyer, Ropesville, Brownfield, Plainview, O'Donnell, Lorenzo, Floydada, Crosbyton, Slaton, Post and Olton.

Head Start is a nationwide program that began in 1965 under the presidency of Lyndon B. Johnson. The program is considered by many to be one of the most successful federal programs in history and Head Start programs can now be found in nearly every county of the country.

Texas Cattle Raisers support bill to repeal estate tax

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) supported legislation that would permanently repeal the estate tax, commonly known as the death tax.

H.R. 1259, introduced by Rep. Kevin Brady (R-Texas) and Mike Ross (D-Ark.) would provide much needed relief to family ranches who wish to pass their cattle operations on to their children and grandchildren.

"The estate tax is one of the leading causes of the breakup of family ranching operations," said Dave Scott, rancher and TSCRA president. "This legislation would relieve this unfair and detrimental burden and allow Texas ranchers to continue to provide the world with the safest and most abundant food supply."

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 134-year-old trade organization. As the largest and oldest livestock association in Texas, TSCRA represents more than 15,000 beef cattle producers, ranching families and businesses who manage approximately 4 million head of cattle on 51.5 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. TSCRA provides law enforcement and livestock inspection services, legislative and regulatory advocacy, industry news and information, insurance services and educational opportunities for its members and the industry.

Standing up for what you believe in

By Darren Weaver
Contributing Correspondent

It is rare indeed in today's society to see someone stand up for what they believe in, especially if that means not being popular with everyone. When standing up involves city leaders, it becomes even more surprising. In our age of political correctness, when these leaders stand on their faith, it can bring a hush onto the city, especially when these leaders depend upon the support of their constituents.

I saw something this past Sunday morning that frankly surprised me, although it should not have done so. One of our church members handed me a proclamation that had been signed by the mayor and the city secretary. That proclamation contained two major issues: one cannot be denied and the other is a political hot potato.

The first issue dealt with the lack of moisture we have received in our region of late. Having turned the seasonal calendar from a mild and dry winter to a warm and dry spring, all of us are beginning to look to the skies and wonder if the rains will ever come. Day after day, we drift upon

this sea of sand, much like the Ancient Mariner did upon a windless ocean. We hope for rain, we long for it, and we anxiously check the forecasts every day for any signs of the desperately needed moisture. Yet none is forthcoming.

The second issue contained within the proclamation was designed to address the first. For those of you have not yet seen the proclamation, a week of fasting and prayer for rain has been declared beginning April 11th. Anyone who holds faith in God has longed for such a bold step of community cooperation. Anyone who knows politics knows that only in a place like Post could this ever be done. Do you truly believe that in Dallas or New York or Los Angeles, the mayor would take such a step? If you have not lately paused in gratitude for living in this town, now is a good time to do so.

I would like to try to clarify a certain pre-conceived notion dealing with the issue of fasting. Most know that traditionally, fasting involves depriving the body of food in order to devote oneself to prayer. Therefore, when we see such a bold appeal to the community to

participate in a week-long event of fasting and prayer, even those of us with a strong faith may shy away because we simply cannot imagine going without food for so long. However, fasting is not as much an issue of the body as it is of the heart.

The idea of fasting is as ancient as the practice of religion itself. It is a purposeful deprivation, but not necessarily of all food. Some interpret fasting in a more liberal sense, adding the idea of fasting from things other than food if one cannot forego solid physical nourishment. Traditional fasting is historically known as drinking only liquids, and conservatives will adhere to drinking only water in a "true" fast. However, some may choose to fast from a certain type of food or liquid that is consumed every day. Some may even choose to fast from certain daily activities. Whatever the case, the core idea of fasting involves depriving the body from something it depends upon on a daily basis in order to focus on prayer. Examples may include caffeine (oh no!), desserts, or meat, as well as television (oh no again!), reading, or the internet for those of us

who are computer addicts.

Whatever you choose to eliminate in a fast, make sure it is something you depend upon every day, and make sure you replace it with prayer. Simply fasting is only half the goal. Not sure what to give up? Ask God. But be ready for the answer. It will be whatever you think you cannot do without. Above all, participate in some way. You will be involved in your community and grow closer to God as well.

Pray for rain!

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather
Up and Down...that has been the weather for the past few weeks. I know I sound like a broken record but we need rain so very badly so please keep it in your daily prayers. We need it so the guys can get planted on time.

News
Mack Terry celebrated his birthday Saturday night with family time and a steak cook out. Enjoying the day were Mack and Jane; Cindy and Gibber; Jana, Raydon and Raylea; Cody and Emily; Valerie, Randy and Gregory.

