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Firefighter fund raisers outstanding success

By Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

Over the past few weeks, a number of different fundraisers have been underway for the Post and Justiceburg Volunteer Fire Departments. Some of the fundraisers were organized fundraisers like the Bar-B-Que held last Saturday evening in the school cafeteria that also included a silent auction along with two rifles donated by Mark and Drew Kirkpatrick that were raffled off. The fundraiser was well attended, all had a lot of fun and our firefighters were humbled by the show of support and gratitude. At the end of the evening \$26,300 dollars had been raised for the fire departments. The Post ISD students

raised over \$13,000.00 by various means such as door to door campaigning, selling services doing odd jobs, placing buckets for collections at businesses throughout the city, charging teachers money per day to be able to wear jeans or hats and caps to school and of course, the biggest effort, the bake sale held at United's. The students will continue collecting funds until the end of school to be added to what they have raised to date. On Friday at 3:15 the students will attend a presentation that will enable them to see just exactly what their \$13,000.00 proceeds have purchased for the departments. To see our young people step up, mostly by their own accord

and help out their community is heartwarming for sure. It gives renewed hope in a generation that will one day soon serve as or leaders. We see so much self-gratification in today's society, so much that is all about me that it is worrisome how our country can be led by such short thinkers. But then there are the students of Post ISD who come along and show us a true humanitarian spirit and we feel reassured that there are good, upstanding young people out there that will be our future. We are so proud of our hometown students!

Another fund was set up at Wells Fargo Bank under the foundation Brynn's Smiles

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Residents of Post turnout to support local firefighters fundraiser in large numbers. Photo By Jodi Lincoln



Photo By Jodi Lincoln

Congressman Randy Neugebauer with Ila Workman, Director at the Garza County Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center. Congressman Neugebauer and along with some of his staff joined citizens from the community for lunch and a face to face discussion to hear concerns felt by those in his District. Mayor Thressa Harp, Judge Lee Norman and his wife, Marsha were present, along with Mike Comeaux, Post ISD Superintendent and many of our local residents who enjoyed lunch that day at the center.

Politically Correct?

Politics is a topic I am not wild about discussing. Invariably, the conversation ends with all parties steamed about current issues, and unable to agree on many points. However, there is one political topic that must be talked about, no matter which side of the fence we find ourselves standing upon. We can all agree that not everyone likes every politician, and that every politician has their supporters and detractors. No matter how hard they try, politicians find their enemies in every city, on every street corner. What is perhaps more disturbing is the knowledge that politics is so polarized. To the republican, democrats can do no right. To the democrat, republicans can do no right. It's called partisan politics, and it is tearing our nation apart.

I was raised to respect and follow our nation's leaders. They may not always make the right decisions, and they may not always stand for the issues we want. They may support things that scrape against our values, and they may ignore the issues we find important. They may seem to turn a deaf ear toward their constituents, and they may seem to take advantage of others on their climb to power. Still yet, they need our support, not our darts.

It is no doubt that politics invades even this quiet community on a daily basis. With the death of Bin Laden this past week, people in Post will be discussing what comes next for weeks if not months. Whatever the answer may be to that burning question, it is a certainty that our leaders will need our support and prayers. The decisions they will need to make over the next span

of time will affect the entire nation and the world, including the peaceful West Texas town of Post. The next weeks will be burned into history for our descendants to study. Will they find a long list of mistakes they will want to avoid repeating, or will they find a nation that came together much like we did on 9/11?

Now is the time we need to show our leaders that we stand behind the decisions they make for this country. We may not agree with all of them, but what they decide will affect the lives of our service men and women for many years to come. This support starts at the local level. Post has city and civic leaders that have the ears of Washington politics. I can personally vouch for this, as I witnessed one of our congressmen patiently listen to his constituents as he ate a quiet lunch in a local setting with the mayor, school superintendent, county judge, and others. I witnessed a man doing his best to lend a sincere ear to those citizens. Those topics will go with him to Washington.

It is no secret that many of us feel that our nation has seen better days. When the nation suffers, so do we in Post. Yet we must give our voice in the November elections, and when those elections are completed, we should expect those officials to follow through with their campaign promises. Of course, no leader can keep all of them, and we should be sensitive to that fact. No leader will please everyone, and no leader will ever be perfect. I would challenge all of us to complain with our ballots one day every few years and stand behind our nation all the rest.

Post Notes

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce will have its annual Job Fair on Tuesday, May 17, at the Algeria Art Center at 131 E. Main, from noon - 3:00 p.m. All employers are invited

to have a booth to take applications or hand out information. There is no charge for Post Area Chamber of Commerce members and \$25 for non-members. Please call the Chamber

office if you are interested in participating in this event - 495-3461.

Post Elementary 2nd grade students will have a concession stand at the north west corner of the track on Friday, April 6, from 8:30-2:30, during Field Day. From 11:30-1:30, we will have sausage wrap meal deals available for pick-up. All proceeds will go to the Post

Volunteer Fire Department.

Holy Cross Catholic Church will sponsor a fish fry to benefit our local volunteer fire fighters. Fish and all the trimmings will be served Friday, May 6, 2011 5:00pm-7:00pm \$8.00 a plate. Donations accepted.

The Post Lions Club will be sponsoring our Annual Crawfish Festival Food,

Dance, Raffle and Silent Auction on June 4th to help the Garza County Library continue to operate. Due to recent State funding cuts, the Friends of the Library & Post Lions wanted to help. Please watch for further information and/or contact any Post Lion.

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Saw a very good movie at the Tower Saturday, "Soul Surfer". The movie was very good. I was impressed by the number of young people that attended. We are fortunate to have the Tower. We as residents of Post need to patronize the Tower, so it can remain open. Thanks Mike!

Obituaries



ADDIE LATSON

Services for Addie Faye Taylor Latson, 81, of Post were held at 2 PM Monday, May 2, 2011 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Arthur Kelly of Pleasant Home Baptist Church officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at her home in Post. She was born September 23, 1929 in Arp, Texas to Alvord and Charcie (Bailey) Daniel. She married Raymond Latson on October 6, 1976 in

Tahoka. He preceded her in death on September 9, 1985. She was a homemaker and a faithful member of Pleasant Home Baptist Church.

Survivors include 6 Daughters: Mary Daniel of Dallas, Zeathy Grady of Los Angeles, California, Carrie Gilbert of Post, Helen Reed Curtis of Post, Verta Taylor of Midland and Bobbie Taylor of Midland; 4 Sons: A. D. Taylor Sr. of Post, Elgin Taylor of Midland, Jessie Taylor of Austin and Alvin Taylor of Midland; 1 Sister: Lorraine Caldwell of Arp, 35 Grandchildren and 28 Great Grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

MARY ECKOLS

Graveside services for Mary Eula Eckols, 74, were held at 10 AM Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at Terrace Cemetery with Rev. Scott Richards of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the

direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mary died peacefully April 30, 2011 at a nursing facility in Round Rock, Texas following a lengthy illness.

She was born April 1, 1937 in Fort Davis, Texas to Phil and Katherine Trammell. She married Darrell Eckols on November 29, 1956 in Lovington, NM. Prior to her illness, she was a funeral director and worked for both Hudman Funeral Home in Post and Parsons Funeral Home in Friona.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Survivors include a daughter, Phillis Hill of Little River, Texas; a sister, Lucy Duston of Clear Lake City, Texas; a brother, Joe Trammell of Levelland, Texas; a Granddaughter, Stephanie Hill Parker of Cibolo, Texas; a Grandson, Tyler Hill of Houston, Texas; and a Great Grandson, Raley Parker of Cibolo, Texas.

Chamber News

There is no excuse to be board in Post this weekend. The Post City Bike Fest will be at the Rodeo Arena all weekend; Holy Cross Catholic Church is having a fish fry on Friday night from 5-7 to benefit the firefighters; Garza Theatre is opening "The 39 Steps" with performances on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Ragtown Gospel Theater will have its last two perfor-

mances of "Heaven - A Divine Comedy" on Friday at 7:30 and Saturday at 3:00.

All day Saturday you can shop at Post City Trade Day in downtown Post. Besides the great local merchants that are always there, we will also have outside vendors selling their wares.

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: Gold Member - GILES & NELDA DALBY and Silver Member - CAPROCK HEIRLOOM.



Have you ever bought a can without a label and then been surprised?

It was like that last week when I shopped for green beans and bought turnip greens. That's what I get for leaving my glasses in the car. At least my husband likes turnip greens.

The last-minute menu change meant I had to scramble some. I don't remember our entrée. Memory loss goes with failing eyesight. But whatever our main item was, it went OK with the turnip greens. I remember that.

Turnip greens, however, call for cornbread. With no time for baking, I let the greens simmer while I skillet-fried corn fritters. I don't think that's exactly the right name for them. Memory fails again. Maybe I never did know what you're supposed to call cornbread cooked like pancakes. Mother never fixed them. That's my excuse. Anyway, they're almost the same as cornbread.

In the end, all that ended up out of kilter was our potatoes - instant mashed rather than fried. You can eat mashed potatoes with cornbread. We did.

There you have it. Not quite being able to see makes life more of an adventure - even at church, where the challenge is trying to figure out where to sit now that words and music are projected onto a big screen. Experimenting to determine the optimum viewing distance means meeting new people every Sunday. Maybe they're unsettled too. Call it musical pews.

As for printed material in general, it's mostly gotten smaller. Of course, people

like me just need to wear the right glasses, whatever that means. I think it means buying lots of pairs of various strengths and styles and having them here and there, close at hand as well as around the neck (where they weren't when I bought the turnip greens).

Here's a trick for you: If one pair of glasses isn't enough, add another pair. I'm the only person I know who employs this technique, but it works. I think I discovered it. Layered glasses. Maybe I'll start a trend.

