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Rodeo brings small amount of drought relief



Photo by Jodi Lincoln

By Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

The 71st Annual Stampede Rodeo began its opening night with a welcomed site as the skies opened up with a deluge of rain about midway through the evening's performances. As the crowd sat in the stands enjoying watching the bronc riders trying to stay

on board bucking broncs for an 8 second ride and cowgirls racing around barrels set in a four leaf clover pattern for the fastest time, the skies were preparing their own show. Few cowboys were able to remain atop the bucking horses for the full 8 seconds as the broncs proved to be some feisty rides.

One event always enjoyed by the crowd is the calf chase where kiddos 12 and under gather in the center of the arena and chase one of two calves loosed into the arena. One of the calves will have a ribbon on it's tail and the first youngen' to reach the calf and retrieve the ribbon from the animal's tail wins

that night's competition. The kids also participated in the mutton-busting contest where they attempted to ride their sheep for a duration of 8 seconds. These events are repeated in each of the three night performances.

The ladies barrel-racing event is always a big draw and the crowds really get ex-

cited watching the ladies vie for first place with the fastest run. And then there is the flag race where youngsters ride their mount out to a barrel set at the far end of the arena and they have to circle the barrel and retrieve the flag that is placed atop the barrel. Once the rider gets the flag in hand they race back to the gates and the rider with the fastest run again wins this contest. It is always fun to watch this group of riders since some of them are so tiny atop their great big mounts. It seems as if the horses know they have precious cargo onboard and pace themselves accordingly. This is usually a favorite event of parents and grandparents as they watch our future cowboys and cowgirls compete.

As the crowd sat in the stands enjoying the evenings events, the weather was actually pretty nice. Most of the evening was pleasantly cool with a nice breeze flowing through the stands when suddenly the wind started to blow hard from a westward direction and dirt began to fill the air. The crowd sitting in the stands was shocked to feel the cold air hit just before the skies opened up and dumped wonderful, wet, rain down on the stands and the

arena. As the rains got heavier and lightening began to light the skies more frequently, the crowd quickly cleared the stands and only a handful of diehard fans stayed to watch the remainder of the rodeo. The bull riders found their bulls very difficult to even mount as the combination of them being rodeo stock and the sudden change in weather had them trying to jump up and over the shoots. Those cowboys who did manage to mount their bulls had a more than usual tough time staying onboard as the bull's hides became very slippery in the rain. No one from the remaining crowd or the cowboys seemed to mind the rain since we have all been desperately wishing for rain.

The second and third nights of the rodeo remained dry and the crowds were bigger each night with Saturday night showing a full house. Jody Nix played for the dance after Friday night's rodeo and there was a large crowd who stayed to listen and dance to Jody Nix's band. Saturday night the Wes Nickson Band entertained the dance crowd. The rodeo turned out to be another successful year, as the annual Post Stampede Rodeo usually does.

Citywide End of Summer Celebration planned for Sept. 5

By Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

It has been an extremely hot, dry and depressing summer for the community of Garza County. At times it has been difficult for many of us to meet our daily obligations due to the continued heat that just drains the energy right out of an individual. Still, our residents have shown the true pioneering spirit this little community is known for and despite the heat wave we have been experiencing and the all too familiar wildfires we have endured, we have attended to our job responsibilities and gone about our days as if the temperatures were a pleasant 75 degrees. The summer is rapidly winding down now, our students will be back in school next week and we will continue to go about our normal routines, however we have one last big event to look forward to as the summer ends.

The city of Post and the Post Dispatch have come together to sponsor a citywide end of summer block party at the city park to celebrate the end of summer and to continue our prayer quest for rain. Park activities will begin at 10:00

am September 5th with some of our local pastors leading our citizens in a community prayer for more rain and an end to the drought conditions that have held the state of Texas in its grip. The rest of the day will be filled with food, games, an all day swim party and many other fun activities. Local musicians are invited and encourage to drop by and join in on an all day jam session in the gazebo.

Most activities will be free, however some vendors will have to charge a small fee in order to pay their expenses for setting up for the day's fun. Any proceeds over cost of doing business will be donated to Meals-On-Wheels who has a serious need for funds. Sonic has donated a dunking booth with proceeds going to Meals on Wheels, Atmos Energy will have volunteers in the park and will give away water and Gatorade for up to 500 people. United Super Markets will have a watermelon stand where they will sell watermelon slices for a dollar a slice with all proceeds again going to Meals-On-Wheels. There will be a bouncy house for children to have a blast in. The city pool will be open

from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm for an all day pool party. There will be games for adults and children alike to participate in. There will be something fun for everyone and everyone is invited to come out and have a fun day just mingling in the park and visiting with friends and family and saying goodbye to summer. For those who do not wish to buy food from a vendor, they can bring the fixings for a family picnic in the park.

Plans are still underway for additional activities and anyone wishing to join in or participate in any way are encouraged to contact Jodi Lincoln at the Dispatch or City Hall for more information. While this is not a fund raiser for Meals on Wheels, some of the participants wished to donate funds to a local organization and Meals on Wheels were chosen as recipients of any funds over and above a vendor's operating expense.

Everyone come on out and join us in bidding the summer adios until next year and have some fun doing it!

We are also still open to ideas if you have an activity you would like to sponsor for the event.

Post Notes

Post Bold Gold Antelopes Scrimmage

The Post Bold Gold Antelopes will be scrimmaging the Abernathy Antelopes on Thursday - in Abernathy - JV 5:30p, Varsity 6:30p.

Meet the Antelopes! Monday August 22, 2011 at 7:30pm at the Jimmy Redman Football Stadium.

Back To School Coffee!

Retired and former employees of Post I.S.D. are invited to attend the annual coffee held on the first day of school, Monday August 22 from 10:00am-11:00am at the Garza County Trailblazers building. Bring your coffee cup, .25cents and lots of good memories to share.

Football Tickets On Sale

Football tickets now on sale through September 6th. Contact Kay Postell for more ticket information or to purchase tickets.

Graham Ole Opry:

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday August 20 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.

County Court News

By Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

In last week's County Court news, Michael Trotter, 41, a former Garza County resident and currently a resident of Nolan County had his 2007 probation revoked by the Honorable Judge Lee Norman. Judge Norman sentenced Trotter to 20 days in the Garza County Jail and ordered him to pay restitution to Garza County merchants for the 17 hot checks that Trotter had been convicted of passing in 2006. Trotter was also ordered to repay fines, court costs, and

probation fees totaling almost \$2,400.00.

During a lengthy bench trial, County Attorney Mike Munk called Trotter's Garza County and Lubbock County probation officers to testify to Trotter's multiple probation violations. Those violations included failure to make any payments towards restitution, fines, probation fees or court costs while on probation; failure to attend a crime victim's impact panel, and failing to report to his probation officers for several months before finally absconding altogether in 2007. Trotter was not

heard from again until he was arrested in Nolan County on his Garza County revocation warrant in March of 2011. Nolan County probation officer Richard Moffett was also called to testify to Trotter's being on probation in Nolan County in 2005 and 2006 for writing hot checks in Nolan County. Moffett testified to Trotter's moving to Garza County while on probation in Nolan County without his probation officer's permission, a violation of his Nolan County probation. While living in Garza County and on probation in Nolan County,

Trotter committed the 17 new hot check offenses that was the subject of his Garza County probation.

A 1988 judgment from the District Court of Nolan County was also introduced against Trotter during the punishment phase of the trial, reflecting he was placed on deferred adjudication for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

There will be no county court news for the next two weeks due to staff vacations at the county courthouse, but coverage will continue September 12th.

The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

Thrift store bargains. They're the surprises that keep on surprising.

The first surprise is the find. You're scanning the racks and there it is. The perfect blouse. Or the perfect pair of pants, and just your size. Life is good.

Then you take home your treasure trove. If "trove" sounds like more than one surprise, it is. Thrift stores are like that.

The secondary surprises are yet to come. You find out why the previous owner of your new item decided to part with it. Charity's got nothing to do with it.

Sometimes you discover a cigarette burn. Or a small tear. Or a zipper that doesn't stay zipped. You just never know.

Sometimes everything's fine. That's a surprise too.

When there's nothing wrong with an item, I like to think the previous owner died suddenly. It's easy to part with the good stuff when you're dead.

No doubt I am projecting my own mindset onto all donors of thrift store merchandise. For me, it's hard to go through the closet and choose the good

items to give away. I'm attached even to my marginal favorites. Till death do us part.

If "marginal favorite" strikes you as an oxymoron, it probably is. But if it makes sense to you anyway because you cling irrationally to your own collection of marginal favorites that ought to be given away, well, I understand.

Meanwhile, back to thrift store bargains. What to do about the defects that don't become obvious until you get home? Apply the galloping horse principle.

You know what I mean. It's what you tell someone when they mention a shortcoming in their own attire, like a small stain or missing button or mismatched shoes (we won't go there) or whatever. "It won't be noticed on a galloping horse," you tell them, and they agree and feel much better.

Never mind that they aren't horseback and if they were they wouldn't be galloping. It's just an expression. Even so, when I say it to myself regarding any blemish that keeps me from looking perfect, I see imper-

fect me on a fast steed, zipping by onlookers who barely have time to blink, much less notice the failed seam in my Goodwill capris.