Eric Alaniz who is stationed in Barksdale Louisiana was deployed to Guam last week. Not sure exactly how long he will be there but should be home in a few months. Eric is the grandson of Eva Gonzales, the son of Tino and Linda Alaniz, husband of Dee Dee and father to Hailey and Jace.

Our Bingo Night was a great success! Dusty Clary did a fabulous job at calling...Thank you so much, Dusty! We were so busy we didn't get a count of people that attended but we sold over 500 bingo cards. Thanks so much to all who helped out

and to the vendors that donated prizes. Those who donated were The Altman Group, Post Auto, CoCara's, Grassland Butane, Close City

Co-op Gin, Rob Freeman Field Welding, Jim and Nedra Ellis, Lois Childs, United, Holly's, The Tower Theater, The Sassy Sunflower, Uncle Red's Ice Cream, Tamara Reed, Monique Hendrix, Maurine's, Designs and Daisy's, Higginbotham's, Janet Hines, Caprock Heirloom, Farm Bureau and LaPosta.

Special thanks to Trey, Jonna, Alisha, Reece, Kristi, Dylan,

Russ, Kale, Will, TJ and Jake for helping out in many ways. Nancy and I couldn't have done it without ya'll. Also to Nedra, Jean, Shelia, Marsha, Andra, Jane, Sharron, Billie Jean and Trevah for the baked goods. And last but definitely not least thanks to all who came out to play! If I missed anyone please let me know.

Oh I almost forgot....thanks to bingo players Ronnie Dunn and Dicky Odom for keeping it lively and fun! 8-)

Get Wells
To Jack Morris who broke his foot last week...Behave

yourself, Jack so you can be up and around sooner!

Bil Hedrick, who came to see us last week and I left her out of my visitors, sorry Bil, hope you feel better real soon!

Did you know?
The largest toy distributor in the world is McDonald's.

EYI
Get your cookbooks and T-shirt order forms at CoCara's downtown or you can come by the

Gin and pick one up. Check out our Facebook Page under Close City Community. If any of you Ragtown people have pics you would like us to put on there let us know.

Visitors
Bobby Terry came out for a

while on Tuesday; Delfina Castilla stopped in for a coke; Linda Alaniz stopped in to chat a while.

Ya'll come out and see us now...ya hear?

Close City Birthdays
April 12th - Mike Aten
April 13th - Valerie Melton; Sarah Freeman

Close City Anniversaries
April 10th - Mike and Tammy Bland

If you or your family are not on our birthday calendar shoot me a line and I will add them.

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember

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Weekly Inspirations

NO, NOT EVERYONE DOES

By: Michael F. Taylor

Fred had spent his entire life on the farm, living a simple and uncomplicated life, and had a very firm faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Fred and his family never missed church unless there was a very good reason and he never shied away from an opportunity to tell others that God had been good to him and testify to the blessings in his life. Just as any farmer can attest, the decision to farm came very easy to Fred and had never regretted taking over his father's farm after his dad passed away. And, just as most country folk I think would agree, Fred was a very polite man but never hesitated to give you his honest opinion. Even when folks might not want to hear it!

It's seems that this particularly blustery fall afternoon, the weather just wasn't very conducive to harvesting. It had been drizzling and sleeting for the past twenty four hours and the fields were getting too bad to do anything productive. So, Fred reluctantly pulled his Harvester out of the field and after shutting it down, jumped into his old Ford truck and decided to head to town to get a steak dinner. Might as well enjoy something about the day, he thought to himself as he drove up to the local diner. As he put the truck into park, he noticed that there were several motorcycles parked in front of the restaurant. Fred, stepped out of his truck, adjusted his old weathered Stetson on his head, and sauntered into the place. Lizzy, the owner of the diner, waived to him as he sat down in the corner booth and said, "Hey Fred, weather not working out to well today, is it!" "Guess not!" Fred replied with a crooked smile. "Your usual?" Lizzy asked as she put a cup of hot coffee onto the table. "Yes, Ma'am" and at that, he leaned back and gently took a sip of the heavenly warm liquid.