But what I'd most like to do is inspire someone to invent and market shower glasses. Somebody already has designed a shower radio - a waterproof receiver that, if memory serves, hangs on a cord like shower soap, another handy invention. Come to think of it, I've seen neither lately. Maybe both soap and radio were fads. But if somebody would invent shower glasses, they'd sell well. Surely many aging Boomers besides me can't read the small print on a bottle of shampoo with the naked eye.

What small print? The word that tells you if it's really shampoo or if you've grabbed the conditioner by mistake.

Not only is "shampoo" written small. It's crowded against "shampooing" for the French and "champu" for Spanish speakers. We sell them short. They could all figure out "shampoo."

And so could I, if only I could see it.

Granted, it's all part of the above-referenced adventurous life, but I don't like being surprised by conditioner. Better turnip greens.

Yesteryears

10 Years Ago

Old Mill Trade Days celebrated 7th anniversary.

Zoe Kirkpatrick was candidate for Re-election Garza Hospital District.

Ranch Dance Fiddler Band performed on stage at Old Mill Trade Days with Ricky Boen Texas and Mud performing the next Saturday.

20 Years Ago

A new mayor in office as challenger Jim Jackson collected 312 votes over incumbent Giles McCrary's 222. Council members Larry Mills and Dan Lamb both won reelection over Marion Cruse.

Angela Tobias, daughter of Frank and Carol Tobias winner of National Merit Scholarship. Angela attended North Texas State University.

Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Stewart celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

30 Years Ago

After being in business here for almost 40 years, Clint Herring, sold Danish Import business to Jerri Lott

and Patty Kirkpatrick.

Tim Tatum, place second in persuasive speaking at the UIL regional contest.

Post VFW post sponsored a benefit barbecue to raise funds to help Girlstown rebuild a dormitory that had been destroyed by fire.

40 Years Ago

Martin's Department Store closed after six and one-half years of operation and will be succeeded at the same location by Marshall Department Store.

Sue Dorner and Sheri Hutto were named "Girl of the Year" by Xi Delta Rho and Mu Alpha chapters of Beta Sigma Phi, at the Founders Day Banquet.

50 Years Ago

Elisabeth Tubbs, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Tubbs, was Valedictorian of the 8th grade class. The salutatorian is Barbara Hahn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hahn, and Teddy Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Scott was the top ranking boy in the graduating class.

Funeral service for Fred Brenning Robinson, 77, died

May 27. He came to Post in 1907 and helped build many of the town's first business buildings, was conducted at First Baptist Church.

Three first place winners in the Women's Culture Club's annual flower Show were Mrs. Leo Acker, Mrs. Ralph Welch, and Mrs. Walter Born. Other winners were Mrs. Ronald Babb, formal, Mrs. J. P. Manly, miniature, and Miss Martha Blodgett, artificial.

Norm Cash, whose fourth home run of the season sparked the rampaging Detroit Tigers to a 6 - 3 win over Washington, also shined in fielding his position at first base.

60 Years Ago

Eddie Ray Baker, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baker of Post won the 136 pound class title at the State AAU wrestling match at Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Young celebrated their Golden Anniversary.

Mrs. Elmo Bush honored her son, Jerry with a birthday party in her home.

PRAY FOR RAIN!

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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!

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

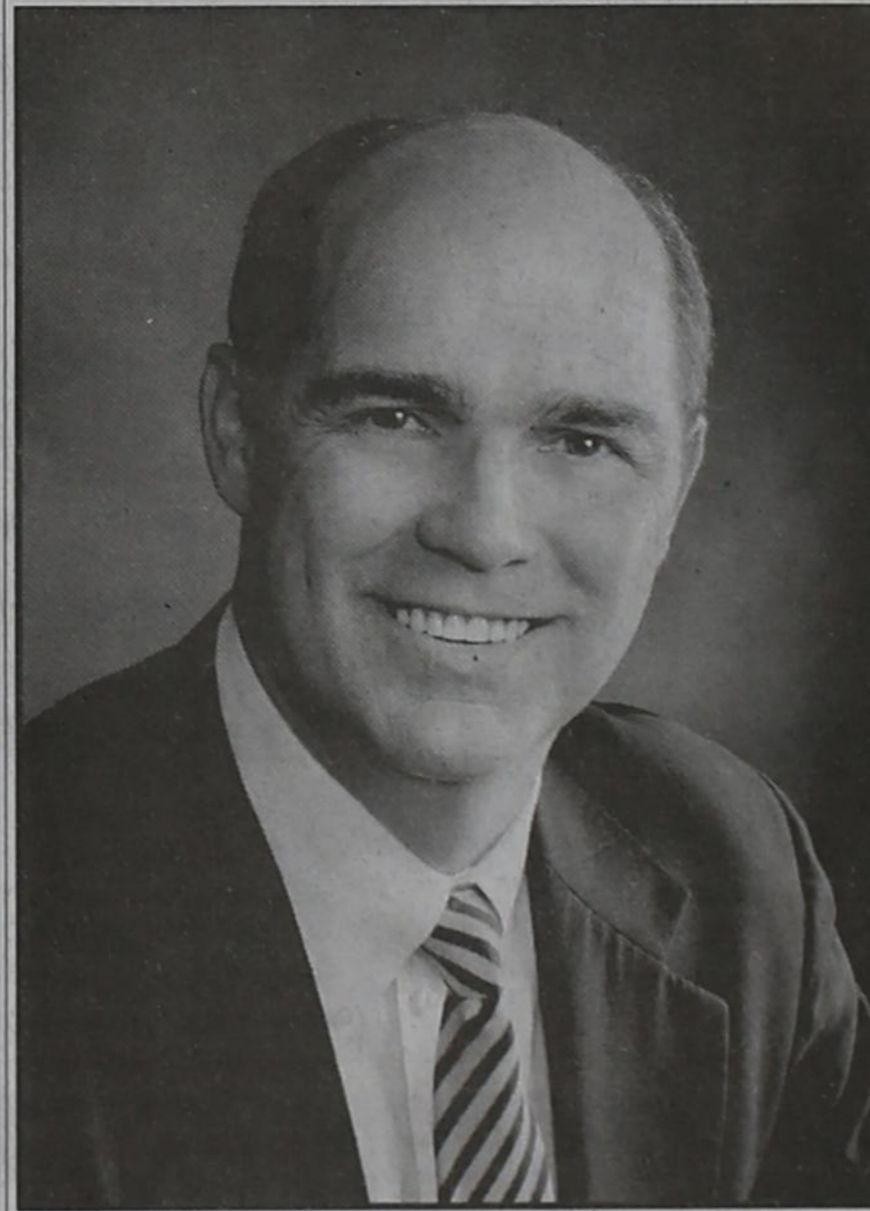
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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

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ANSWER:

United
Supermarkets

Former Post resident accepted into Harvard Business School



(LUBBOCK) - David can Bank of Commerce M. Harmon, Chief Executive Officer of Ameri-

can Bank of Commerce has been accepted into the 2011 Executive Education Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School.

Johnny McCowen serves American Bank of Commerce as Senior Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer. With twenty-one years of outstanding and loyal service, he is responsible for financial and accounting operations for the bank and serves as secretary to the Board of Directors. McCowen is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a B.B.A. in Finance, the Texas Tech University School of Banking and the University Of Colorado Graduate School Of Banking.

After a brief leave of absence to pursue this educational opportunity, McCowen will return to ABC Bank and continue to serve as Chief Financial Officer.

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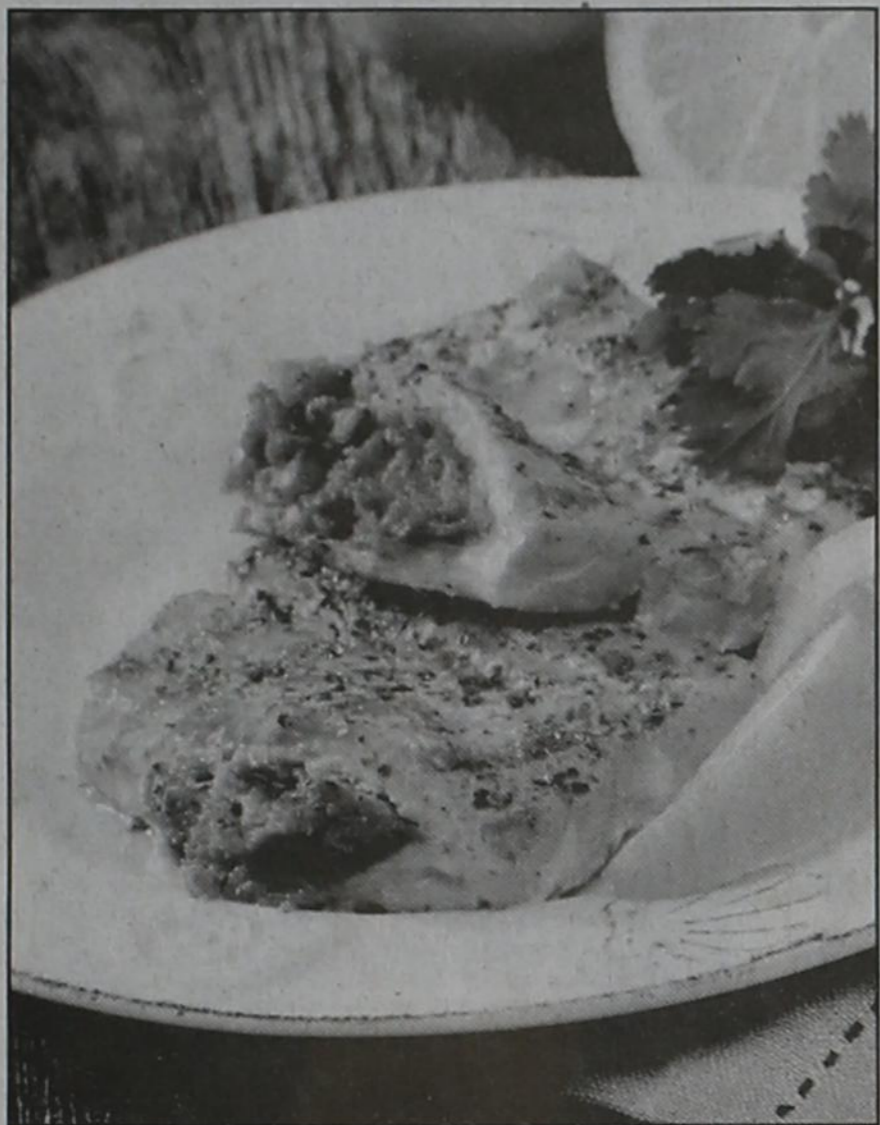
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Beef Steak Soft Tacos
Marinade:
2/3 cup prepared Italian dressing
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
1 tablespoon chili powder

Beef Tacos:
2 boneless beef chuck shoulder steaks, cut 3/4 inch thick (about 1-1/2 pounds)
12 small flour tortillas, warmed

Toppings:
Thinly sliced lettuce, chopped tomato, dairy sour cream, guacamole

Combine marinade ingredients in small bowl. Place beef steaks and marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or as long as overnight, turning occasionally. Remove steaks; discard marinade. Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 14 to 17 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasion-

ally.
Carve into thin slices; season with salt. Serve in tortillas with toppings.