Here's another comforting thought:

If I didn't see the hole in the shirt when I bought it, why should anyone else notice? Never mind that my eyes are failing.

Voila. Another solution. Hang out with other people who don't see well.

Or you could just consider yourself to be a walking statement for recycling. It's a religion. If you go that route, wear a necklace with a big recycling symbol for everyone to see.

We digress. Better I should tell you about my latest surprise find - a fabulous \$1.99 American Tourister tote bag in barely outdated sage. It has wheels.

Surprise. My arms are too short to pull the thing and make it roll right.

If you've read this far, and you're a gorilla, surprise! I've got a deal for you.

Southland ISD Menu August 22 - 26th

Breakfast Menu

- Monday**
Pancake on a Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- Tuesday**
Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast Quesadilla, Salsa, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- Thursday**
Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Friday

- Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- Lunch Menu**
- Monday**
Ravioli, Tossed Salad, Corn, Orange Smiles, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk
- Tuesday**
Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Strawberries and Cream, Milk

Wednesday

- Chicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Tossed Salad, Tortillas, Rosie Applesauce, Milk
- Thursday**
Corn Dog, Pinto Beans, Baked Chips, Pineapple Orange Salad, Milk
- Friday**
Sloppy Joes, Lettuce, Pickles, Tomatoes, Tator Tots, Carrots w/Ranch, Brownie, Milk

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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

OBITUARY



ROSIE VALDEZ TREVINO

Rosie Valdez Trevino 62 of Post, joined Our Heavenly Father Monday August 15, 2011 in Lubbock at the Covenant Medical Center.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday August 17, 2011 at the Post Church of Christ. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery. James Whitehead and Jimmy Valdez officiated.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and

Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Rosie Valdez Trevino was born August 15, 1949 here in Post to Julio and Louisa (Pantoja) Valdez. She attended Post Schools and graduated from Post High School. She attended Jessie Lee's Hair Institute and became a licensed beautician. Rosie worked for 38 years as a beautician and retired in 2009, due to health. She married Faustino Trevino November 20, 1975 at El Paso, Texas. They made their first home in Slaton and later moved to Post. She is preceded in death by a infant son, February 19, 1978, her father, April 25, 2009 and by a sister, Mary Castello in 1999. Rosie was a member of the Parkway Church of Christ in Lubbock.

Survivors include her husband: Faustino Trevino of Post, one daughter: An-

gela Trevino Harvey and her husband Justin of Tahoka. Her mother: Louisa Valdez of Post. Two brothers: Eddie Valdez and John Valdez and wife Katie, both of Post. Six sisters: Diana Valdez, Lesa Villegas and husband Romeo, Susan Valdez, Rita Cleveland, Lucy Martin and her husband Glenn and Nora Arellano and her husband Luis, all of Lubbock. Two grandchildren: Sydney and Jeffrey Harvey.

Pallbearers were: Robert Castillo, John Valdez, Mark Valdez, Manuel Trevino, David Perez and Danny Valdez. Honorary pallbearers were: Eddie Valdez, Isreal Castello and Carlos Castello.

The family received friends, Tuesday from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Funeral Home.

Yesteryears

10 Years Ago

Ann Stelzer shared time with her six grandchildren, welcoming her newest granddaughter, Alec Michelle Teague. Labeth Jones assumed the position of County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Science agent at Gaines County.

Joe Gregory among an elite group of Allstate life insurance specialist who earned the "Personal Financial Representative" title.

20 Years Ago

Joseph and Javen Abraham both won first place in the Kids Tournament at White River Lake.

Leslie and Paula Hair celebrated their 25th anniversary July 20, 1991.

Millie Stewart was proud of her little peach tree which had produced a bumper

crop of peaches as big as 10 1/2 inches and weighing up to 3 to 4 pounds.

30 Years Ago

Macee Mills was honored on her first birthday with a party in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mitchell.

Wynell Smith showed off a published copy of "American Artists of Renown" which contained her biography.

Garza County Meals on Wheels program provided 30 take-out hot lunches daily to the homes of senior citizens and handicapped.

40 Years Ago

Grassland Church of the Nazarene held its 50th anniversary Aug. 22.

The Post Public Library received a gift shipment of 200 books from Mrs. Marjorie Merriweather Post.

Seventy-two campers were registered for the first White River Bible Encampment.

50 Years Ago

Henley Construction, Inc., held open house to show off the new Fred Robinson residential addition on the Northwest edge of Post. The 1,187 square foot home is located at 704 Chancilly Lane in the new 42 home site addition.

Double ring vows pledged by Patsy Payne and Ernie Popham.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hodges were married in the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Steward.

Van Kountz was the new High School girl's basketball coach.

60 Years Ago

Miss Wyvonne Morris was selected the 1951 Garza County Gold Star 4-H Club girl.

Post's Main street was lined with approximately 5,000 people for the Junior Rodeo as the first parade heralding the fourth annual Junior Rodeo wound from west Main to the railroad tracks on east Main, back to the courthouse.

Pfc. Clifton Wells was home on furlough after a year of combat duty in Korea.



Early Holiday Deadlines


Due to our office being closed for the Labor Day holiday weekend, we will have early deadlines for our **ADVERTISING and EDITORIAL**

For the Sept. 8th issue only

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TAAF Meet

By: Kelbie Oden
 I attended the TAAF Track and Field Complex on the campus of Baylor University from July 28th through the 31st. The TAAF meet was a lot bigger than I expected and there were girls from several different parts of Texas with a lot of talent. My first ever meet was the TAAF State meet. I went on to Regional this past July 9th and qualified for this meet. Some of the girls at this meet have been doing summer track meets since they were little girls. I have only been running since I was in the 7th grade. Next year will be better for me since I will know what to expect and I will feel more comfortable and prepared for the meet.

My favorite part of the meet was the high jump. I had a lot more confidence going into the high jump than any other event I was to participate in. Training with Coach Soliz was tough and very difficult, but it definitely paid off for me.

This track meet gave me a look at how the school state track meets will probably be. While I was very nervous about going because I was running against girls that have been doing this for a long time, I kept my confidence and just did the best that I could. I placed 18th in the long jump, 10th in the high jump, 25th in the 200 yard dash and 16th in the 400 yard dash. With continued training under Coach Soliz and knowing more what to expect in the future, I really believe I will only continue to improve and place higher each meet. I will be doing the track meet again next year and will definitely know what to expect and be ready for future competition.

My coach, Coach Soliz thought I did very well considering this was the first time I had been to a meet of this size. While I really enjoyed participating in the meet, it was a bit overwhelming for me. After the meet was over this year, I felt very relieved it was over and I was satisfied with my results for my first time. But, look out next year; this will be a whole different story then!

Post Jr. High Cheerleaders



2011 Post Junior High Cheerleaders
 Top Row: Yvette Armendariz, Katie Quintana, Kally Comeaux, Brogan Macy, Lauren Record
 Seated: Lauren Lynch and Lexi Antillon; The girls attended NCA (National Cheerleading Association) camp last week. All the girls did an exceptionally great job representing our town. They won the award for Best All around squad for the entire camp.
 We are behind you all the way ... GO BOLD GOLD!!!

Bold Gold Football Wins Scrimmage

By Steffi Kim Scott
 The Post Antelopes are off to a good start pulling out their first win against the Ralls Jackrabbits Saturday, August 13.

"We left a lot of points out on the field and we have to be able to take advantage of the defense more than we were able to," commented head coach Steve Smith.

On the flip side the Antelope defense did force quite a few turnovers which is a key factor in winning ball games.

"The biggest thing we need to do is to confidently execute our assignments. Hesitation and uncertainty is slowing us down and I would like us to play faster and with more physicality," Smith stated.

The next opportunity for the Antelopes will be this Thursday in Abernathy, Texas.

Coach Smith wants to extend an invitation to everyone to come out and support the BOLD GOLD. The JV will kick off at 6:30 p.m. with the Varsity to follow.