The four rough looking bikers had been watching old Fred as he walked into the diner and I guess wanting to be a little mischievous, the leader of the group rudely said out loud so everyone in the diner could hear, "Hey look, it's FARMER FRED!" Not wanting to cause any ruckus, Fred just smiled and tipped his hat. Disappointed that he wasn't able to rile Fred, the man laughed and turned his attention back to his group. A few minutes later, Lizzy returned to his table and placed his steak down, "I'm sorry Fred. I don't know what their problem is but I hope they leave soon", she apologetically said. "Now don't worry yourself, Lizzy. They ain't a bothering me none", he smiled back. With that, Fred bowed his head, and thanked the Lord for his food. Once finished, he took fork and knife in hand and happily began to eat a bite of steak. Just as he finished his first bite, the leader of the group once again spoke up, "Hey you, FARMER FRED, does every HICK out here do that where you come from?" he asked sarcastically. Never missing a beat, Fred replied, "WELL NOW, NO SIR, I RECKON NOT. AT LEAST THE PIGS AND DONKEY'S DON'T!" With that the four men quietly slipped out the door!

I don't know about you, but I get so excited when I walk into a public restaurant and see someone bow their head to thank God for what He has provided! And I realize that in this world we live in today, that might be the exception and no longer the norm. But we should never forget to PRAY! In Philippians, Chapter four, we are instructed by Paul, "4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you." N.I.V.

What great advice Paul gave us to live by. And then in 1 Timothy, Chapter 2, Paul tells us, "1 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." N.I.V. My hope for each of you this week, is to remember to Pray. God bless and have a great week.

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

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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Post ISD Menu

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Tuesday Donut, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk	Tuesday Pizza, Salad, Fresh Banana, Chocolate Cake, Milk
Wednesday Malt-O-Meal, Toast, Sausage, Fruit, Milk	Wednesday Pork Roast, Whipped Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Strawberry Shortcake, Milk
Thursday French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Fruit, Milk	Thursday Antelope Wrap, Refried Beans, Applesauce, Milk
Friday Cereal, Graham Cracker, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Friday BBQ On Bun, Baked Chips, Pickle spears, Corn Cobbette, Pineapple Slices, Milk
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Southland ISD Menu

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Monday Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Monday Pizza, Corn, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Cherry Bar, Milk
Tuesday Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Tuesday Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Chocolate Cake, Milk
Wednesday Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Wednesday Burrito, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit, Cookie, Milk
Thursday Breakfast Bar, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Thursday Spaghetti, w/ Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Bread Stick, Pears, Milk
Friday Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Friday BBQ on a bun, Baked Chips, Corn, Pickle Spears, Fruit, Brownie, Milk
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Trailblazers Menu

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Monday Chef Salad, Crackers, Brownie	Hamburger Steak, Fried Okra, Augratin Potatoes, Combread, Pudding
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Wednesday	Friday Fish, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Hushpuppies, Jello Salad

Dalby Correctional Unit Grilling Team raises fund for Little League



Courtesy Photo

Pictured left to right: Kevin Robertson, team member, Bailey Guthrie, Pit Master Larry Bond, Ted Thomas (President LL), Clay Ham, team member, Fred Postell, team member, and Dick Odom, team member.

The Dalby Grilling Team drink and a coupon from cooked all night on Thursday Dairy Queen for a free ice to have the briskets ready for Friday to sell sandwiches, chips, pickles, onions, a

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Chamber News

Our Small Business Seminar went well last week. We want to thank our City Manager, Arbie Taylor, for his presentation about the renovation of the brick streets, Donald Schenkeln and Epifanio Garza from SCORE, Eric Spencer from the US Small Business Administration and Todd Herbert and Jason Coulter from USDA's

Rural Development. We had a wonderful program and everyone who attended left with great information. The Annual Chamber Awards Banquet will be this Saturday night. If you haven't made your reservations, there will be some tickets at the door. Please come and join us for a fun evening.

Ragtown will have two shows this weekend. Friday night at 7:30 and Saturday afternoon at 3:00. The Garza Theatre will have 3 performances of "Insane With Power". Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 and a Sunday afternoon matinee at 2:30. All employers are invited to have a booth at our annual Post & Garza County Job

Fair on May 17. Booths are free for Chamber members and \$25 for non-members. The High Plains Junior Rodeo is coming to Post on May 21. If you are interested in a sponsorship for this event, please call Trey Poage at 747-7373. Congratulations to our Members of the Week:



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Post Classifieds

Personal

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

Al-Anon

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

The Safe and Serene NA Group of Post now meets on Fridays at the Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Avenue C. For meeting information please contact: Miranda at 806-632-7367.

Thank You

The Family of Willie Ward McBride would like to Thank everyone for the visits, cards, food, flowers and those who condolences and prayers. Our special thanks to the women of the First United Methodist Church for the wonderful lunch before the service. God Bless you all.