Wholly Lime Cheeseburgers
2 pounds lean ground beef
1/2 lime, juiced
1 teaspoon garlic
1/2 cup diced onion
1/2 cup diced tomatoes
6 slices Monterey Jack cheese
6 hamburger buns
Your favorite flavor of Wholly Guacamole

In a large bowl mix together ground beef, lime juice, garlic, onion and tomatoes. Form meat into 6 patties.

Cook burgers to desired doneness on a preheated grill. Add a slice of cheese to each burger during the last minute of cooking. Serve on toasted buns with a healthy dollop of guacamole.

This recipe also makes great sliders. For a leaner version, use ground turkey instead of ground beef.
Avocado Stuffed Salmon
2 packages lemon butter grilled salmon, defrosted
1 cup spicy Wholly Guacamole
1 egg yolk

In a bowl, combine guacamole, egg yolk, bread crumbs and lemon zest to make stuffing.
Preheat your oven to 350. Using a sharp serrated knife, cut a pocket into the side of each piece of salmon.



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Grill Up the Unexpected
A lot of fruits and vegetables are easy to cook over the coals. Try:

- Zucchini
- Eggplant
- Portobello mushrooms
- Corn
- Romaine hearts
- Pineapple
- Onion (sliced thick)
- Stone fruits like peaches, plums and mangoes

Marinate Meats
When grilling lean meat, use a flavorful marinade with some acidic ingredients (like citrus juices) to help break down tough meat fibers. Make sure the marinade covers the meat entirely, and let it do its magic for several hours or overnight. Some bold ingredients to experiment with:

- Chili sauce
- Olive oil
- Lemon or lime juice

- Soy sauce
- Worcestershire sauce
- Molasses
- Garlic
- Red pepper flakes

Top It Off
In addition to the good old grilling standbys like ketchup or barbecue sauce, set out some tasty toppers that can work on just about anything:

- Roasted red peppers
- Caramelized onions
- Spicy Wholly Guacamole
- Pickled jalapeno peppers
- Chipotle or basil mayo
- Wholly Salsa
- Smoked cheese slices

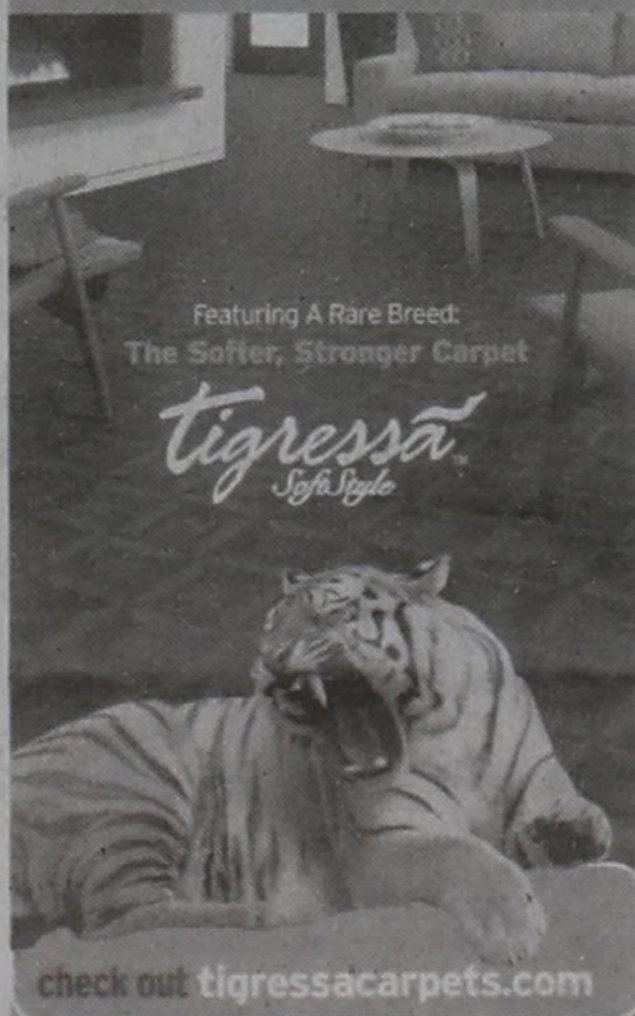
When you're ready to fire up some flavor, try these recipes from Wholly Guacamole. Made with all-natural ingredients, Wholly Guacamole can be found in the produce section of your grocery store. For more recipes, visit www.eatwholly.com.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

News
I think we actually got just a little shower Saturday night but it wasn't enough to measure. I always tell my kids....."Be thankful for what you have and what you get and don't complain about what you don't get or have". So I am thankful for that little shower but still keeping rain in my prayers... please do the same cuz we need rain in bad way now.

G.B. and Robbie traveled to Breckinridge over the

weekend to visit with Jenny and Efrain and watch Jake and Lexi play ball. Jake and Lexi their niece and nephew and the grandkids of Jerry and Lilly (Wilke) Wright who live in Lovington.

Saturday night we all gathered at Mom and Dad's to celebrate Daddy's birthday. Salli, Journey and Jolie came down as well. Everyone was there except for Trevah and Kale who were in Amarillo for Kale's baseball games.

Mothers Day is this weekend so from all of us here in Ragtown we wish each and every Mom out there a very Happy Mothers Day!

Get Wells

Clinton Yarbro spent a night in the hospital after having surgery on his broken hand. Hope your feeling better!

Did you know?

Cotton was originally not only grown in white, but assorted other colors including brown, rust and

light purple.

Visitors

Al Craig along with his son, Chris and Chris' girlfriend, Suzette who both live in Colorado stopped by and visited for a bit and went thru the gin just showing Suzette where and how cotton is ginned. April came out and got a cap order from us, they should be here in a couple of weeks. So if your in need of a new one come out and visit, buy ya a new cap, get outa the

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Close City Birthdays

May 5th - Chris Craig
May 9th - Tim Tanner
May 10th - Kimberly Craig Yarbro

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 are.....W.C. and Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; Doug and Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham in Post; Odie Kemp in Tahoka;

Jean Tipton in San Angelo; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Slaton; Doris Wilson in Castorville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock; Lula Jo Stewart also in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list. Everyone have a great week, be safe and keep rain and our troops in your daily prayers and send me your news! See ya next week.

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God's Steadfast Love

Read Hosea 11:1-11

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-Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

STEPHEN was our determined, defiant son. When he was a toddler, I rescued him from oncoming traffic. When he was a child, I rescued him from snakes and other varmints. When he was a teenager, I rescued him from a raging trash fire. But I couldn't rescue Stephen from the bad choices he made as an adult, especially from his choice to leave God out of his decision-making.

My love for Stephen never wavered throughout his 30 years of life. Did I love him any less on the day he died than on the day he was born? No. Because he is my son, he was and always will be a part of me.

Like Stephen with me, I am one of God's defiant children. Regardless of my bad choices and rebellious acts, God doesn't stop loving me. Since I am in Christ Jesus, nothing can separate me from God's love -- not angels, rulers, current events, or the future; not the powers of this world or the spiritual world; not the heights of ecstasy or the depths of despair. I belong to my Savior, the One who gave me eternal life. I am forever bound to Christ by the steadfast love of God. Nothing can separate me from the Lord.

Jean Matthew Hall (North Carolina, USA)

"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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Deuteronomy 6:5

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May 9th - May 10th
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Ham, Egg, & C
Biscuit, Fruit,
Tuesday
Donut, Sausage L
Milk
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Cowboy Bread,
Link, Fruit,
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9 - May 10
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Post ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu
May 9th - May 13th

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Monday
Ham, Egg, & Cheese
Biscuit, Fruit, Milk

Monday
Burrito, Salad, Spanish Rice,
Fruit, Reece Cup, Milk

Tuesday
Donut, Sausage Link, Fruit,
Milk

Tuesday
Pizza, Salad, Corn, Peaches,
Milk

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

Wednesday
Chicken Nuggets, whipped
Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot
Roll, Jello, Milk

Thursday
Cowboy Bread, Sausage
Link, Fruit, Milk

Thursday
Frito Pie, Broccoli w/
Cheese, Pinto Beans,
Cornbread, Fruit, Milk

Friday
Cereal, Graham Cracker,
Fruit, Juice, Milk

Friday
Chicken Burger, Tater Tots,
Baked Beans, Apple, Milk

Lunch Menu

Southland ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu for May
9 - May 13

Hamburgers, Lettuce,
Pickles, Tomatoes, Ranch
Flavored Potatoes, Fruit,
Chocolate Pudding, Milk

Monday
Pancake on a Stick, Fruit,
Juice, Milk

Tuesday
Chicken Fajita Meat, Rice,
Broccoli & Cheese, Bread
Stick, Fruit, Milk

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

Wednesday
Chicken Chalupas, Refried
Beans, Tossed Salad,
Oranges, Chocolate Cake,
Milk

Wednesday
Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice,
Milk

Thursday
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Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Thursday
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Tomato, Fruited Gelatin,
Milk

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

Friday
Chicken Patty Sandwich,
Baked Chips, Chili Beans,
Fruit, Milk

Lunch Menu for May 9 -
May 13

Monday

Trailblazers Menu

May 9th - May 13th

Chicken Spaghetti, Fried
Zucchini, Salad, Garlic
Toast, Cobbler

Monday
Barbecue on Bun, Baked
Beans, Potato Salad,
Chocolate Pudding

Thursday
Pork Loin, Butter Beans,
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Tuesday
Hamburger Steak, Pinto
Beans, Spinach, Cornbread,
Pie

Friday
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Wednesday

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

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

TETF continues to Attract Top Researchers

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today emphasized the importance of the Texas Emerging Technology Fund (TETF) following the release of an audit of the program by the State Auditor's Office (SAO). The SAO report finds no fraud or violation of state law in the operation of the TETF, nor does it find any political basis for the awarding of TETF money. The Governor's Office (OOG) is already implementing many recommendations from the report, and will continue utilizing the TETF to invest in emerging technology companies and bring top researchers to Texas.