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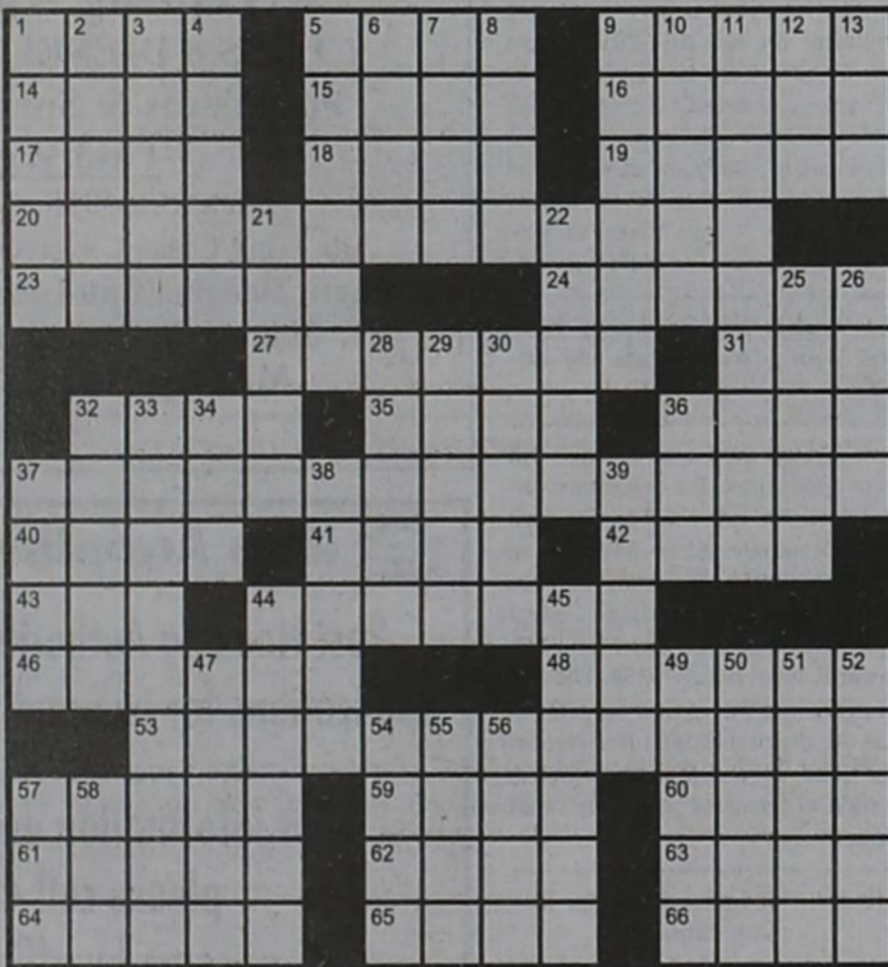
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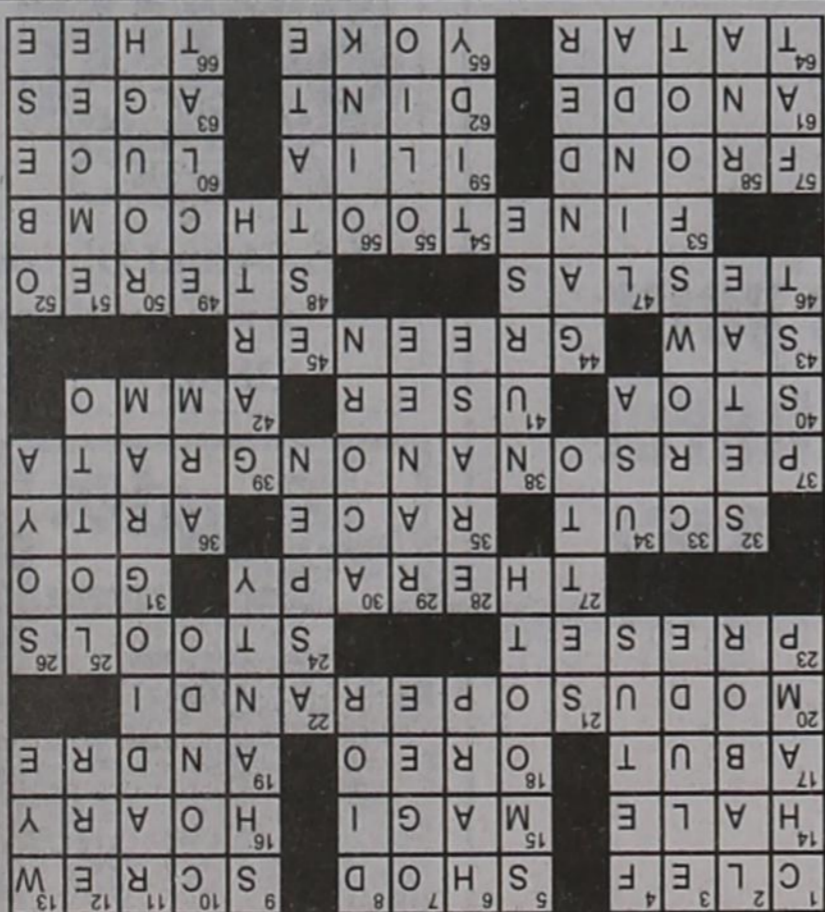
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- Auto pioneer Citroen
- Habitual procedure (2 wds)
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- Backless seats with three legs
- Treatment of illness
- Baby's first word, maybe
- Cottontail's tail
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- Affectedly creative
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- Ancient colonnade
- ___-friendly
- BBs, e.g.
- Adage
- More beneficial to the environment
- Magnetic induction units
- Dorm room staple
- Method of examining in minute detail (3 wds)
- Fern's leaf
- Hip bones
- Clare Booth ___, American playwright
- ___ dark space (region in a vacuum tube)
- Effort
- Long, long time
- Golden Horde member
- Bind
- Quaker's "you"



- Hindu queen
- ___ squash
- Bristles
- Type of embroidery stitch (2 wds)
- ___ Today
- Branch
- "Check this out!"
- Care for
- Role for Dana
- Male goose
- Heir's concern
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- Enthusiastic approval
- Not smooth
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- Assortment
- Farm call
- ___ Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
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PUZZLE SOLUTION



CLUES DOWN

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- Unborn offspring
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- Ramshackle hut
- Complex unit
- Message transmitted by wireless telegraphy
- "To ___ is human ..."
- 25th letter
- Begin (2 wds)
- Colorado resort
- Kind of ticket
- ___ bean
- Clear, as a disk

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 Garza County, Texas

The Commissioners Court of Garza County, Texas cordially invites the Public to attend a public hearing on the topic of county redistricting on the 23rd day of August 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the Garza County Courthouse.

The Commissioners Court is considering one or more alternate plans for the redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts. Changes in the existing boundaries of each Commissioners Court precinct will also have an impact on election precincts, polling places, and Justice of the Peace/Constable precincts. Public comment is sincerely solicited.

Signed: *Lee D. Norman*
 Garza County Judge

Pursuant to Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Garza County, Texas will convene in special session on the 23rd day of August 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the Garza County Courthouse, to receive public comment on redistricting of county election, justice of the peace and commissioners court precincts. Following the public hearings, the Commissioners Court will take up for consideration and possible action one or more alternative plans for the redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts. The Court reserves the right to take any and all appropriate action regarding the redistricting of Garza County political boundaries, including the acceptance of new boundaries for the Commissioners Court precincts, modification of any boundaries, and/or tabling the pending proposals for later consideration and/or action.

The public is invited to attend and participate in these meetings. Those wishing to address the Court should sign a speakers request form provided for this purpose. Each speaker will be asked to come before the Court, to identify themselves, their address, and the Commissioners Court precinct and Election Precinct they reside within. Comments should be reasonably concise and to the point. Questions will be answered, but the Court will not permit argument or excessive discussion of any particular topic. The hearing will be conducted under rules of judicial decorum. A tape recording of the hearing will be made of this hearing. Your comments will be transcribed and included with the submission of the proposed changes to existing Commissioners Court precincts to the United States Department of Justice.

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA
 Condado de Garza

La Corte de Comisionados del Condado de Garza en Texas cordialmente invita al público a asistir a las audiencias públicas sobre el tema de la redistribución de distritos del condado el día 23 de agosto 2011, a las 10:00 am en la Corte del Condado de Garza.

La Corte de Comisionados está considerando uno o más planes alternativos para la nueva delimitación de los precintos de la Corte de Comisionados del Condado. Los cambios en los límites actuales de cada precinto de la Corte de Comisionados también afectarán los precintos electorales, lugares de votación, y precintos de los Jueces de Paz y sus Alguaciles. La opinión del público será de mucha utilidad.

Firma: *Lee D. Norman*
 Juez del Condado de Garza

En cumplimiento con el Capítulo 552 del Código de Gobierno de Texas, por medio de la presente se da Aviso de que la Corte de Comisionados del Condado de Garza se reunirá en sesión especial el día 23 de agosto 2011, a las 10:00 am en la Corte del Condado de Garza. Del Condado de Garza para recibir comentarios del público sobre la nueva delimitación de precintos electorales, de Juez de Paz y de la Corte de Comisionados. Seguido de la audiencia pública, la Corte de Comisionados pondrá a consideración y posible acción uno o más planes alternativos para la nueva delimitación de los precintos de la Corte de Comisionados del Condado. La Corte se reserva el derecho de tomar toda y cualquier acción apropiada con respecto a la nueva delimitación de la división política del Condado de Garza, incluyendo la aceptación de nuevos límites para los precintos de la Corte de Comisionados, la modificación de cualquier límite, y/o posponer las propuestas pendientes para su posterior consideración y/o acción.

Se invita al público a asistir y participar en esta asamblea. Las personas que deseen dirigirse a la Corte deberán firmar un formulario de solicitud para oradores que se proporciona para este fin. A cada orador se le pedirá presentarse ante la Corte, identificarse, dar su dirección y el precinto de la Corte de Comisionados y Precinto Electoral al que pertenecen. Los comentarios deberán ser razonablemente concisos y al punto. Las preguntas serán contestadas, pero la Corte no permitirá controversias ni discusiones excesivas de un tema en particular. La audiencia se llevará a cabo bajo las reglas del decoro judicial, y se grabará la audiencia en una cinta. Sus comentarios se transcribirán e incluirán con la presentación de los cambios propuestos a los precintos existentes de la Corte de Comisionados ante el Departamento de Justicia de los Estados Unidos.

LEGENDS...

GARZA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Finding another subject for the weekly Legends article is fairly easy, as simple as opening a file cabinet or turning the page of one of the many recorded resources that we have in the museum. The real test is when to stop reading and start typing. The following is taken from the book-C.W. Post ~ The hour And The Man, written by Nettie Leitch Major.