Bill McBride
Butch Cross and family
Donna Harden and family

Family and Friends. All your expressions of love and concern for me, and my family were deeply appreciated after the loss of Jim. The flowers, food, cards and call were so appreciated. The outpouring of your love meant so much to us. Our thanks go to Jackie White of Church on the Rocks, Lubbock, John Bill Hedricks, Post and Nancy Gordon. Thanks to all who brought food to the First Baptist Church and for the use of their facilities. To Dee and Janet, thank you for all that you do. We pray God's Blessings on all of you.

Love, Johnny Norman
Jimmy, Nancy Norman and family
Jamie Cooper and family
Jarita, Steve Nowlin and family
Jay Norman

On behalf of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and myself, I want to thank you for your sponsorship of the Harlem Ambassador Basketball Show. This was a great event for our community, and we could not have done it without your help.

We are so fortunate to be in a community of businesses and individuals that are willing to "jump on board"

and donate time and money to an event like this. Hopefully, we will be able to bring similar community events to Post in the future. Thank you again for all your help.

Sincerely,
Harry Record

Post Area Chamber of Commerce

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Benefit

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Rachel Gray Wraps-up College Career *Post Antelopes track and field results*



By Jim Plummer
PostSportsPage.com

Just over four years ago, Post Lady Lope basketball fans enjoyed watching Rachel Gray express her enthusiasm and desire for the game of basketball. It was a treat, I remember.

Since then she's kept her passion for the sport alive at the collegiate level.

For the past two seasons, she has shared her hard court gifts with the fans at Lubbock Christian University (LCU). Prior to transferring to LCU, she played for the Lady Texans at South Plains College in Levelland.

On March 18th she finished her playing career at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) 2011 Division I Women's National Championship tournament where her Lady Chaps team made it to the elite eight. A loss that day to Azusa Pacific (California) kept LCU from reaching the Final Four. Incidentally, Azusa went on to win the NAIA National Championship. The Lady Chaps finished the season with a 23-10 record and a ranking of 22 in the Coaches' Top 25 poll.

The 2011 tourney was Rachel's first NAIA national championship event to contribute to her team. The previous year she suffered a season ending knee injury during the Sooner Athletic Conference (SAC) tournament that left Rachel

on the sideline to watch the Lady Chaps' brief one game appearance in the 2010 tournament.

Gray was raised in Post with her older brother and sister, Miles and Nicole. Her parents are Rodney and Vicki Gray. Her sister, now Nicole Powell, is married to Jason Powell and both are teachers in Post schools. The Powells have two boys, Hayden 4 years old, and Kye, 3 and a baby girl, Kelbie who is three months. Miles played baseball and some football for Post. And according to mom Vicki, Rachel's biggest fan has been her grandmother Joyce Teaff, or "Nana" as she's known. Through them, Rachel has received strong family support in all she does.

In an email discussion, Rachel Gray explained "Last year I faced an ACL injury and had to focus on coming back from surgery. I was blessed with an awesome team that was supportive through a lot. You always learn from tough experiences like that." Rachel was fortunate to have a coach like Steve Gomez, who "was a good leader on the court and spiritually," she added.

In 2010, Gray appeared in 30 games averaging two points a game and shot 42 percent from three point range. This past season, 2011, she put up three points, 2.5 rebounds, an assist and a steal in each of 32 games played for the Lady Chaps.

The actuality that Gray played college basketball was somewhat of a fluke. Rachel visited the SPC campus the Spring of her senior high school year and observed a Lady Texans workout. She decided not to participate that day in fear of risking injury prior to a state track meet event. Because she didn't work out with the team that day may have been the reason she didn't receive an official

invitation to join the team for her freshman year.

"I chose SPC only for education and the small environment," she said in selecting the Levelland junior college. "A few weeks after school started, I received a phone call from the assistant coach. They had heard that I was going to school there and wanted to know if I was interested in playing. I was so excited, but scared at the same time. I was truly blessed to receive that call. I knew how much I missed it (playing basketball), but I wasn't expecting a second opportunity," she explained.

In Rachel's first year as a Lady Texan, she played in 29 games for Coach Michelle Wyatt averaging 5 points and four rebounds. She started in all 31 games averaging 7.7 points and 5.5 rebounds per game the second year at SPC. Also, she led her team in three point field goals (39) and steals (58), and ranked second in assists with 91 (2.9 per game). Her scoring high her sophomore season was 18 points. She also posted double-figures scoring in ten games for the 24 win, 8 loss SPC team.

Handling the lifestyle change was almost too much for the former Lady Lope. According to her dad, Rodney, Rachel almost gave up her basketball dream: "She missed Thanksgiving with the family her first year at SPC, but she got to eat a turkey sandwich at a truck stop in Colorado. She told us after that she wanted to quit. She had never missed Thanksgiving at Nana's before. We moved Thanksgiving to the weekend before so she could participate the next year."