"In Texas, we've fostered an environment that encourages individuals to risk their capital and create innovative, groundbreaking technologies that have the potential to impact lives, not just in our state, but around the world," Gov. Perry said. "The program has continued to improve research at our universities by bringing world renowned research teams to Texas, and is helping put Texas on the path to becoming the next Silicon Valley. My office looks forward to implementing additional recommendations to improve the accountability and transparency of this important program."

The Governor's Office and SAO have been working together on the audit for several months. Additionally, the OOG has

completed an internal review and consequently created a Compliance and Oversight Division (COD) consisting of experienced auditors and contract compliance staff within the OOG to improve the office's review of companies that receive TETF funds, and strengthen decision-making processes.

The creation of the new COD is just one step that the OOG has taken in its continual efforts to improve the operations and results of the TETF program. The SAO has identified several additional recommendations, and the OOG looks forward to implementing those that will maintain public confidence in and promote the legislative purpose of this important program.

The TETF is a \$200 million initiative created by the Texas Legislature in 2005 at the governor's request, and reauthorized in 2007 and again in 2009. A 17-member advisory committee of high-tech leaders, entrepreneurs and research experts reviews potential projects and recommends funding allocations to the governor, lieutenant governor and speaker of the House. To date, the TETF has allocated more than \$196.2 million in funds to 132 early stage companies, and nearly \$173 million in grant matching and research superiority funds to Texas universities.

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.

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Corbin McDonald Qualifies in Five Events

By Jim Plummer
PostSportsPage.com

Post's track and field athletes fared well at the recent District 3-2A meets.

Five Lady Lopes and five Antelopes advanced to the upcoming 2A-Region 1 meet in Odessa May 2 and 3. This Friday, April 22, the groups of varsity athletes will participate in a practice meet for the regional qualifiers at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

In the district meet on April 9 at Denver City, the activities were hindered by high winds and dust enough that the hurdles were held up by volunteers until the runners were ready to jump. But the show went on and was completed.

The top three finishers in each event qualified for a trip to the regional meet. The Lady Lopes, whom placed third in the meet, were led by sophomore Haily Berry who placed in the 200 meter dash, the long jump and the triple jump. Also, she'll join Taylor Osborn, Matti Smith and Mariah Morales on the 1600 meter relay team. The young runners finished first at district with a time of 4:31:86. Morales also qualified in the 800 meter run.

Meanwhile, Kaylyn Villalon threw her way to first place in the discus and third in the shot put and will represent Post in those events at the regional competition.

A few Antelopes will also go to Odessa in May. Post junior Corbin McDonald qualified in five events by placing first in the triple jump and high jump, third in the 200 meter dash and as part of the 800 meter and 1600 meter relay teams. The Lopes finished third and first respectively. Joining McDonald in the 800 meter relay are Vance Blair, Matt Soto and freshman D.J. Brown. In the 1600, were Soto, Brown and Dalton Holly. Also, Brown finished second in the 100 meter dash with a time of 10.87 and will travel to the regional meet on May 2 and 3.

District 3-2A High School Track & Field Meet @ Denver City (April 9, 2011)

Post Varsity Girls: 3rd place team finish, 20 points

200 M Dash: 2nd, Haily Berry, 28:50; 7th, Jaycee Johnson, 29:55.
400 M Dash: 4th, Miranda Solarzano, 1:09:52; 5th, Taylor Osborn, 1:07:68
800 M Run: 3rd, Mariah Morales, 2:47:05
1600 M Run: 5th, Kim Rivera, 6:48:77
3200 M Run: 6th, Rivera, 14:58:74

400 M Relay: 5th, 53:36; Solarzano, Osborn, Matti Smith, Berry
1600 M Relay: 1st, 4:31:86; Berry, Osborn, Smith, Morales
Long Jump: 2nd, Berry, 16' 3/4"
Triple Jump: 1st, Berry, 36' 2"; 5th, Johnson, 33' 4 1/4"
Shot Put: 3rd, Kaylyn Villalon, 32' 6 1/4"; 6th, Sara Greer, 27' 10 1/4"
Discus: 1st, Villalon, 139' 9"; 4th, Greer, 90' 7"
Team Totals: Forsan 117, Denver City 98, Post 90, Roosevelt 86, Colorado City 82, Slaton 72, Stanton 56, Coahoma 16.

Post Varsity Boys: 6th place team finish, 68 points

100 M Dash: 3rd, DJ Brown, 10.87
200 M Dash: 3rd, Corbin McDonald, 23:12
800 M Relay: 3rd, Vance Blair, Corbin McDonald, Matt Soto, Brown, 1:33:71
1600 M Relay: 1st, Matt Soto, Corbin McDonald, Brown, Dalton Holly, 3:32:90
Triple Jump: 1st, Corbin McDonald; 4th, Brown, 41' 5";
High Jump: 1st, McDonald, 5'10"
Team Totals: Roosevelt 124, Slaton 102, Stanton 80, Denver City 72, Forsan 68, Post 68, Colorado City 49, Coahoma 48.

Post Junior Varsity Boys: 2nd place team finish, 109 points

100 M Dash: 1st, Nathaniel Gill, 11.24
400 M Dash: 2nd, Caden Dean, 55.86; 6th, Alan Alaniz, 60.80
800 M Run: 1st, Tyler Jones, 2:22:36; 5th, Zach Bush, 2:28:17
1600 M Run: 1st, Isaac Stern, 5:35:90; 2nd, T. Jones, 5:47:52; 4th, Bush, 5:53:14
3200 M Run: 1st, Stern, 12:47:42
400 M Relay: 6th, Parker Loftus, Gill, Troy Copeland, Pake Jones, 49:68
1600 M Relay: 4th, Dean, Alaniz, Christian Pena, Campbell Kirkpatrick, 3:57:90
110 M Hurdles: 2nd, Taylor Soto, 17.65; 5th, Kirkpatrick, 19.33
300 M Hurdles: 5th, Kirkpatrick, 46.52; 6th, Soto, 49.42
Triple Jump: 3rd, Pena, 38' 2"
High Jump: 3rd, Soto, 5'4"
Shot Put: 2nd, Armondo Martinez, 38' 9.5"; 6th, Gill, 36' 1"
Team Totals: Roosevelt 212, Post 109, Stanton 75, Denver City 60, Slaton 49, Forsan 39, Coahoma 37, Colorado City 32.

See more online at PostSportsPage.com.

Two Post Track-a-letes Heading to State

By Jim Plummer
PostSportsPage.com

(ODESSA) Kaylyn Villalon and Corbin McDonald are headed to Austin in field events. On the first day of the 2-A Regional meet at Odessa, Villalon threw the discus 135' 9" for a first place finish in the girls competition. Meanwhile, McDonald reached the 6' 3" mark and placed second in the boys' high jump.

In Tuesday's action, McDonald

again exhibited his leaping ability this time winning the Triple Jump event with a mark of 45' 8".

Both Villalon and McDonald qualified to participate in the state field events in Austin, May 13 and 14. Running through the preliminary events on Monday and into Tuesday's final races of the regional meet, Post High School's Haily Berry finished 5th in the 200 meter dash and Darren (DJ) Brown placed

6th in the 100 meter dash. Berry also claimed 5th place in the girls' triple jump.

Both the boys 800 meter relay team (McDonald, Vance Blair, Matt Soto and Brown) and the boys 1600 meter relay (McDonald, Soto, Brown and Dalton Holly) finished in 8th place in the finals.

See more online at PostSportsPage.com.

Varsity softball round-up

3-2A District Playoff: COAHOMA 10, POST 0 (4/25/11)

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Baseball Round-up VARSITY

COLORADO CITY 10, POST 8 (4/22/11)

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L-Pitcher: Vance Blair

Stats: Ernie Saldivar - 3 for 4, 2 runs, RBI; Vance Blair - 2 for 3, run; Jacob Perez - 2B; Aaron Macy - 2 for 4, run, RBI; Aaron Perez - 2 for 4; Pake Jones - 2 for 2, Sac, 2 runs; Dalton Holly - 2 runs.

Build the monument art exhibit

By Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

The Post Art Guild and the Post Dispatch will host a two day art exhibit May 6-7, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Algerita Art Center of a maquette that represents the completed monument that is scheduled to be built on the grounds of the state capitol. Artist Duke Sundt is the artist who commissioned to design and sculpt the monument Linda Puckett,

Director of the Garza County Historical Museum, will also have some memorabilia from past wars to exhibit. After a short dedication, guests are invited to stay and have refreshments as they explore the art exhibits.

During the 79th Legislative Session, House concurrent resolution 36 was unanimously passed and signed into law by Governor Rick Perry on May 20, 2005.