This week I want share with you a letter written by Charles Rollin Post, father of C.W. Post, to his niece, who had requested he share his adventures as a "Forty-Niner." His niece was the daughter of his brother Lafayette Post.

My dear Niece: In your letter to your Aunt Carrie (mother of C.W. Post) received yesterday you wished me to give you some reminiscences of the trip in 1849 to California with your father in search of gold. It was not a very eventful one, so I do not know that I can entertain you with any hair-lifting or

blood-curdling events. In the 57 years that have intervened, I have forgotten many of the minor happenings, yet I recall the most impressive features of the trip with a great deal of pleasure.

The news of the discovery of gold in California in 1848 came slowly drifting through the papers, and early in the winter of 1849 the gold fever struck Waverly, Illinois, pretty hard. So, Fred Curtiss, James Godfrey, your father and myself decided to make the venture. Your father was living on a farm about four miles east and I was on one about a half mile south of Mr. Curtiss. We gathered our crops, sold the farms and gathered together 4 yoke of oxen, one cow and two small mules, fitted up a wagon and made everything ready for one long trip of over 2,000. Our mother, and brother Truman, went to Louisville to live with Rueben and sister Hattie, and your mother, with baby Herbert, went to Water-

bury, Connecticut, to your aunt Newton's. About the 27th of February, 1849, Fred and myself, the two unmarried ones, left Waverly with the team and wagon to drive across the country to St. Joseph, Missouri, where your father and Godfrey joined us about April 1st, having gone up the Missouri River by boat. There we remained about one month, resting up the stock, laying provisions, etc., waiting for grass to grow so that the cattle could live on it. About May 1st we ventured to make the start.

We joined a company as a measure of self-protection from the Indians, etc., of about 100 men and 350 head of cattle. They bought rubber boats, fire-arms, beads, etc., for trade with the Indians; also had a guide to pilot the caravan across the wide plains. We soon found that the guide did not know anything about the country more than we did, and that sufficient grass could not be had for so large a body of

cattle, consequently we were obliged to travel too slowly, so after traveling about 100 miles together, one bright morning, 24 men and six wagons and about 40 head of oxen, pulled out, leaving the rest of the company in camp with their guide, rubber boats, beads, etc., and pushed out along the already beaten trail for California and gold. As events proved, we beat them to the 'diggins' about one month.

We pushed along over the country, then a vast prairie, but now settled with homes, to Fort Kearney on the Platte River, where the soldiers were stationed to protect the migrants. We followed up the south side of the river until we came to the junction of the South Platte and the North Fork. Here we crossed the South Fork and followed up the North branch to Fort Laramie where another small regiment was stationed. On our way, we had seen large herds of buffalo grazing along their northward annual

migration, as well as deer, antelope, etc., so we had an abundance of fresh meat. I know of a train of wagons detained one whole day just waiting for the buffalo to pass, as it was dangerous to drive through them, for if they should happen to take fright, they would rush pell mell over teams, wagons, and any other obstacle. Fortunately we were not detained by them. We occasionally came across tribes of Indians, Pawnees, Sioux, Cree's, Arapahos, Snakes and Shoshones, but they were peaceable and did not molest us, though the Pawnees and the Sioux were at war with each other. In fact, we traveled all one day with a village of Sioux and camped at night within half a mile of them. After supper we went to their camp and they entertained us with their Tom-Toms and a sort of music. Not more than a month after, having been badly treated by following emigrants, they became quite hostile and caused a great

deal of trouble.

After leaving Fort Laramie, we followed up the Sweetwater River to where we crossed the South Pass, a low point in the Rocky Mountains, where on one side the water flowed to the Atlantic and the other side to the Pacific. At one place we found a spring with hot water and a few hundred feet away was another with very cold water. Near it we found a marshy spot where a foot below the surface was ice, which I think never melted. Passing on, we struck Bear River, and instead of keeping a straight westward course to Salt Lake City, we made a detour to the northwest around the bend of the river to Fort Hall, passing Soda Springs. Here we saw the first gold which was brought by a returning Californian. This was a Snake River, a tributary of the Columbia. Here we turned southward over the desert to the Hum-

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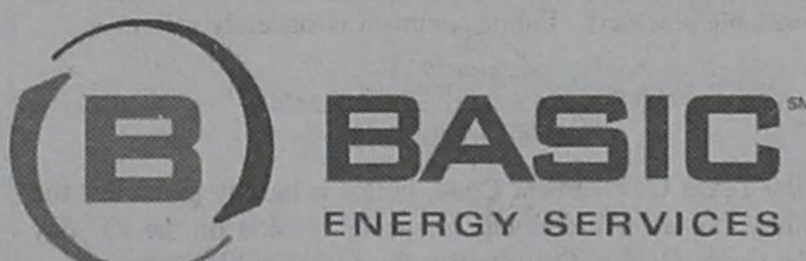
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Personal

Post Group Alcoholics Anonymous 10th & 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 7 p.m., Historic Presbyterian Church, 10th & Ave. K, behind United Supermarket. 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 Shiloh Aspen Walls would like to thank their family and friends for all their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. All the co-workers at IRA Pump & Supply; the staff at Giles Dalby Correctional Facility, and all the teachers. We would also like to thank the entire community of Post for it's out pouring of generosity, love and prayers. Thank you to all that sent flowers, cards, food and the phone calls. The Church of Christ for the food after the service. A special thank you to the EMT's, Lucas, Tina, D'Kota, Aisha,

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Sydney and Samuel Walls.

Congratulations to Peggy Claborn who was the winner of the Barbecue Pit and Jim Curry who was the winner of the Baby Quilt. The Fundraiser was a success and I am ever grateful for the many volunteers who helped. Thank You all!

Ila Workman

Director of Garza Co. Trailblazers & Board Members
Garza County Trailblazers would like to thank the following Merchants for their support in our annual Fundraiser, which was held on Saturday, August 13, 2011.

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Help Wanted

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Garza Central Appraisal District will accept applications for depository services contracts. Interested parties must submit proposals before 5:00p.m. on August 31, 2011. Proposals may be delivered or mailed to Garza Central Appraisal District, 124 East Main, P.O. Drawer F, Post, Texas 79356. The Appraisal District will review the proposals at the Board meeting in September 2011. The governing body reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

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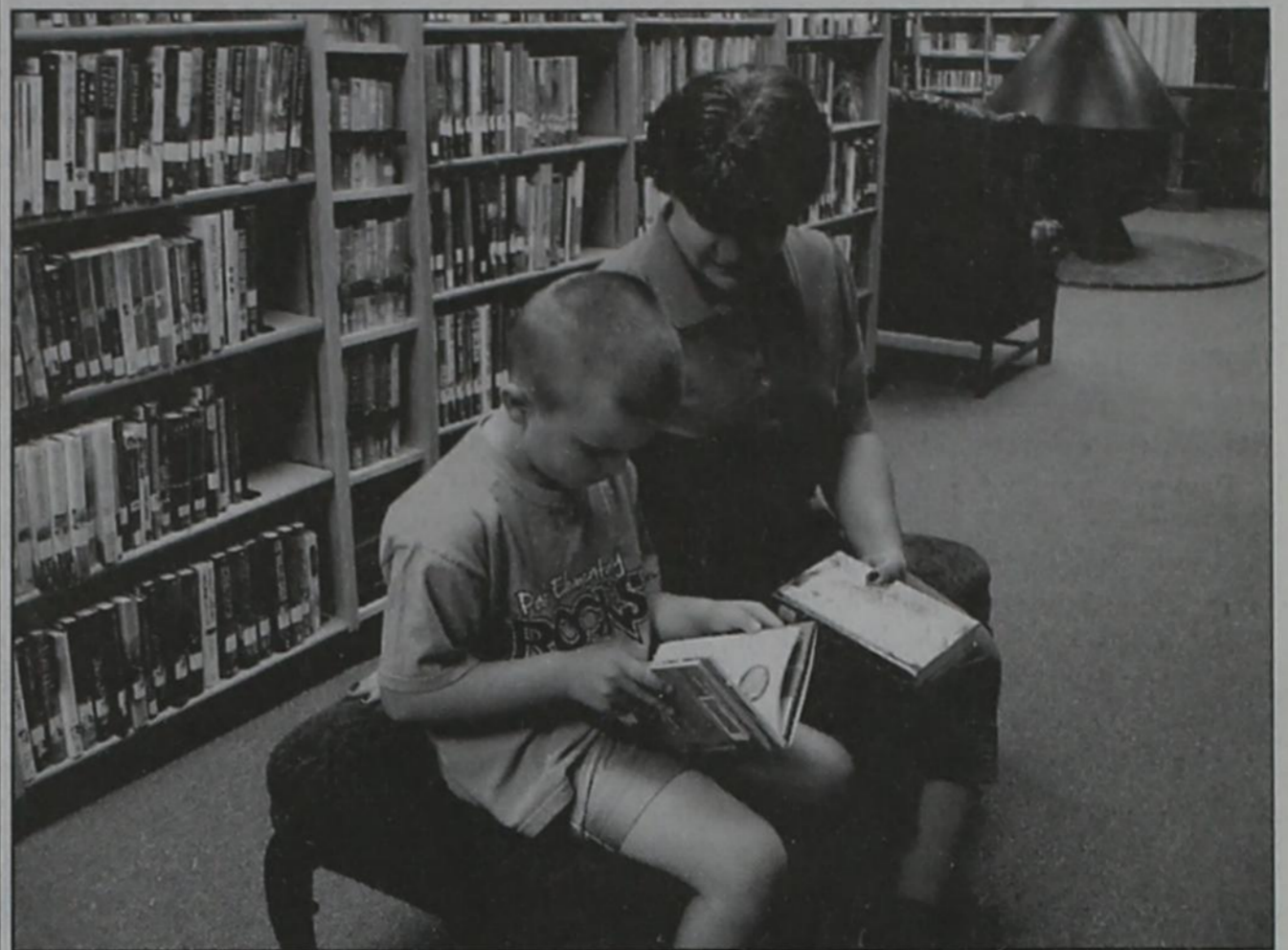
Don't depend on Mother Nature to water your drought-stricken trees