See the rest of the 'Rachel Gray' story online at PostSportsPage.com. Photos courtesy Lubbock Christian University.

Colorado City Lone Wolf Relays High School Track & Field Meet (March 31, 2011)

VARSITY Post Girls: 4th place team finish, 81 points

100 M Dash: 6th, Johnson, 13.73, 200 M Dash: 3rd, Haily Berry, 27:79, 400 M Dash: 5th, Taylor Osborn, 1:05:80; 6th, Mariah Morales, 1:06:43, 800 M Run: 4th, Morales, 2:36:19, 1600 M Run: 4th, Kim Rivera, 6:38:67; 6th, Andi Soliz, 6:42:24, 3200 M Run: 2nd, Rivera, 15:09:72, 400 M Relay: 3rd, 52:86; Solarzano, Osborn, Matti Smith, Berry, 1600 M Relay: 4th, 4:19:99; Berry, Osborn, Smith, Morales, Long Jump: 2nd, Berry, 15' 6.5", Triple Jump: 2nd, Berry, 34' 9.5", Shot Put: 3rd, Kaylyn Villalon, 32' 4.25", Discus: 1st, Villalon, 116' 10", and Team Totals: Sweetwater 122, Snyder 118, Forsan 98, Post 81, Colorado 80, Grape Creek 68, Loraine 32, Coahoma 21.

Post Boys: 7th place team finish, 36 points

400 M: 2nd, DJ Brown, 53.88; 3rd, Dalton Holly, 54.58; 4th, Matt Soto, 54.66, 400 M Relay: Soto, Corbin McDonald, Brown, Holly, 45.42, Triple Jump: 4TH,

Brown, 40'1.5"; 3rd, Soto, 37'1", Shot Put: Jacob Perez, 38' and Team Totals: Colorado City 122, Snyder 109, Winters 83, Grape Creek 83, Forsan 78, Coahoma 58, Post 36, Loraine 11, Hermleigh 11.

JUNIOR VARSITY Post Boys: 1st place team finish, 162 points

100 M: 1st, Nathaniel Gill, 11.82, 200 M: 3rd, Matt Nava, 25.92; 5th, Parker Loftus, 26.57, 400 M: 1st, Caden Dean, 58.93; 2nd, Alan Alaniz, 59.09; 3rd, Christian Pena, 60.96, 800 M: 2nd, Zach Bush, 2:22:96, 1600 M: 1st, Isaac Stern, 5:25:04; 3rd, Tyler Jones, 5:26:63; 4th, Bush, 5:39:73, 3200 M: 1st, Stern, 11:55:21, 400 M Relay: 5th, Vance Blair, Gill, Loftus, Paqe Jones, 48:22, 800 M Relay: 4th, Blair, Gill, Loftus, P. Jones, 1:43:65, 1600 M Relay: 2nd, Dean, Alaniz, Christian Pena, Campbell Kirkpatrick, 3:54:37, 110 M Hurdles: 2nd, Kirkpatrick, 19.28, 300 M Hurdles: 2nd, Kirkpatrick, 46.26, Triple Jump: 1st, Pena, 36'9.5", High Jump: 4th, Taylor Soto, 5'6", Discus: 2nd, Travis Greathouse, 104'10";

3rd, Aaron Macy, 101' 1.5", Shot Put: 1st, Macy, 37'10"; 2nd, Gill, 36' 9.5" and Team Totals: Post 162, Snyder 132, Grape Creek 102, Colorado City 67, Forsan 62, Coahoma 57.

Abernathy Invitational High School Track and Field Results (March 25, 2011)

Post Girls: 4th place team finish, 103 points

200 M Dash: 3rd, Haily Berry, 27:81, 400 M Dash: 2nd, Miranda Solarzano, 1:04:73; 4th, Taylor Osborn, 1:05:77; 5th, Mariah Morales, 1:06:40, 800 M Run: 3rd, Mariah Morales, 2:37:89, 1600 M Run: 4th, Andi Soliz, 6:43:93, 3200 M Run: 4th, Andi Soliz, 15:22:88, 300 M Hurdles: 5th, Solarzano, 54.29, 400 M Relay: 3rd, 53:56; Solarzano, Osborn, Matti Smith, Berry, 1600 M Relay: 2nd, 4:24:62; Berry, Osborn, Smith, Morales, High Jump: 6th, Shirley Araiza, 4'8", Long Jump: 6th, Smith, 14' 2.75", Triple Jump: 1st, H. Berry, 35' 5.5", Shot Put: 2nd, Kaylyn Villalon, 32' 11.5" and Discus: 1st, Villalon, 121' 9"