This resolution allows a monument to be placed on the Texas Capital grounds in honor of over half a million Texans who fought and served in Viet Nam. During the war, 3,415 Texans made the ultimate sacrifice and currently there are over 100 (MIA) Missing In Action.

The monument will reflect the racial diversity of Texas and recognize the diversity of skills the military branches

represent.

No tax dollars will be used to construct the monument and will be built through tax deductible donations. To donate, contact the Post Dispatch or the Garza County Historical Museum.

Upon completion of the monument, Patrick Reilly, who has spearheaded the fund drive will donate the only bronze maquette to Texas A & M.

Emergency Calls, Assumptions, and a Thanksgiving Turkey

Editorial: The Post Dispatch is pleased to welcome Dr. Kerry Wink as a weekly contributor to the Dispatch with a pet forum that he will write each week. Please feel free to send in your questions about pet health care if you have a particular topic you would like to see Dr. Wink address. Thank you Dr. Wink and welcome to our Dispatch family of contributing correspondents.

By Dr. Kerry Wink, DVM

"Kerry. Kerry, wake up." my wife nudges me awake. Looking at the clock I see it's only 10pm, but feels like 2 in the morning. It's Tuesday before Thanksgiving and I was the lucky 'newbie' to be on call all week for the Thanksgiving holiday. After a long day of seeing over 50 patients, handling 3 after-hour emergencies, and getting home at 9pm, I was plain tired. Skipping supper, I headed to bed only to have my wife waking me 30

minutes into peaceful sleep. "It's the answering service" she says handing me the phone.

"Dr. Wink, I have a man on the phone with an emergency. Would you like me to transfer?" I answered yes while thinking 'what now'? On the line is a man saying a turkey fell on his dog and he's rushing the dog to me. In his panic he hung up without me being able to ask anything. That's it? As I dressed to head back to the clinic a fourth time that evening, I'm telling my wife about the call. We are chuckling as we picture a German Sheppard getting caught eating the Thanksgiving turkey and pulling it off the table.

Assuming this was going to be something fast & easy based on what I had already pictured in my head, I was surprised when it turned out to be a 4 month-old 2 pound Chihuahua puppy. Now throw into the equation the turkey being 18 pounds & completely

FROZEN! Two very important facts left out of the earlier phone conversation. You don't have to be a mathematician to figure out the odds of turkey vs. puppy. Story was the clients were unpacking groceries and the frozen turkey fell off the counter on top of the puppy. I'll never forget going back home and the look on my wife's face when I told her the dog didn't make it. What is it they say about the word 'assume'?

I learned a valuable lesson from this. I'm not afraid to ask over a dozen questions, nor am I in a hurry to get off the phone, even if it is 2am in the morning! The more information I can get firsthand enables me to make a better judgment, prepare for treatment, and overall be confident in my decisions. So fair warning...I may ask a barrage of questions if you call. On a personal note...my family has never looked at Thanksgiving turkey the same since.

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FEMA Denies Presidential Disaster Declaration for Wildfires

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today criticized the Obama Administration for its denial late Tuesday of the state's April 16th request for a federal Major Disaster Declaration to assist with the ongoing wildfire season, which has burned more than 2.2 million acres, an area roughly greater than Rhode Island and Delaware combined. Since the wildfire season began in November 2010, Texas has responded to more than 9,000 fires across the state that have destroyed or damaged more than 400 homes.

"I am dismayed that this administration has denied Texans the much needed assistance they deserve. It is not only the obligation of the federal government, but its responsibility under law to help its citizens in times of emergency," Gov. Perry said. "Our state has become a model for the nation in

disaster preparedness and response, but Texas is reaching its capacity to respond to these emergencies. We will immediately look at all of our options, including appealing the denial, so Texans can receive the resources and support they need as wildfires continue to threaten life and property across our state."

The State of Texas has continued to provide assistance to communities threatened by the raging fires this season, including deploying hundreds of Texas Forest Service personnel and assets to assist with multiple fires; Texas Military Forces personnel and Blackhawk helicopters to assist fire suppression efforts; Texas Department of Transportation bulldozers and other resources as needed in the affected areas; and deploying Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol and multiple communications trailers to the Texas Forest Service Incident Command Post in Merkel, Texas and other areas across the state.

Additionally, the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) is currently activated. TIFMAS is a network of Texas fire departments willing to provide emergency resources to neighboring communities during the threat of disasters. A Major Disaster Declaration would make the state eligible for response and recovery assistance from the federal government.

Texas' original request included: Direct Federal Assistance including aviation assets and wildland, structural and wildland/urban interface firefighting resources to state and local agencies in support See FEMA on page 9

OPINION

The Paperboy



A victory for us all

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Our Navy SEALs were given the order and the world changed.

What an amazing turn of events. Talk about a morale booster to our troops and to the country in general.

The killing of Osama Bin Laden is major. This evil man - the mastermind of so much death and destruction - had become the stuff of legend.

I remember my nephews speaking of him years ago like he was the boogeyman. And the longer he stayed alive, the more the legend grew.

For Islamic extremists, he was their inspiration. The videos and tapes added to his legend. I can imagine the snickers ... the pride the terrorists felt when their leader continued to twist the thorn in the side of the bad 'ol USA.

I wonder if they're laughing now?

So what's our next move? Do we remove the troops? Do we shift resources to Libya and Syria where their people long for freedom?

The next few weeks for President Obama and the leaders of our fighting forces are key. Not only is it essential to keep our guard up, but it is very important to use this momentum and sever the many heads which will grow in Bin Laden's

place. To be sure, Bin Laden's death is monumental. It had crossed my mind that it may never happen, meaning thousands of victims' families all over the world would lack proper closure from the many despicable acts he was behind. Thank God they now have that closure.

In hindsight, I wonder what Osama wanted to accomplish with his hatred and violence? Did he actually think he could bring this country down? Did he honestly think we would cower in the corner and self-destruct?

I've got news for any terrorist or government who believes strikes against this country will weaken us. They will not.

If Osama Bin Laden wanted our respect, he failed.

If Osama Bin Laden wanted us to live in fear, he failed.

If Osama Bin Laden wanted this country to crumble, he failed.

We are a people who love our country. We may fight like hell to try and get one another on the same page regarding how to run the country, but the common denominator of 99 percent of us is our love of country.

Yes, there are times when our rhetoric toward our countrymen is harsh. Yes, there are times when we are miles apart on what the proper course of action should be regarding a myriad of things. But you know what, it's always been like that and

probably always will be. What sets us apart from other places on the globe is our love of country and our strong belief that freedom is worth fighting for.

President Obama deserves credit for his decision to take out Osama Bin Laden. He made the call and he was right and just in doing so.

Make no mistake, we still have huge issues in this country and we'll continue to fight like cats and dogs to resolve them. But surely we can all agree that the killing of Osama Bin Laden was the correct call.

I'm always proud to be an American. Navy SEAL Team 6 has made me that much more proud.

In my opinion, this was a huge victory in the war on terror. It is not over, but it does embolden our will.

Congratulations to our fighting forces, intelligence assets and the heads of our government on getting this done. We needed it in the worst way!

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Other Views

A Voluntarily Balanced Budget

By ADAM BITELY

Efforts are underway in the U.S. Senate to introduce a balanced budget amendment. If adopted, the federal budget would be constitutionally required to be balanced, and the politicians in D.C. would have no choice but to make sure that they pay for all of the nation's yearly fiscal obligations in the year that they make the expenditures.

The amendment would also limit spending to 18 percent of the Gross Domestic Product, preventing Congress from simply raising taxes to balance the budget.

While this seems like a move in the direction towards fiscal responsibility, why are the politicians that support such an amendment waiting to be forced to balance the budget?

This is not to say that they should stop their efforts on passing a balanced budget amendment, but they should also start acting as if it is the law already. So how about they voluntarily, without the coercion of a Constitutional amendment, introduce a balanced budget for 2012?

After all, they want support such action to be constitutionally mandated, why not start getting the nation's fiscal house in order now instead of years from now when the amendment is adopted - if it ever even is!

Proposed budgets that have been introduced for 2012 so far are lackluster. The best budget to date that was brought forth by the Republican Study Committee, but was killed in a bipartisan effort on the House floor. The RSC plan would have balanced the budget within 10 years.

The budget that Obama proposed, and similarly, the budget proposed by Rep. Paul Ryan are such poor attempts at getting the deficit under control that it is amazing that folks are seriously attempting to criticize one plan while supporting another. The budget plan from Rep. Ryan does take serious stabs at starting to implement budgetary reforms, but does not go nearly far enough to honestly begin putting the nation's fiscal house in order. The Obama budget is more of the same, with tax increases and no realistic plan to fix the out-of-control deficits.

But Senate and House Republicans have a chance to start doing something now that would go much further than anyone has suggested thus far. And taking the action of balancing the budget would be the responsible step to take.

If Washington politicians want to have some action to back up their rhetoric about being fiscally responsible and good stewards of the taxpayer's dollar, introducing a balanced budget for 2012 would be a good start. Simply proposing a balanced budget for 2012 would start the budgetary debate off on the right foot, and achieve a budget that puts America much closer to the right track than the one the nation is currently on.

Proposing a balanced budget in 2012 is a good first step in bringing about lasting change to the budgetary process. If Senate and House Republicans want to get the nation's fiscal house in order, they can start in 2012, and not even bother to sit on their haunches waiting for a day when the voters force them to balance the budget.

Fool Me Once, Fool Me Twice

By RICK MANNING

The GAO came out with a study late last week in response to a request by a handful of congressional Democrats to determine among other things, why participation in individual 401(k) plans has been limited to about 50 percent of the workforce.

In findings somewhat akin to discovering that fish can swim, the GAO found that the people who contributed at or above the statutory limits in 2007 made more than \$126,000 a year.

No kidding? Really? Taxpayers paid the GAO to determine that the people who could afford to put \$15,000 a year away for retirement in a single year were people who made the most money?

Yeah, and if they spend another million bucks to study it, they might discover that most birds fly, and squirrels break into bird feeders.