With the Lone Star State mired in a record-breaking drought, the parched trees that dot the landscape can no longer depend solely on Mother Nature to quench their thirst. Just like people, trees need water to survive. Without it, they can't carry nutrients up into their leaves or push the sugar they create down into their roots. During damper days, a mature tree — a mighty oak, flowering magnolia or even a stately pecan — likely could make-do with just the rain provided by Mother Nature. But as she gets stingier and stingier with her watering can, that's just not the case anymore. "We're seeing trees dying now, and the longer this goes on, the worse it's going to get," said Paul Johnson, a Texas Forest Service regional urban forester in San Antonio. "If you've got a tree in your yard... it's stressed." Watering is the single most important thing you can do for your tree during a drought. Without water, trees stop growing and drop their leaves in an act of self-preservation. As the drought worsens, so does the tree, making it more susceptible to a potentially-deadly insect infestation or disease. "Trees are amazingly resilient so things look a little better now than I expected, but they're still under serious stress," Johnson said. "It's worth the investment in your water bill to avoid the very real cost of having a tree removed, never mind losing the shade and cooling effect and all the other things trees do for us." The key is making sure you water the right amount, the right way, Johnson said, explaining that watering too much or too little can be just as detrimental.

Texas Forest Service tree experts have compiled a list of watering tips that can help you nurse your trees through the drought:

- Before you drag out the hose, check for and follow local water restrictions, which often are enacted during a prolonged drought. In San Antonio, for example, residents can water just one day a week during early morning and late evening hours.
- Well-established, valuable, mature trees should be watered every week or two during times of major drought.
- When you water, do so **deeply** — 6 to 8 inches into the soil under the foliage of the tree. Avoid shallow, frequent watering. You can measure the depth with a long screwdriver; taking note of how easy it slides into the soil.
- The easiest way to give your tree a good, deep soak is with a soaker hose or sprinkler system. A mature tree needs about an inch of water — or 60 gallons per 10-foot by 10-foot area — every week or two.
- Time your sprinkler or soaker hose so you'll know how long to run them. With a sprinkler, place an empty tuna or cat food can near the tree and time how long it takes to fill it up. With a soaker hose, curl it up inside a kiddie pool, let it run for a set period of time and then measure how much water is released.
- Young, newly-planted trees should be watered three times a week. During each watering, they need 5 gallons of water for every inch of stem — or trunk — diameter, which is measured 6 inches above the ground. So if your tree measures 6 inches in diameter, that's 30 gallons of water, three times each week.
- Water should be concentrated at the base of a new tree, which is why water bags are ideal. If you don't have access to them, drill a few holes in the bottom of a 5 gallon bucket, place it next to the tree, fill it up and let the water slowly drain out.
- Generally, a tree is considered established about two to three years after planting, but the ongoing, extreme drought is causing some older trees to struggle. Keep a close eye on any trees planted within the last seven years.
- Another option is to reduce your watering needs by removing plants that surround your tree. Grass and trees often fight for available water. Replacing that grass — especially around new trees — with a 6-foot diameter, 2-inch deep circle of mulch can help keep moisture on the ground and available to the tree.

Get caught reading



Reading runs in this family. Cole reads one of his favorites to his Mom, Cassandra Boren, as she makes her reading selections at Post Public Library.

The Post High School class of 1956

held its 55th reunion on Saturday August 6, 2011 at the Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center. A total of 47 persons enjoyed a breakfast cooked from scratch by Damon Ethridge of Post. Of the 47 attending the reunion, 24 were classmates accompanied by a wife, husband or friend. There were 13 PHS Graduates from other years attending the days festivities, Texas, Ted Tatum of Post, and

Trailblazers Menu

August 22nd - 26th

Monday
Baked Chicken,
Creamed Peas, Carrots,
Roll, Fruit

Tuesday
Hamburger Steak,
Broccoli Casserole,
Black eye Peas, Roll, Pie

Wednesday
Chicken Strips, Mash
Potatoes, Carrots, Roll,
Peach Crisp

Thursday
Pork loin, Butter
Beans, Turnip Greens,
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Friday
Chicken, Mashed
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Roll, Cobbler

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Post I.S.D. _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ Tuesday, August 30, 2011 - 5:30 p.m. in _____ Post I.S.D. Central Administration Building _____ Post, Texas _____.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.01860 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% increase	or	2.0	% (decrease)
Debt service	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 799,409,880	\$ 796,487,210
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,983,940	\$ 2,207,539
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 768,764,109	\$ 778,090,575
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,913,620	\$ 2,123,773

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0

* Outstanding principal.

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2011 **Property Tax Rates in GARZA COUNTY**

This notice concerns 2011 property tax rates for GARZA COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 2,954,182	\$	\$
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 37,899	\$	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,992,081	\$	\$
Last year's tax base	\$831,133,989	\$	\$
Last year's total tax rate	\$.36 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,988,751	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$842,937,436	\$	\$
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.35460 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.35460 /\$100		
<i>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)</i>			
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 2,950,893	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$842,937,436	\$	\$
= This year's effective rate	\$.35010 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.37810 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.37810 /\$100		

Statement of Increase/Decrease
Property Tax Form 50-179

GARZA COUNTY adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.35460 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2010 taxes by \$ 305.00.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL FUND	329,441.00
R&B #1	76,909.00
R&B #2	107,872.00
R&B #3	91,925.00
R&B #4	73,608.00

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.01860	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.01860	\$ 9,812	\$ 2,041
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.02465	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.02465	\$ 8,797	\$ 3,105
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.01860	\$ 0.00000 **	\$ 1.01860	\$ 8,707	\$ 2,859

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 41,770	\$ 43,495
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 28,120	\$ 30,099
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.0186	\$ 1.0186
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 286.43	\$ 305.59
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 20.16

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.0400. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.0400.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 7,312,927
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Hey everyone! Sorry I missed last week...it was just one of those crazy weeks. One thing I missed sharing is the rain we received; here at the gin the gauge showed 1 7/10; G.B. got an 1 9/10 while the Ellis/Childs/Freeman corner received 1 8/10, this was really nice but we can always use more so keep rain in your daily prayers.

I spoke with Beth Kemp Cook and her mom, Odie at our ice cream social. Odie is back in Post and is so glad to be "home" again.

The parade on Saturday was great! Close City had a float and won something but as I'm typing this I'm not sure what. Ha! Ha I'll let ya'll know when we find out. Thanks to Robbie W for loaning us the trailer and the use of his barn; my husband Robbie for building the "school"; Monique for helping Nancy and I to paint it; Jim and Nedra for all their hard work; Rusty, Natha Jo, Reece, Ryan and Will for saving feed sacks for us; Raegan for being our gopher and to Abby, Jake, Andrew and Russ for riding. Hope I didn't leave any-

one out. Billie Jean had a busy weekend around her house...Terry and Ruth Cross came thru from Dallas on Thursday to spend the night before heading on the Santa Fe for a few days. Ann Teaff came in on Friday from Emory and spent the weekend and both of them attended the Close City School Reunion that was held at Chapas on Saturday. Sunday night Terry and Ruth came back thru on their way home and met back up at Billie Jeans and got to visit with Ricky and Cody Cross as well.

Our sympathies go out to Grady and his family on the loss of his mom, Sue Shyyles.

Grady lives downtown Ragtown and is part of our regular morning coffee bunch. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Shyyles family.

Well it's that time again...school starts on Monday for just about everyone in the area. Please you people that fly thru here in the mornings headed to work and school watch out

for our little ones getting on or off of the bus. I know that Mrs. Gill as well as the rest of us would greatly appreciate it. And you don't have to see a bus to slow down ... I nearly got demolished by a little blue thing the other day ... wow I didn't know those things went that fast!

Did you know...
 Butterflies taste with their feet.
Get Wells
 Mary Gayle Young ... hope you are feeling better real soon.
 My daddy was a little under the weather but is feeling sooo much better now.

Happy belated Birthdays to the ones I missed last week
 August 12th - Joel Lopez
 August 14th - Devon McClain
 August 15th - Maria Contreras
 August 17th - Fabien Marquez
Happy Birthday this week
 August 19th - Pop Aten
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Weekly Inspirations

NO SIR OFFICERS

By Michael F. Taylor

A few years back, two old country boys, Fred and Earl, one day were driving down an old dirt road that tied into Interstate 127. And the boys unfortunately were drinking that good Pearl and Lone Star Beer. Earl, the passenger, took a drink and then let an exclamation, "Oh Lordy now, Fred. Look up yonder to the highway. Lands Sake there's a police roadblock! We're gonna go to jail fer sure, Now."