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cream cone for five dollars. United donated the drinks to go with the lunches. All proceeds will be going to the Post Little League. A total of \$3300.00 was presented to League President Ted Thomas. "We sold out in less than two and half hours (500 sandwiches). We and Little

League are very appreciative of the Community Support and all the Little League kids will reap the benefits," stated Warden Kerry Dixon. The grilling team included Pit Master Larry Bond, Kevin Robertson, Clay Ham, Dick Odom, and Fred Postell. The grilling team

will be competing in the annual Chicken Wings Cook Off at Buffalo Springs Lake the 15th ad 16th of April. The Dalby Grilling Team would really appreciate it if our community members would to make an effort to attend and support our hometown grilling team.

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.

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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.

2011 Varsity Tennis Season Results

(All Tennis events were held at Levelland)

April 2, 2011

Mixed Doubles: 2nd, Amber Wilson & Tavish Soto

March 25, 2011

Mixed Doubles: 2nd, Amber Wilson & Tavish Soto
JV Boys Doubles: 3rd, Zach Hinkle & Manuel Lopez
JV Boys Singles: 2nd, Henry Apolinar

March 4, 2011

Every student athlete won at least one match.
Mixed Doubles: 1st, Amber Wilson & Tavish Soto
Boys Singles: 2nd, Henry Apolinar
Girls Doubles: 3rd, Katelyn Elmore & Monica Ziska
Boys Doubles: 4th, Manuel Lopez & Zach Hinkle

See more on line at PostSportsPage.com.

Wildflowers at Copper Breaks State Park

QUANAH - Wildflowers of Texas will be the Campsite Talk on Saturday, April 16 at 3 p.m. at Copper Breaks State Park. Freelance photographer and Texas Master Naturalist Laurie Hall will give a short power point presentation in the park headquarters followed by a wildflower walk along part of the park trail system.

blessed with an astounding variety of native wildflowers and plants," said Hall. "Here at Copper Breaks, we will be able to explore these plants and their historical uses, use in landscaping, and even their value as food or medicine." Laurie is an active participant in the Texas Master Naturalist program and she frequently volunteers at Copper Breaks. Many of

her wildlife and nature photos can be viewed on Flickr.com. For more information on the Wildflower program, or other park programs or facilities, contact the park daily at (940)839-4331 during regular business hours. Copper Breaks State Park is located 13 miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6.

Thanks for reading!

Legal Notice

Proclamation

Whereas, the need for rain in an intense craving felt by all of the South Plains; and

Whereas, the Lord ; proclaims in 2 Chronicles 7: 13-14, "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked way, then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sin and will heal their land"; and

Whereas Phillipians 4:6 commands us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God", and

Whereas the South Plains should join together praying that God will grant us provision of water in the right amounts at the right time and replenish our reservoirs; and

Whereas it is appropriate for the City Council and the citizens of Post to recognize the value of corporate prayer,

Now, Therefore, we the Mayor and City Council of Post, TX do hereby support a Week of Prayer and Fasting for Rain on the South Plains for April 11-17, 2011 by the signing of this Proclamation on the 29th day of March, 2011.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of March 2011.

Shirley Sharp
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Deana Watson
CITY SECRETARY

Legal Notice

Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters testamentary upon the estate of TROY LEONARD DEAN, deceased, was issued to me the undersigned on the 29th day of MARCH 2011, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to me at the address below given, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time required by law.

Notify c/o Preston Poole, Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356.

DATED: 29th day of MARCH 2011.

Denise Marie Etherton
DENISE MARIE ETHERTON, Independent Administratrix Estate of.
TROY LEONARD DEAN Cause #1935, Garza County, Texas.

Legal Notice

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SHERIFF

GARZA COUNTY v. BROWN, IDA MAE, DECD. DIANE BROWN IND/HEIR OF; GARZA COUNTY v. BUCHANAN, FRANCES, IF ALIVE AND IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF; GARZA CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT v. DIAZ, LIBORIO et ux; GARZA CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT v. CURTIS, MARGIE M. REED; GARZA CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT v. CROSS, JAMES; GARZA CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT v. PARKS, JAMES D.; GARZA CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT v. MORIN, SHERYL LYNN; GARZA CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT v. DAVIES, BESSIE, TRUSTEE FOR THE DAVIES 1988 FAMILY TRUST; GARZA CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT v. MCGARRITY, ROBERT P., JR.; GARZA CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT v. TATUM, JOHN TIMOTHY, et ux;