Of course, the purpose behind the Democrat requested study is to try to create a series of studies that justify setting up another government-controlled defined benefit pension system in addition to Social Security.

Significantly, one member of the General Accounting Office's Retirement Policy Advisory Panel is Theresa Ghilarducci, who is best known for her proposal urging the government to eliminate 401(k) tax deferred savings accounts, and set up government managed retirement accounts instead.

Here is how Ghilarducci describes her idea in a 2008 New

York Times opinion piece, "Each person would contribute 5 percent of his or her pay. And the government would provide an annual deposit of, say, \$600, and also guarantee a 3 percent return, added to the inflation rate. (In a year with 4 percent inflation, for example, the guarantee would be 7 percent.)"

Read Ghilarducci's words carefully, when she says each person would "contribute 5 percent of his or her pay", she means, the government would take a mandatory 5 percent additional money from each person's paycheck to create another government pension program. Of course, once that worker dies, unlike the 401(k), the underlying 5 percent "contribution" stays behind with the government.

To provide some magnitude on how large this annual "contribution" would be, U.S. workers currently earn about \$5.6 trillion a year in wage income, a function of average household wages (\$49,777) multiplied by total households (113.5 million). A 5 percent mandatory "contribution" would total just more than \$280 billion a year. Ghilarducci would have the government hold that money for workers to collect upon their retirement. She'd probably even put it into a "lock box" with all those Social Security and Medicare dollars that don't exist anymore.

The reason that Ghilarducci is important to this debate is that no matter how Democrats want to try to spin it, her idea, that tax incentives to save for retirement are unfair because only those who actually pay taxes will benefit, is at the core of the most recent GAO study.

Rather than allowing individuals to save or not, as they

choose. Democrats want to put another government program in place to force that decision upon each and every worker.

Rather than allowing individuals to make investment decisions with their retirement savings, Democrats want to have the government do it for you, because they know best.

Rather than allow individuals to take their entire retirement nest egg and spend it when and how they please, Democrats want to dole it out like a child's allowance keeping whatever is left over after the death of the retiree.

And Democrats with the aid of official sounding Government Accounting Office reports written with the advice of Theresa Ghilarducci, are trying to create the illusion of an official, non-partisan sounding approach to grab another slice of every wage earners dollar. Doing it all for our own good.

Ironically, these are the exact kind of government-controlled defined benefit pensions that are going broke under the name of social security. They are the same kind of pension systems that are failing as public employee pensions. And they are the same kind of defined benefit pension systems that are underwater for many union members.

Now, Democrats hope to repackage this failed idea in the hopes that American's will be convinced that this time the government means it when they say, trust us, we're from Washington and we're here to help.

To quote my Dad, "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me."

Other Opinions

Lifting Obama's Oil Embargo

By BILL WILSON

This week, House Republicans will be making moves to ramp up U.S. oil production, specifically by voting to lift Barack Obama's de facto moratorium on drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. HR 1229 and 1230, being presented by House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings.

According to the Committee, "Despite officially lifting the moratorium in October 2010, the Obama Administration continues to slow-walk the permitting process - imposing a de facto moratorium." HR 1229 would require Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar to act on oil permitting applications within 30 days.

The legislation is attempting to restore production of oil in the Gulf that is being severely hampered by the Administration.

In fact, according to the Energy Information Agency (EIA), Gulf oil production will decrease over the next two years by 380,000 barrels a day from its 2010 level of 1.64 million to

1.26 million. That's a 23 percent drop. Although partially offset by increases in on-land oil production, the decrease in Gulf drilling will result in a net decrease of U.S. oil production by 150,000 barrels a day over the next two years.

Which is what Obama wants. Even after District Court Judge Martin Feldman enjoined the enforcement of the original moratorium as arbitrary and capricious, Interior Department Secretary Ken Salazar simply resubmitted almost the same exact moratorium with a few minor changes.

Making matters worse, despite the fact that the 2010 oil spill has pretty much been dispersed and cleaned, and the official moratorium "lifted," Obama has not saw fit to get Gulf drilling back up to its 2010 capacity as he sits on new permits.

House Republicans are warning that the de facto moratorium is costing Americans their jobs as well, citing a study by Dr. Joseph Mason from Louisiana State University predicting "that if the de facto ban on deepwater drilling were sustained for 18 months, there could be a loss of 36,137 jobs nation-

wide, with 24,532 jobs lost in the Gulf Coast region alone."

Dubbed the "American Energy Initiative," Republicans are promising that their legislation will "create American jobs, lower gasoline prices and reduce our dependency on unstable foreign energy."

Which, with gasoline marching at lightning speed to \$4 a gallon, and soon perhaps to \$5, the American people sorely need some reassurance that their leaders are enacting policies that can at least ease some of the pressure on prices. Some action to strengthen the weak dollar as well, the primary cause of the current price spikes, is certainly warranted as well.

And with unemployment persistently high, there should be a preference for removing government hurdles to job creation, and cease policies that are actively killing jobs.

How long will Obama hold out? That's anyone's guess. But House Republicans deserve credit for calling him out on his de facto moratorium. We need to get the Gulf back to work.

Legends...Garza County Historical Museum by Linda Puckett

Duckworth Family History

As written by W. S. Duckworth
Mrs. Lee Durham Duckworth and her husband Ira N. Duckworth were married in 1883. She was born in August of 1867 in Austin and he was from Fannin County near Bonham. She was only 16 years old when they wed. Ira was a cattleman who seemed to be in Austin most of the time.

Four sons were born to this couple; George D.-October 30, 1885, William A., better known as Bud was born October 12, 1887 in Hubbard City, Texas. The family moved to West Texas in 1888, to the town of Snyder where Walter S. was born on January 23, 1891 and Ira Lee on April 15, 1897.

Just as soon as George was old enough, our Daddy bought him a saddle and he began to follow Dad everywhere. Mother was always uneasy about them. One time when George became sleepy, Dad got off his horse and put him under a tree, telling him to take a nap and not to get up and leave. Dad would tie his horse under the same tree and come back later and pick him up. Mother was always afraid Dad would forget where the tree was.

Our parents had bought a home in Snyder, and soon Walter and Ira Lee were old enough to enroll in school.

Dad had been hurt by a horse rolling on him. He went back to Fannin County to visit

his family, where he died in February of 1898. After this, Mother and George decided to close out everything and move back to Austin where we could get in school. She wrote Uncle Walter Durham, her brother, and he thought that would be the thing to do until the boys were older. Some lots were bought adjoining Uncle Walter's, and in a few months a house was finished and Mother and her four boys boarded a train for Austin. We arrived just as school was starting. This was in 1898 and only three of us were old enough for school.

This life in Austin didn't suit George at all, so he began to make arrangements for a ranch job in West Texas. After two years of city life, he got a job on the Half Circle S Ranch, where he knew Jerry Williams the general manager. On arriving in Colorado City, George told Mr. Williams he was ready. He had a saddle in Snyder he had left with some friends, so all he had to do was catch the mail hack for Snyder the next morning. George reported to Will Lockwood, wagon boss on the ranch, where they had just started the spring works. This was 1901.

The first morning after George got to the ranch, the boss roped him a big black horse out of the remuda to put his saddle on. The Negro cook helped George saddle the horse, telling him he was a "bad one." The others thought he couldn't stay on, but George was

so happy he rode all night, and after that he was ready for anything they had. He worked until the wagon moved in, then caught his private horse and started back toward Snyder. He later got a job on the Scott Green Ranch.

In the meantime, we moved back to Colorado City, since Mother couldn't stand being away from George any longer. Will Waddell had written asking Mother to come back and stay with his wife while he was gone. We lived there for a year, after which Mr. Waddell gave George a job on his ranch in Borden County, where the rest of us joined him. Bud and Walter started to school, riding horseback to the one-room school house, which was several miles away on the river. As I recall, there were five families each with two children riding horseback to school. There was the Tom Love family, French family, Pyatt family and us from the Waddell ranch and others of whose names I can't recall. About 16 in all went to school. This was about 1903.

We moved back to Snyder where Walter started back to school in the years 1904 and 1905. In the meantime George had started to work on the Llano Ranch, which O.B. Kelly was running as ranch boss.

In 1905, we moved to Garza County to the Coggin place, a mile and a half south of the Sam C. Wilkes ranch. Bud farmed that

year on farmland he got from Wilkes, and I got a job wrangling horses. When the Llano Ranch went to work in the spring gathering of about 1,200 head of steer yearlings to drive to Bovina to ship, my job was to take care of the remuda, about 75 head. Those yearlings were rank. One night as I stood guard with George and two other cowboys, a terrible storm came up. You could see the electricity from the thunder and lightning on the horns and feet of the cattle and the horses' ears. George told me to spit, and when I did, I liked to have spit myself to death; it was just a ball of fire. George told me if it started to hail to take off my gloves and put them in my hat. It started hailing, so I had to go with my horses, which began to run, and the yearlings also were running. By this time, Kelly had everybody with the herd, and the horses had all run together. When it was over, I was somewhere with the horses, several miles away with the remuda. Water was running everywhere. George rode up and helped get the horses started back to the wagon. The yearlings were split into several bunches, but after daylight they soon got back in one bunch. This was some experience for me, as I was only 14 years old.

The Duckworth saga, from the archives of the Garza County Historical Museum, continues next week.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who came, donated and worked at the Volunteer Fire Department Benefit. A special thank you to Amanda Hair and Maggie Bigham for organizing and working so hard to make this event be a great success. Also, a special thank you to Jerry Osborn and the cooks from the Dalby Correctional Facility for preparing the wonderful briskets for the meal. We could not have had the wonderful success that we did at this benefit without the help of all the men and women who came together to support this endeavor. A special note of appreciation for the teachers and school children that worked so hard to raise money for our fire departments. You all were amazing! An effort this size could not have been a success without all of the people that donated money, food, time, work and it was all done with love.