Fred just kept driving and said, "Now, now, Earl, don't get yourself in a discombobulation! We'll just pull over to the side of this here road, finish our beverages, and then stick the label onto our foreheads."

Earl replied, "What in world would we a do that fer?" "JUST LET ME DO THE THINKING AND DO WHAT I SAID", Fred answered back. So they did just that. They finished their beers and then stuck the labels on their foreheads. Then Fred drove right up to the Deputy.

When they got there, the Sheriff took a long look at them both and then asked, "You boys been drinking some?"

"No Sir", Fred responded in the best sober voice he could muster. "WE'RE ON THE PATCH!"

Well, I'm all for being on the Patch, but not that kind of Patch. I believe that God wants each of us to be on the Patch of His blessings. The ministering of the presence of God in our lives as we go from day to day. We are taught in Ephesians Chapter 1, " 2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." NIV. And then just a few verses later, we read, "6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, 9 he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ." NIV

There could be not greater patch to experience than the blessings bestowed upon us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God bless and have a wonderful week in the Lord.

"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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OPINION

The Paperboy



Cancer Cure? Monumental if True

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Last fall I lost my uncle to cancer. So, when the news broke last week that some individuals had apparently been cured of cancer, I listened closely.

Last week, Dr. Carl June and his team at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine claimed a victory that many were convinced was impossible.

June's team of researchers engineered a patient's own immune cells to treat a type of blood cancer called Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia, or CLL.

CLL affects nearly 15,000 men and women a year and more than 4,000 will die from it.

For years, researchers have been trying to figure out a way to kill cancer cells using a patient's own immune system. "This is a form of what I would call ultimate personal therapy. That's a wave of the future," June said.

For CLL, the only known cure is a bone marrow transplant, which is only effective in about half of patients. For this new treatment, scientists used the patient's own T-cells - white blood cells that help fight infections such as bac-

teria. Scientists remove the T-cells, genetically reprogram them to attack leukemia cells, and inject them back into the patient.

The scientists at Penn treated three patients with CLL. In two, the cancer cells were completely gone six months after the immune therapy.

"The clinical doctor involved in this was astonished and so were the patients that a single infusion of the cells could have such pronounced anti-tumor effects in the patients," Dr. June says.

The treatment does have significant side-effects, including a very bad flu-like illness, but so far all 3 patients - who had incurable leukemia and no other options - are doing well, with two seemingly cured.

In the process, the treatment, "is like giving a scent to a bloodhound," according to researchers. "These T-cells have been given the scent of the leukemia cells and go hunt them down. The hope is to give T-cells the scent of colon cancer, breast cancer, lung cancer and train them to go and kill all kinds of cancers."

According to the Penn scientists, "once these cells were

put back into two of the patients, after 2 weeks, they became violently ill with the flu then after 28 days, not only did they feel better, but all cancer was gone. The tumor was literally blown away all at once."

The team is now set to test the gene therapy on non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, acute lymphocytic leukemia, ovarian, pancreatic and prostate cancers.

The researchers say they are optimistic, but cautious, as they should be. It will take years of study to navigate these uncharted waters. But if you are a terminally ill cancer patient, I wouldn't think you have much to lose by participating in the study.

I pray these scientists continue to be successful in this endeavor. It would perhaps be the most profound medical discovery in history and change millions of lives on this planet.

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Sovereignty Lost is Liberty Lost

By BILL WILSON

Only now, nearly four years into the economic maelstrom of the financial crisis, do we see the real cost: national independence and sovereignty. It isn't our money the Masters of the Universe want. It's not land or other hard assets they crave. It's our freedom they want, and the freedom of every other developed nation.

Now, I understand that at first blush such a statement may come across as a bit "black helicopter-ish" in tone and content. But, look at the facts.

Europe is the more severe and apparent case but the same process is taking place in Japan and the United States. Greece and the other second-tier economies were allowed to borrow at will, piling on debt so high that their small populations could never repay them. And, then the rug is pulled out from under them. What was the price of bailout? Submit to dictates from the EU. Greece was handed a laundry list of actions it had to take. Effectively, their governments were shoved aside while international bureaucrats took control.

Now, we learn that the same thuggish process has taken place in Italy. Prime Minister Berlusconi reportedly said, "With all those letters and communiqués, they [according to the paper, 'they' refer to the European Central Bank, French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel] made us appear as a government under a compulsory administration. This is not true. Also, they decided to inter-

vene in favour of our bonds to save themselves, not Italy."

Ireland, Portugal, and Spain have also tasted the boot of the EU masters — either do as they say or drown. But, as Mr. Berlusconi so aptly points out, it is not Italy or Greece or any other country that is being "saved," it is the banks and the tiny handful of plutocrats who own and run them. He warned that "if today it's our turn, tomorrow it can be Paris's turn."

Entire nations of Europe are being pillaged to cover the bad bets of the banks. And the ultimate sacrifice demanded is their national integrity, their national independence. No more authoritative voice than socialist currency manipulator George Soros demands nothing less. In a column published recently, the socialist money-man called on Germans to, in effect, suck it up — pay the tab for Europe. Full national integration with nations losing the right to make fundamental spending decisions — sovereignty — is the price Soros and his predator band demand.

A similar fate awaits the U.S. We have a President who proclaims the problems can be addressed if we just fix our "broken" political system. Parroted by Obama-poodle Ezra Kline in the Washington Post, there never is a discussion of exactly what changes have to be made to our political system in order to "fix things." But given Obama's authoritarian tendencies and the demands of his union and radical "green" backers you can be sure of one thing; America will surrender even more of its independence to international gaggles, alphabet-soup UN agencies, and the world financial overseers.

From day one, Obama has pressed to submerge the United States under the thumb of others. His refusal to acknowledge the unique role of America in the world, his constant bowing and scraping to "world opinion," and his unilateral implementation of un-ratified treaties all point to where he wants to take us.

The incessant call to bind the productive nations of the world into world organizational control, whether the UN, the IMF, the World Bank, the G22 or other lesser known bodies, is becoming the hallmark of the economic crisis. Gordon Brown, the former socialist Prime Minister of Great Britain, wrote just this week of the need for a "world solution" to the financial crisis. Others are joining the chorus.

Americans were warned of this early in our history. As George Washington observed in his Farewell Address, "foreign influence is one of the most baneful foes of republican government". America, or European nations or Japan for that matter, will not find prosperity or peace by submitting to the internationalists. The World Governance crowd has nothing for us. They are the enemy of all that is truly American.

So, my first suggestions for budget cuts to the extra-legal Super Committee would be to eliminate all funding for the IMF, the World Bank and the UN. If we need to spend money overseas to support and defend the U.S., let accountable, U.S. employees spend it; not unelected, faceless bureaucrats who in their heart hate American independence and sovereignty.

Executive Orders Threaten Representative Government and Federalism

By REBECCA DIFEDE

Executive orders have become a common topic in the news recently ever since Obama announced his intention to issue one that will require businesses and individuals bidding on federal contracts to reveal their political donations to the civil servants who are making the contract letting decisions. Many stand in opposition to this potential rule, but because of this power granted only to the President, it will be very difficult for Congress to overturn.

An executive order (E.O.) is a direct mandate from the President that is implemented by the Executive branch. It has the full force of law and can be enacted immediately. If that thought scares you, congratulations, you have a functioning brain.

Though this seeming carte blanche authority is not an explicit power in the Constitution, it is considered implicitly granted as an "executive power" in Article III, Section 1. It can be traced back to 1789 when President Washington gave the first ever executive order, and President Lincoln is considered to have issued the first officially numbered executive order.

To date, there are 13,581 executive orders which are used to manage operations within administration agencies, extend diplomatic immunity for international dignitaries, designate public land, set up affirmative action requirements, etc. Basically, anything the President can issue an executive order about anything that he/she decides is important and it must be honored. If it is particularly egregious, Congress or the

Supreme Court could strike it down. But absent action, the executive order stands with the full weight of law.

Now because executive orders give the President freedom equivalent to giving a kid the keys to the Wonka Factory, sometimes they get carried away and issue edicts that are absolutely unfounded, and/or borderline tyrannical.

One fine example is E.O. 13132 which was enacted on August 4th, 1999 by then President Bill Clinton. Its purpose was to revoke E.O. 12612 (October 26th 1987) and significantly change the government's approach to the relationship between the federal government and the states.

The purpose of the executive order was to make it easier to issue regulations against the states. In the 12 intervening years between the executive orders (1987-99), the number of pages added to the Federal Register increased by 15.2 percent from 114,337 to 134,992. But after that, it has increased another 22.5 percent to 165,494, a record high.

The order also weakened a requirement that each regulation include an assessment of how it impacts states, making it unclear just by looking at the numbers how bad the damage has been. It may be incalculable.

There certainly is no shortage of laws to issue regulations from that will directly impact states. With new changes on the way with ObamaCare and the expansion of Medicaid, the Environmental Protection Agency's carbon "endangerment" finding and federal light bulb standards, or the decade-old "No Child Left Behind," three things (health care, energy emission standards, and education) that were never mentioned in the Constitution have been preempted by the federal

government.