COPIES OF NOTICE OF SALE SHOULD BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING

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In order to comply with the statutes concerning the sale of real property the following format should be used:

1. A copy of the Notice of Sheriff's Sale should be sent to those persons listed above.
2. The sale should be held on **3rd day of May, 2011.**
3. Notice of Sheriff's Sale should be published in your local paper on the following dates:

a. Sometime during the week of the **8th of April, 2011.**

The first publication must be on or before the **13th day of April, 2011.**

- b. The 2nd week of publication must be during the week of **April 15th**
- c. The 3rd week of publication must be during the week of **April 22nd**

NOTE: The Order of Sale is not be published, but the document entitled "NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE" is to be published.

4. The notice needs to be published only once in each of the above weeks.
5. The sale should be held on the **3rd day of May, 2011, at 2:00 PM.** One of our attorneys will be in Post, Texas for the sale on the **3rd day of May, 2011.**
6. Please return to this office a completed copy of the enclosed "Bill of Costs" for the minimum bid purposes.
7. Please publish in a local paper, that being **Post Dispatch.**

If our firm can be of further assistance in this matter, please feel free to call on us.

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SECRET, GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
BY *[Signature]* DEPUTY

Please Note: These instructions are based upon notice requirements contained in the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Please **DO NOT ALTER** the dates requested because any changes could render the sale void.

Urban Rancher/Small Acreage short courses scheduled for May in Canyon

CANYON — The Texas AgriLife Extension Service of Randall County will be offering a three-part Urban Rancher/Small Acreage Short Course series this spring.

These educational programs are specifically designed for all small acreage landowners (5-10 acres in size) to learn how to better manage and maximize production of their property, said J.D. Ragland, AgriLife Extension agent for Randall County.

Each session will begin at 6:30 p.m. They will be held on May 12, 16 and 26 in the AgriLife Extension office for Randall County, 200 N. Brown Road.

At the May 12 session, Dr. Lance Baker, West Texas A&M University professor of

equine science, will introduce management needs for horses, including proper feed, nutrition and health care tips. And Sherri Robinson with LK Farms will present various aspects to the Miniature Hereford business and their suitable adoption for small acreage landowners.

During the May 19 program, Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, will discuss "Establishing Grasses and Management Requirements for Small Acre Landowners."

He will introduce various types of grasses and provide management recommendations. Additionally, Dr. B. Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist, will present "Weed Control/Products and Application Methods for Small Acre

Landowners."

The final meeting of the three-part series will be May 26, when Steve Cagle, with Landscape Supply, will provide landscape horticultural management recommendations regarding lawn and tree care for small acreage landowners, and Nich Kenny, AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist, will introduce low-water irrigation system options.

The cost will be a one-time fee of \$30 per participant which can be paid at the first program meeting. Attendance space is limited to the first 50. Interested participants must RSVP on or before May 2.

For more information and to RSVP, call the AgriLife Extension in Randall County at 806-468-5543.

Upcoming events at Caprock Canyon

We had a great turnout of visitors to Caprock Canyons State Park during Spring Break and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Many people just sat back and relaxed while others were out and about hiking, biking, horseback riding, and fishing.

All in all, it was a great experience for the old and young alike with many families catching up on some much needed time with family and friends.

Here's a look at what's in store for this month:

April 9:

*Canyon Walk & Talk, 10 a.m., Eagle Point Trail.

April 16:

*Hiking Through Time, 10 a.m., Upper Canyon Trail
*Caprock Critters, 8:30 p.m., Interpretive Amphitheater

April 23:

*Canyon Walk & Talk, 10 a.m., Eagle Point Trail
*Trail Ride, 10 a.m., Wild-horse Camping Area
*Kid's Fish Camp, 1 p.m., Lake Theo Pavilion
*Sunset Stroll, 8 p.m., Honea Flat Restroom Area

April 30:

*Hiking Through Time, 8 a.m., Upper Canyon Trail
*Geocaching 101, Treasure Hunting Made Fun, 9:30 a.m., Lake Theo Pavilion

*Bats of the Texas Panhandle-Plains & Clarity Tunnel, 8:30 p.m., Interpretive Amphitheater

Discovery Center Hours:

Saturdays 2-4 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. - Noon
Interpreter's Corner

I feel that I have been very

blessed to work with the staff and volunteers here at Caprock Canyons State Park. I felt proud to be a part of the crew here during Spring Break and the warm smiles and excited faces of our visitors left me with such a sense of appreciation for my job. Although we have such a beautiful, magnificent, awe-inspiring park, it all would not be a park itself without you, the visitor. You are what makes it all worthwhile and I enjoyed every minute of my time spent with you all while you were here. I am certainly proud to be a part of this great staff and group of volunteers who work so hard to make it all happen.