It is such a blessing to live in a community that works together so diligently to provide for the needs of those who continually give so much to keep our community safe from fires. They are always ready to answer the call and work until the job is done, no matter how long or difficult. We send a special thanks to: our Volunteer Firemen, County Commissioners and road employees, city employees, Michael Isbell, our law enforcement, TxDot, TK Thompson Wrecker Service, Post Tire and Lube, our area ranchers who are always willing to help, the surrounding county fire departments and the Texas Forest Service, and so many more too numerous to mention. If I have failed to mention anyone it was unintentional but the community support was just phenomenal!

Judge Lee Norman
Post, Texas

Land Stewardship Workshop for Women

Women of the Land is a land stewardship training program designed specifically for women landowners, land managers, hunters, and wildlife enthusiasts. This workshop is designed to encourage women to become active land managers, develop and hone their management skills, and network with women of similar interests. The Texas Wildlife Association (TWA), in partnership with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and with support from the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, will host this event.

The 2011 Advanced Women of the Land workshop will be held at the Back Porch Ranch near Brackettville, Texas, May 12th - 15th. The cost is \$165 for TWA members and \$200 for non-members. The

registration fee covers meals, lodging, and materials. Non-members will receive a one-year membership to the Texas Wildlife Association. Registration is limited and is now open to first time and repeat attendees on a first-come first served basis.

Much of this workshop will be conducted in the field. Topics to be discussed include habitat, prescribed fire as a management tool, plant identification, wildlife and livestock interactions, rainwater harvesting, gun safety, ranch equipment operation, long-term planning and more. Instructors will be wildlife and natural resource professionals from the private sector, Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas

AgriLife Extension, and other organizations.

If you or someone you know is interested in the Women of the Land program, please visit the Texas Wildlife Association website at <http://www.texas-wildlife.org> or contact Courtney Brittain at 800-TEX-WILD, 210-826-2904, or cbrittain@texas-wildlife.org.

Texas Wildlife Association - The Texas Wildlife Association is a statewide organization that is an active advocate in the state and national political arenas for wildlife and natural resource conservation. Education of our young people and our growing urban populations, increasingly disconnected from the land, is critical to understanding our natural resources and maintaining rural lifestyles.

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for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;
for those whose children have physical, mental, or emotional disabilities;
for those who have children they do not want;
for those who raise children on their own;
for those who have lost a child;
for those who care for the children of others;
for those whose children have left home;
and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.
Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,
and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,
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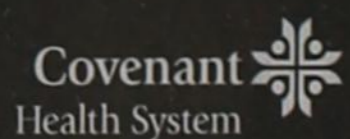

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Garza County Playdays will begin May 28 at the Post Rodeo Arena for each Saturday in 4th, 11th, 18th and four events will be barrel racing, polo flag race and goat or tying for four determined by of January 1, age divisions are seven and under 8-12, intermediate and seniors, 16 will open at 8 the peewee class promptly at 9:00a will be by CAS checks will be eligible for year participants must four of the five Raffle tickets w

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Garza County Horse Playdays will begin Saturday, May 28 at the Post Stampede Rodeo Arena followed by each Saturday in June-June 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. The four events will include barrel racing, pole bending, flag race and goat touching or tying for four age divisions determined by birthdays of January 1, 2011. The age divisions are peewees, seven and under; juniors, 8-12; intermediates, 13-15 and seniors, 16-19. Books will open at 8:00am and the peewee class will begin promptly at 9:00am. Entries will be by CASH only, no checks will be taken. To be eligible for year end awards, participants must compete in four of the five playdays. Raffle tickets will be sold

for \$5.00 each on a pair of Jody Mason handmade spurs. To purchase a ticket, contact one of the participants. For more information contact Sam Butler at 548-0797.

Brown Bag Book Talk
Friday, May 27, 2011, 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.

Post High School Weekly Agenda:
Friday, 06 - End of the 6th - 3 Weeks! Have your grades in by the end of the day so we can run Progress Reports!
□ Shattered Dreams, May 5-6
□ Band Festival, Floydada, 5th - MS (May 6-7)
□ Elementary Field Day
□ Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at Noon, Food Lab
Looking Ahead:
May 6-7 Band Festival, Floydada
May 6 - End of the 6th 3 Week
May 6 - Elem. Field Day
May 8 - MOTHER'S

DAY
May 9 - Sports Banquet at Caft., 6:30 PM
May 9 - Library Books, Equipment, etc. are due!
May 10 - EOC Exam - W.G./Phy.
May 10 - ARD Mtgs. All day
May 11 - EOC Exam - AP Eng. Lang.
May 12 - EOC Exam - Field Test
May 11 & 12 - NHS Mtg. & Bake Sale, Library at 9:40 AM
May 12-14 - Band Festival, Abernathy
May 14 - PROM at Heritage House
May 16-20 - EOC Exams all Week
May 17 - Drivers Ed Written Test Lubbock, 5 PM

May 26 - Last day of School for Students, Early Release Noon
May 27 - Graduation, 8 PM Antelope Arena

Post Elementary Post Notes
Monday- May 2nd- Post ISD will NOT have classes. This is the bad weather day that we did not have to use.
Friday- May 6th- Play Day during PE. Parents are welcome to come and enjoy Play Day with your student(s). There will be a concession stand as well as other FUNdraising opportunities.
Monday- May 9th- Progress Reports go home.
Thursday- May 12th-

3rd Grade Musical - Show times are at 10:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the elementary school auditorium. All performances are open to the public.
PIPost Middle School Weekly Calendar
May 9-26, 2011
5/9-NJHS Induction 4:30 in the library
5/11-5th Grade Orientation 2:30 in library
5/17-18-TAKS 8th retest
5/20-AR Reward Trip
5/26-MS End of Year Awards 10:00 Elem. Auditorium
FACULTY BIRTHDAYS
5/9-Amy Abraham ease look for information coming home with your students about upcoming field trips!

FEMA...

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of firefighting operations, and Emergency Protective Measures - measures taken before, during and after a disaster to save lives, protect public health and safety, and protect improved public and private property.

The governor issued an Emergency Disaster Proclamation on Dec. 21, 2010, which was subsequently renewed on Jan. 19, February 17, March 18 and April 15. This proclamation remains in effect as extreme wildfire conditions persist.

The State Operations

Center has been partially activated and continues to work closely with the Texas Forest Service, National Weather Service and other state and local entities to monitor this severe wildfire threat.

Burn bans are currently active in 210 counties. To see the list of these counties, please visit <http://tfsfrp.tamu.edu/wildfires/dechan.png>.

For more information on preparing for wildfire threats, please visit <http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu/main/article.aspx?id=8512>.

Fund Raiser...

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so that the public could donate to and Citizens bank had a fund as well. Brynne's Smiles raised for the firefighter funds and Citizens Bank has a fundraiser still ongoing. The bank is selling raffle tickets for a brand new John Deere riding mower to be given away June 1st to some lucky winner. Wells Fargo presented the firefighters with a check
Post City Celebrations presented the firefighters with a check for \$95,000.00 that was a combination of various donations from individuals; businesses and other organizations could donate to. Ongoing

fundraisers include a Fish Fry to be held at the Holy Cross Catholic Church Friday May 6th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. The dinners are \$8.00 per plate and donations are accepted. Hurst Farm and Supply, Inc and Citizens Bank have donated a brand new 2011 John Deere D 140 Tractor Lawnmower with a 22hp Briggs & Stratton motor with a 42 inch cut to be given away June 6th. Raffle tickets are still available at the following locations, Hurst Farm Supply, Inc., Post Tire and Lube, Close City Co-op Gin, Family Cleaners and all Citizens Bank locations.

TxDOT Celebrates 10

years of Click It or Ticket

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Transportation's 10th annual Click It or Ticket spring campaign kicks off this week with good news-Texans are buckling up more than ever, and thousands have been "saved by the belt."

Before the Click It or Ticket campaign began in Texas in 2002, only 76.1 percent of the state's population was buckling up. Thanks to a decade of increased enforcement and an extensive public education campaign about the life-saving benefits of seat belts, Texans are using seat belts in record numbers. According to the Texas Transportation Institute, 93.84 percent of drivers and passengers now buckle up. Experts at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimate that this increase over the past 10 years has resulted in 2,843 fewer traffic fatalities, 48,000 fewer serious injuries, and a savings to the state of more than \$10 billion in associated costs.

"We're extremely proud of what Texas has been able to accomplish over the past 10 years, and we're grateful to law enforcement, safety advocates, and drivers and passengers everywhere for making it happen," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT's Traffic Operations Division Director. "But we can't quit now-we want this trend to

continue." Despite an overall downward trend in fatalities between 2003 and 2009, traffic crashes remain the leading cause of death for those between one and 44 years of age in Texas. In 2009 in Texas, more than 3,000 people died in fatal collisions on Texas streets and highways, and just under half were not buckled up. Wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of fatal injury by 45 percent, and in pickups, that number increases to 60 percent, due to the fact that pickup trucks are more likely to roll over in a crash than passenger cars.

To ensure that Texans continue complying with seat belt laws, thousands of state troopers will join police officers and sheriffs' deputies statewide between May 23 and June 5, including the Memorial Day holiday weekend, to ticket drivers and passengers who aren't buckled up.

"Click It or Ticket is about saving lives, because we know that when a person buckles up, their chances of surviving a crash are far better. We prefer voluntary compliance with the law, but we will write tickets if necessary," said Major Ron Joy of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Fines for failing to fasten your seat belt can add up to \$250, plus court costs. It's not just drivers that must buckle up-state law also requires passengers in the front and back seat to buckle up.

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- Student has been identified as Limited English Proficient (LEP)

If you are interested in summer school for your student who meets the above criteria, please contact the Post Elementary School office at 806-495-3414. Please note that transportation is not provided for summer school.