The impact of the Clinton executive order was to simply ignore the text of the Tenth Amendment, which says that all powers not enumerated in the Constitution belong to the states. Instead, the order sought to make it clear that regulations could be issued against the states whether or not they were clear uses of constitutional federal power.

The Clinton executive order essentially changed the relationship of federalism by discounting the rights and authority of state government's giving the federal government absolute sway when their interests differ.

What is terrifying is if a president can so sweepingly change a concept that had existed since our nation's founding with a single motion, what else might the office be capable of? With little to no opposition, a president can enact anything he wants, so long as the agencies pretend there is not a strong constitutional basis for the contrary. That is too much power over too many people for just one person to possess.

In our nation of checks and balances, we need to start making sure that the I's are dotted and the T's are crossed in these executive orders, otherwise we could end up blindsided with a rule that we have no control over, but that has full control over us.

Let's hope that Congress takes a long, hard look at these laws that have been written into existence without a vote from our nation's elected representatives, lest executive orders continue to expand our government's power over we the people without even our state governments being able to stand in its way.

Who Speaks for the Average American - And Why It Doesn't Matter

By DAVIS BOZEMAN

Republicans are the party of the rich, or so I am told. While I consider myself, in terms of political/ideological identity, a constitutional conservative first, I do often vote for Republicans, thus friends and family ponder how a guy like me, of limited wealth (though fiercely independent and ambitious), could support the Washington branch of corrupt corporate America.

Republicans are so derisively linked to the rich that a litany of examples would seem almost redundant, so I hope readers will indulge me the opportunity to continue with my anecdotal case (furthermore, the notion of the GOP as the "party of the rich" is so manifestly absurd that I hardly know where to begin debunking it). Like the latest twist in a TV soap opera, some relatives, with brow-furrowing concern, surmise that because I have never bought property and dealt with "evil" bankers, I am just naive to life's pitfalls from which only benevolent Democrats would try to save me.

In truth, some of us choose our party affiliation/ideological identity from factors beyond our own limited circumstances. For instance, though I have no children, I support educational choice, up to and including vouchers. The Republican Party speaks to that, while the Democratic Party, beholden to teach-

ers' unions, does not. I support free market reforms to offer citizens greater choice in health care and insurance, which, far from being a pawn of the rich, should make me a vocal consumer advocate. I think a major overhaul of burdensome regulations would benefit businesses large and small (and I am grateful every day that President Obama's energy policies have never fully taken hold), as well as the "little guy" when he makes his purchases and pays his bills.

But sadly, the fallacy persists, and millions of hard-working, patriotic and, yes, conservative Americans continue to vote for the like of Barack Obama and Nancy Pelosi, all the while claiming that "I'm not really a liberal."

I mean, c'mon, whose values and lifestyle have more in common with the average American's, Sarah Palin's or Nancy Pelosi's? Michele Bachmann's or Timothy Geithner's? Who would be more likely to tear up at the national anthem, former POW John McCain or a certain president who attended Jeremiah Wright's church for twenty years?

I agree with Ann Coulter, who once noted that, in fact, liberalism is a luxury of the rich — note that Hollywood, the Hamptons, the Maryland/Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C. and most major urban areas remain hotbeds of liberalism, while rural and small-town America mostly stay conservative. Of course, the elite response to that is that North

Dakota, Wyoming and Kansas have been hoodwinked by the GOP into voting against their best interests.

Or could it be that — gasp! — Republicans just connect better with Main Street America?

Can a party stay viable for most of its 150-year history by representing such a narrow demographic as "the rich"? Does it stand to reason that you can seriously contend for the presidency by consistently nominating shills for Wall Street (and it's not like Democrats have never taken a dime from the rich)?

In the end, like many conservatives, I recoil at any blatant appeals to my economic status. Not that I harbor some pipe dream of retirement by 50, I just see myself as an American first. It takes all of us to make this country work, labor and management, urban and rural, etc.

We are not class units in America, we are individual citizens, and most of us will not stay in the same economic column all our lives. Though some take comfort in their conferred status, ultimately, we each must determine our identities, lest they become lost in the public lexicon of political correctness and groupthink, hostage to those who seek power for their own sordid ends.

Rebuilding Cow Herds

When and if the Texas drought breaks, market indicators suggest that middle-aged replacement cows may be a better choice than younger cattle, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist.

With national beef cattle inventory numbers this year declining more than 1.5 percent, Dr. Rob Hogan, AgriLife Extension economist at Fort Stockton, told attendees at the recent Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course at Texas A&M University to think about "action now" rather than later when it comes to economic returns.

"People are looking for middle-aged cows, something that has had calves before and are fairly dependable," Hogan said. "They are worth as much as youth right now." Current cattle prices indicate now be is the time to cull herds if producers haven't already done so, Hogan said. Retained heifers are down 5.4 percent compared to 2010, indicating a continued decline in national cow inventory, he said.

"In this last year, we lost another 5.4 percent retained heifers compared to the previous year," Hogan said. "Why is cow inventory going down? Because we're killing cows and not saving back heifers." Hogan said ranchers aren't saving heifers because packers are "giving too much for them."

"In the cattle business, it's driven by economic incentive," he said. "If it makes more money in the shorter period to feed them and then slaughter them, then people will do just that."

Hogan said even before the drought and wildfires

in Texas, ranchers didn't think cattle prices had reached their plateau. Since then inventory numbers have continued to decrease.

"They did not believe that cattle prices were high enough and stable enough to justify holding back heifers when they could be sold at historically high prices for stocker or feeder heifers."

Hogan said the situation isn't likely to change soon.

"I think we are in for several years of pretty good prices, and I consider them pretty good right now," he said. "I think it will go sideways or go up for several years. We're not going to get out of this inventory situation overnight. It's going to take a while to build up."

Dr. Joe Paschal, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, said that when the drought breaks, producers need to keep in mind several important factors when buying replacement cattle. Those include matching types of cattle to levels of forage availability and environmental stress because that is where the cows have to live and produce.

In selecting individual cattle, Paschal said to keep the following factors in mind: trait levels in milking ability, mature size, ability to store energy, stress tolerance, calving ease and lean-to-fat ratio. Paschal recommends producers review AgriLife Extension publication E-190,

"Texas Adapted Genetic Strategies for Beef Cattle V: Type and Breed Characteristics and Uses" at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/images/pdf/genetics/geneticsE190.pdf> to help them match the appropriate breed type to spe-

cific production levels. There are pros and cons when purchasing replacement cattle, and extensive delays when raising replacement heifers, Paschal said.

"It takes about 40 months for the calf that is bred today to produce a marketable product," he said. "That's a long time to wait for a return on your genetic investment. It could be shortened by purchasing replacement females. Purchasing generally can get you into the business more quickly. However, it may be difficult to find the desired breed type at the price you want to pay. Raising replacement heifers has the advantages of allowing for selection of the appropriate genetics for your environment."

Purchasing methods can include the local commission company, special stocker and replacement female sales, private treaty and Internet sales. The main drawback to Internet sales, Paschal said, is that you buy a minimum of half a load, about 20 head at a time. On the other hand, for larger operations that would be desirable.

Paschal said the advantage of private treaty is the producer has the opportunity to actually visit it the seller's ranch. "You get to spend some time there and see the operation," he said. "This does have its advantages in that you are seeing what you are buying before hand." Regardless of which method is chosen, travel expenses and time are generally traded for price paid. To avoid reproductive failure, Paschal recommends

using fertile bulls that have passed a breeding soundness exam conducted by a veterinarian, and cows that are in good body condition (at least a five or better) and are exhibiting estrus. Heifers should weigh a minimum of 65 percent of their mature weight prior to breeding. In addition, they should be at least a body condition score of six. Paschal also recommends a pelvic area measurement in heifers prior to breeding. Culling heifers with narrow or small pelvic areas should help reduce calving difficulty.

Put out equal numbers of

young bulls and mature bulls. If you put out a young bull with older bulls, they could get injured in fighting or while breeding cows, he said. And don't forget about herd health, he said, recommending that producers get input from their veterinarian to develop a preventative herd health plan to protect against reproductive diseases that can cause abortion in bred females. "Herd health and nutrition are very important," Paschal said. "Biosecurity is very important. Have good fences and watch what you bring in. Animals that

you bring in or purchase, you need to isolate them at least 30 days. "Don't expect those thin cows to breed because they just won't," he said. "Number of calves born multiplied by price per pound and weight minus cost is what your net return is. Reproduction is 10 times more important than growth. Growth traits are about four times more important than carcass traits. Select cows for adaptability, fertility and maternal ability. Select bulls for adaptability, soundness, direct calving ease and growth."

Planning Must Start Now to Bring Rangeland Back from Drought

More than 90 million acres of Texas rangeland can be rehabilitated.

As a blistering drought continues to plague huge portions of Texas, a Texas Tech University researcher says that even now in the midst of the fight it's time to plan ahead and logically plot a path for pulling more than 90 million acres of valuable rangeland back from the brink.

"We need to manage vegetation, so that when it does rain we can take full advantage of that precipitation," said Ron Sosebee, a 40-year expert on battling back the brutal effects of Texas' droughts and a professor emeritus with Texas Tech's Department of Natural Resources Management.

That means taking full advantage of grass growth when it's most available and defoliation is least detrimental, he said. Increased infiltration of water and decreased run-off erosion are key.