Hope to see you out at the park soon,
Le'Ann Pigg

Retired NFL players assist in research on specialized cholesterol test

HOUSTON — Retired NFL players have helped researchers at Baylor College of Medicine determine that a specialized cholesterol test may predict carotid plaques better in those with metabolic syndrome. The findings were presented at the American College of Cardiology 60th Annual Scientific Session & Expo and Innovation in Intervention: i2 Summit 2011 in New Orleans.

"We found that for most retired NFL players, a traditional fasting cholesterol test is a good way to detect carotid plaques, which are related to cardiovascular disease," said Dr. Salim S. Virani, assistant professor of medicine at BCM and a staff cardiologist at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center. "However, for those diagnosed with metabolic syndrome, a more specialized test may be needed."

Researchers were

comparing traditional cholesterol tests - which measure total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, LDL cholesterol and triglycerides - with a specialized test that measures levels such as the number of low density lipoprotein particles.

One of the reasons retired NFL players were used is because of their size.

"They have a higher risk of heart disease based on their size, especially those who played in the linemen positions during their professional careers. Many also suffer from metabolic syndrome, so they are an ideal group to study," said Virani. "While the cholesterol test can predict carotid plaques, more studies are needed to understand if this more specialized test will help predict cardiovascular outcomes."

Others who contributed to the study include: Drs.

Vijay Nambi and Christie M. Ballantyne, both with BCM; Andrew E. Lincoln, Reginald E. Dunn, and Dr. Andrew M. Tucker, all with the Sports Medicine Research Center, Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore; Dr. Khurram Nasir with the Yale University School of Medicine; Dr. Robert A. Vogel with the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore; and Dr. Arthur J. Roberts with the Living Heart Foundation in New Jersey.

This work was supported by a grant from the NFL Charities and the Houston VA Health Services Research & Development Center of Excellence. Virani is supported by a Department of Veteran Affairs Health Services Research and Development Services Career Development Award. Liposcience Inc (Raleigh, NC) performed the specialized lipid test.

Youth development workshop April 13

AMARILLO — A one-day Sequor Youth Development Initiative regional workshop will be held on April 13 in Amarillo.

The workshop will take place at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. with the workshop scheduled from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Continuing education units will be available for the sessions.

The Sequor Youth Development Initiative is a collaborative effort between Texas A&M University Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences Department and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service 4-H and Youth Development Department.

"Positive youth development is one of the

most critical initiatives we conduct," said Chris Boleman, co-chair of the Sequor Youth Development Initiative and the 4-H and youth development program director.

"The Sequor Youth Development Initiative provides us with unique opportunities to provide the latest in research and best practices to youth practitioners across the state," Boleman said. "We look forward to teaching and learning from the great youth development folks in the Amarillo area."

Dr. Angela Burkham, AgriLife Extension 4-H and youth development specialist, said this will be the first regional workshop in this area, and "we want all youth development professionals to take advantage of it."

The sessions will include:

- Youth and Technology: The Good, The Bad and the Intentional, Mat Duerden, AgriLife Extension specialist, College Station.
- Programming for Older Youth, Chris Boleman, Texas 4-H and Youth Development program director, College Station.
- Intentional Programming, Burkham.

Additionally, there will be some brief research updates on youth development today, she said. The conference is designed to meet the needs of practitioners, program directors and advisers who work daily with youth.


The workshop fee is \$50 for advanced registration and \$60 after April 6. It includes lunch and all workshop materials. Registration will be capped at 70.

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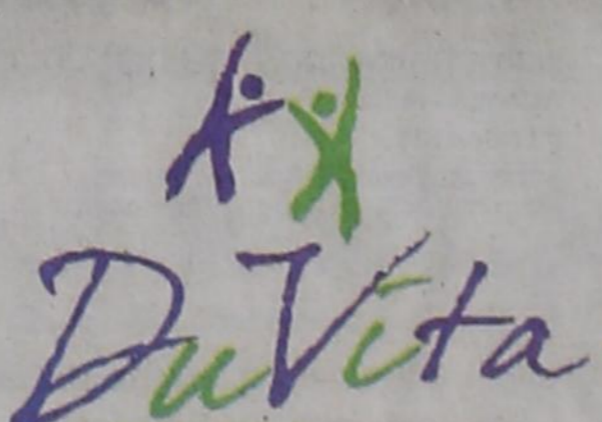
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