Aviso de Escuela de Verano de Oportunidades para los estudiantes LEP

De conformidad con el Código Administrativo de Texas Título 19 Capítulo 89 - Adaptaciones para Poblaciones Especiales Publicar

Primaria ofrecerá la escuela de verano para los estudiantes que cumplan los siguientes requisitos:

- El alumno es un alumno de Post Primaria para el año escolar 2009-2010 o es elegible para comenzar la escuela, ya sea en jardín de infancia o para el 1 grado el año escolar 2010-2011.
- El alumno ha sido identificado como Inglés Limitado. (LEP)

Si usted está interesado en la escuela de verano para su estudiante que cumpla con los criterios antes indicados, póngase en contacto con la oficina de Correos en la Escuela Primaria 806-495-3414. Tenga en cuenta que el transporte no está previsto para la escuela de verano.

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State Roundup

4-H connect will close on Friday, May 13, 2011 for State Roundup.

Clothing Extravaganza

This is the first part of our four part summer series. It will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011. The deadline to enter will be Wednesday, May 18, 2011. The series will cost \$10 per person and other upcoming events include: Water/Wind Tour; District Officer Training/Council Dance; and Food & Nutrition Tour. Contact the office to sign up.

Horse events

Dickens County has

started their playday series. Contact the office if you need information on attending.

Somervell County 4-H Horse Camp is going to be held June 6-8, 2011. Deadline to enter is May 6, 2011.

Golf Challenge

This is open to anyone; you do not have to be a 4-H member to enter. It will be held on July 6, 2011 at Meadow Brook Golf Course. You must have a team of three to enter and it will cost \$90 per team. That will include 18 holes of golf and a catered lunch. Contact the office if you need information on registration.

Camps

Several camps are scheduled this summer.

- Electric Event in Cloudcroft, NM is now open

for entries.

- Aggieldand Lamb & Goat Camp will be held in July.

- Chef Camp will be in June and a great opportunity for anyone who enjoys cooking.

- Prime Time is also a great camp to attend this summer.

Call for information on any you may be interested in, and there are more camps to choose from.

Extension Office: 215 W Main (806) 495-4400

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Epa's guidance to Regulate Private Water Harmful To ranchers

The Obama Administration issued guidance documents Wednesday that would allow the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers to regulate private bodies of water. This guidance reverses U.S. Supreme Court decisions and circumvents the lawmaking process as intended by U.S. Congress and the U.S. Constitution.

In 2010, the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) and other industry organizations worked to defeat a bill in Congress that would have given the EPA this authority.

"This debate has already happened in Congress. TSCRA worked closely with other agriculture organizations to stop this sweeping regulation and kept it from becoming law," said Joe Parker, Jr., rancher and president of TSCRA. "Now, the Administration has completely disregarded that, and instead, has taken a backdoor approach so it can further regulate the private property of landowners."

The Clean Water Jurisdiction Guidance would negatively affect ranchers by giving the federal government unprecedented regulatory authority over water bodies such as stock tanks, drainage ditches, ponds, small and intermittent streams, creek beds, playa

lakes and mud holes.

Additionally, it could ultimately require ranchers to obtain federal permits and would allow the federal government to come on private property for inspections. The permits and enforcement would make it necessary for ranchers to hire engineers and attorneys to guide them through the permitting process and defend themselves against unnecessary federal regulation.

A 60-day comment period will begin as soon as the draft guidance is published in the Federal Register. TSCRA will submit comments on behalf of the more than 15,000 cattle raisers it represents. 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.

White River Municipal Water District

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| Rainfall for | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
| | 15.57" | 28.85" | 24.19" | 33.61" | 12.70" | 32.16" |

White River Lake has 3,542,326,221 billion gallons left available at the intake or 36% capacity or 10,871 acre feet. Subtract 35,318,943 MG for evaporation this week in May that leaves 3,507,007,278 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

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Mickey Rogers General Manager

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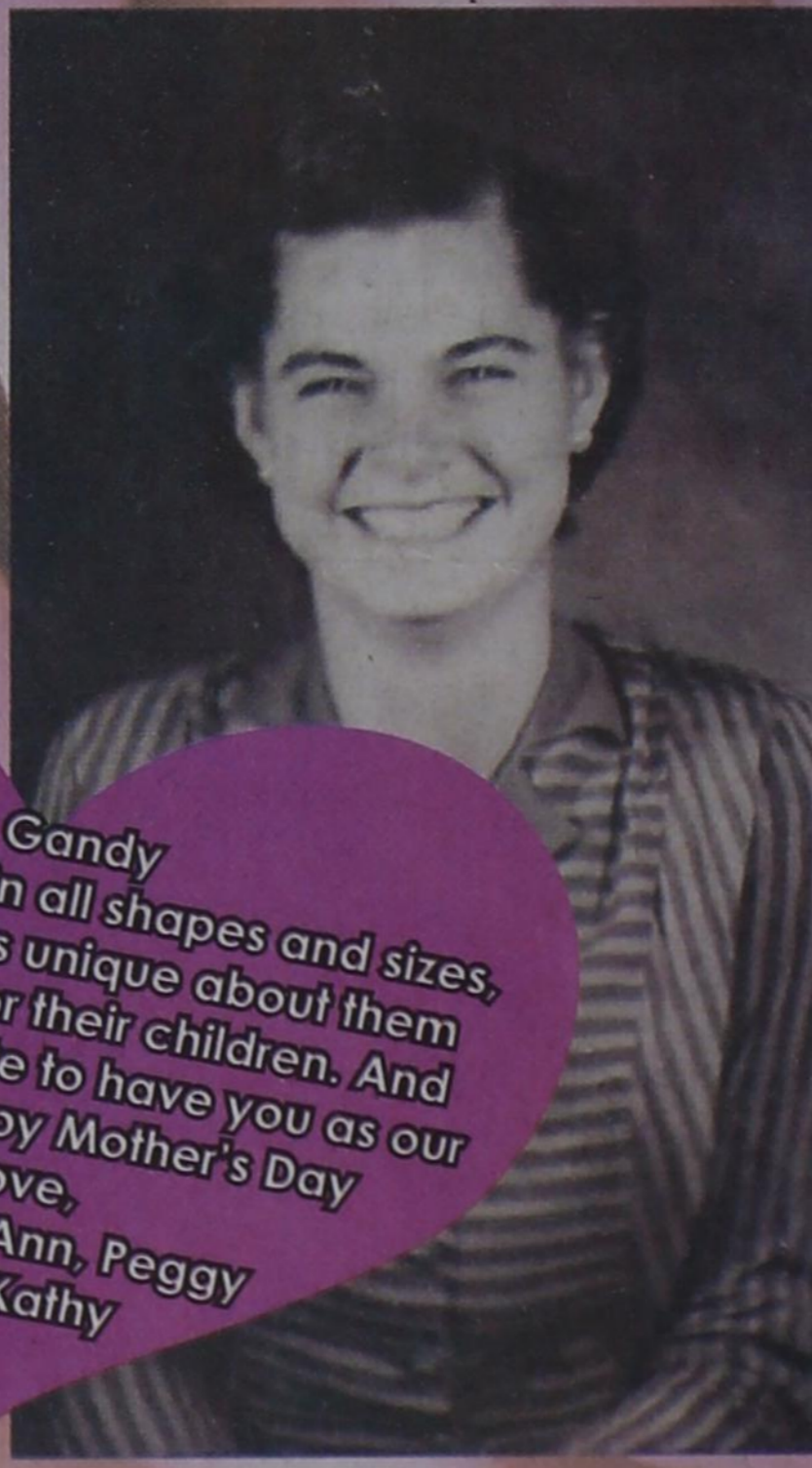


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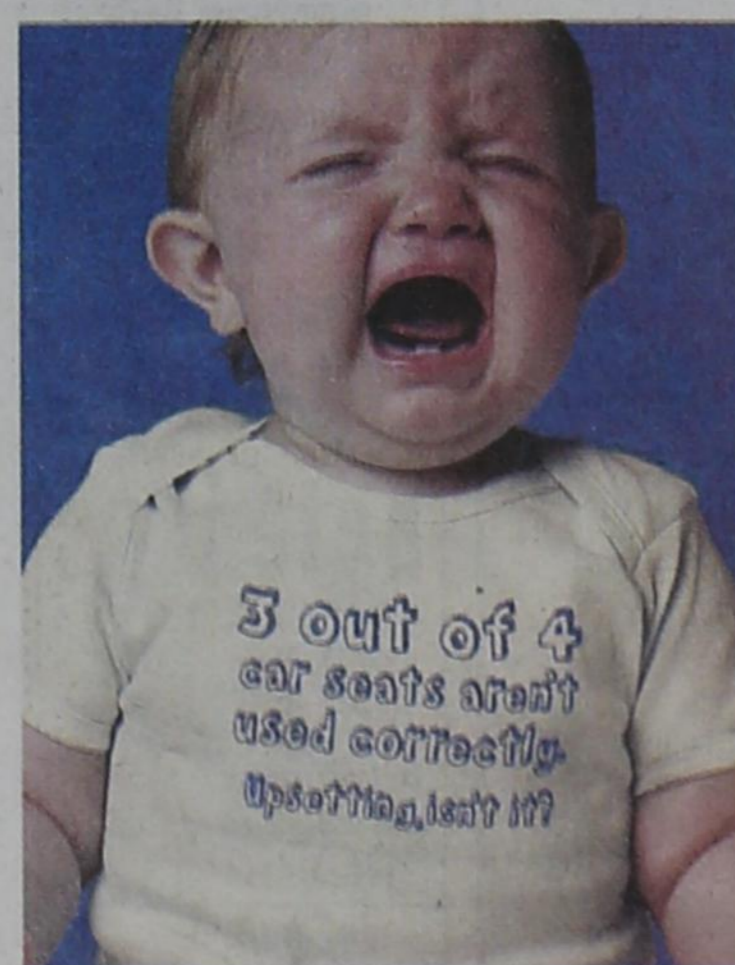
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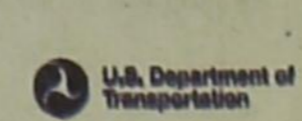


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