Sosebee advises capturing most, if not all, of the rain when

it occurs. Storms here on the plains are typically the cloudburst variety that produce intense rainfall, in many cases rates of five to 10 inches in as little as 15 minutes. Unless there's good ground cover, as much as 90 percent of that water runs off.

"It's critically important that we maintain adequate vegetative cover to retain as much precipitation as possible where it falls," Sosebee said. "Not taking that precaution opens the door to serious soil erosion."

Another area the land managers should consider is planned deferment of grazing following drought conditions. Year-long grazing might be beneficial for animal production, but it's probably not the best scenario for management in preparation for droughts or for vegetation recovery following a drought, he said.

"Any system that incorporates protection from grazing during the post-reproductive stage of growth to dormancy is beneficial to perennial grasses,"

Sosebee said.

In Texas, where the drought has been among worst, virtually no part of the state has been untouched. In June, the United States Department of Agriculture designated all 254 counties in Texas natural disaster areas, qualifying them for varying levels of federal relief.

According to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Temple, Texas has some 94 million acres of rangeland currently under drought conditions. That's 55 percent of the total grazing land in the Lone Star state.

Historically, the Texas Tech researcher noted that drought is really the norm in many rangeland areas of Texas. As a result, he suggests that management of those lands be designed to accommodate dry years, rather than holding out for years with average or above average rainfall.

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Kristi's Takeover

This is Kristi. Wife of Dr. Wink. Self-admitted coupon addict. Future Cake Master... well, at least 2 out of 3 will work! I thought it would be nice to give Kerry a week off from his EXHAUSTING work of article writing. So this week, it's all on my shoulders to entertain, educate, or provide whatever it is you get from reading the newspaper. You can call it my opinion, my outlook, or my two cents. Just don't blame me should riot activity or hostile takeovers occur in outrage of this not being a true "Dr. Wink article". Better notify someone to be on standby. Get the traffic cones & cuffs ready. I can see it coming.

Being the wife of a veterinarian one would think it a wondrous job. A job pictured a lot like a June Cleaver world where everything was perfect, supper was always at 6, and supporting your husband was top priority. I'd breeze in to help my husband work on cute puppies or meet friendly pets while talking to nice owners. At the same time juggle kids, supper, and the 'business' part of owning a business with ease and time to spare. Yeah right! Why didn't anyone tell me the pros & cons of playing a DVM

wife BEFORE I said 'Yes, I'll marry you!' with stars in my eyes?! Nope, words can't express how untrue (and can I just say, sometimes really unfair) this assumption is. Maybe we should host our own reality TV show showing backstage access to the life & times of a veterinarian's wife. "Real Housewives of DVMs" "DVM Wives" or "Days of DVM Wives"... hmmm, we can work on the name later.

There should be a "Marrying a Vet for Dummies" book for us unsuspecting victims. Chapter One should be titled 'It doesn't matter what they tell you, something's gonna STINK!' If I had a nickel for every time I ask Kerry 'What's that smell?' only to realize it's actually HIM! Not a very romantic hug after he's been palpating cattle all day! Chapter Two probably should be 'Never Plan!' I've learned not matter what you have planned, it can change with one phone call. Vacations, weekend road trips, or just a grocery trip to Lubbock can be turned upside down with the phone ringing. But that's ok. It's what we are here for! I get that! Chapter Three "Never underestimate a Chihuahua!"... I have my first battle scar from Garza

County Animal Hospital on my hand. I'd love to say it was a bite from a dog named Butch. Makes it sound like a war wound right? Nope, my 4 inch long scar is from a Chihuahua named Scrappy. And no, it wasn't a bite at all. Just long toe nails. Yup. Scrappy scratched me. But it's still a cool looking scar! Chapter Five "If you can't do something right, do it yourself!" NEVER would I have pictured myself a 'kennel scrubber'. I have to clean our house & my kid's bathroom already which is a not so nice job with 2 small boys! I have a degree in Business Management not poop patrol. But it's got to be done just starting this business. But believe me Kerry hears about it ALL the time!

I could go on and on with this novel idea and its endless chapters. I never imagined some of the situations I've been put in as the wife of a veterinarian. But I would not change it for the world! I love my husband and what he is accomplishing here in Post. I am proud of the vet he has become. I'm proud our boys get to see what a little hard work can do. But most of all I'm proud Kerry has learned to change clothes before hugging me!

DOT abandons proposal to require ranchers to obtain CDL

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) today applauded the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) decision not to consider a proposal that could have required tractors and loaded stock trailers weighing 26,000 pounds or more to obtain a commercial driver's license (CDL).

According to TSCRA this proposal had the potential to severely harm the Texas cattle industry, especially during times of natural disasters such as drought and wildfires.

TSCRA submitted comments last week opposing the proposal, stating that, "With recent natural disasters like drought and wildfires devastating Texas and Oklahoma, transportation has become even more important to move cattle, feed and equipment across county and state lines."

Current law does not require ranchers transporting their livestock more than 150 miles to obtain a CDL as long as their vehicles are not used by "for-hire" motor carriers; however, if a rancher wishes to transport livestock further they are required to have a CDL.

"While we are glad to see DOT walk away from a potential proposal to require

basically all ranchers who transport livestock to get a CDL, the current limit of 150 miles is simply unrealistic," said Joe Parker Jr., rancher and president of TSCRA.

"This limit needs to be lifted during times of natural disaster. For the sake of their livestock and their businesses, ranchers need flexibility and options when livestock must be transported to other places, and when feed, water and equipment must be transported. During times of natural disasters, ranchers must act quickly and simply don't have the time or resources to obtain a CDL," Parker continued.

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 79.5 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.

SPCAA Back to School Extravaganza 2011

South Plains Community Action would like to express our sincere appreciation to those who contributed to our recent Back to School Project. The following business, organizations, and individuals, are who made our event a huge success in assisting families in our community with backpacks and school supplies.

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- American State Bank
- Atmos Energy
- Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility
- Giles W. Dalby Cattle Company
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- 1st United Methodist Church
- Community Recovery Center
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- Gene & Betty Posey
- Chris & Jo Ann Stelzer
- McCrary Ltd.
- Rocker A Well Service
- Lauren C. Peel
- Aurora Vargas
- Mary "Liz" Shuster-Mid West City, OK

Post ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu
August 22nd-August 26th

- Monday**
Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk
- Tuesday**
Churros, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk
- Wednesday**
Oatmeal, Sausage, Toast, Fruit, Milk
- Thursday**
Pancake on a Stick, Syrup, Fruit, Milk
- Friday**
Cereal, Graham Cracker, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu:

- Monday**
Corn Dog or Burrito, Tater Tots, Carrots, Pudding, Milk
- Tuesday**
Pizza, Salad, Corn, Oranges, Milk
- Wednesday**
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Salad, Green Beans, Bread Sticks, Pineapple Slices
- Thursday**
Antelope Wrap, Refried Beans, Applesauce, Milk
- Friday**
Hamburger, Salad, Baked Chips, Baked Beans, Cookie, Milk



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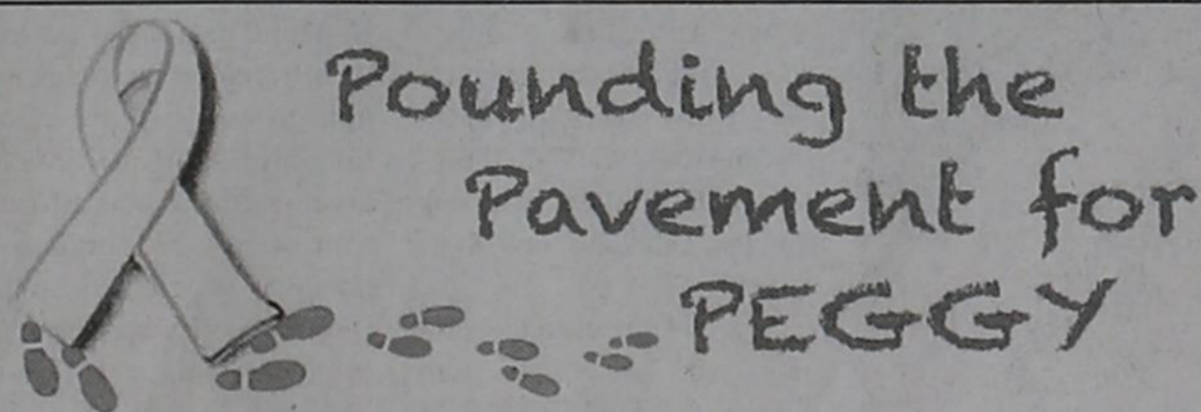
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Cause No. 11-05-06580

JACOB MEADOR	X	IN THE 106TH DISTRICT COURT
VS.	X	OF
MORGAN COOK	X	GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: MORGAN COOK, Defendant-GREETING

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable District Court of Garza County, at the Courthouse in said County in Post, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 20th day of May 2011 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Defendant did operate said vehicle in violation of various civil and/or criminal statutes of the State of Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Post, Texas this 11th day of August 2011.

Attorney for Plaintiff: Ted A. Liggatt 1001 Main, Suite 300 Lubbock, TX 79401	Clerk of the Court: Jim Plummer P. O. Box 366 Post, TX 79356 By <i>Laura Rodriguez</i> Deputy
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OFFICER'S RETURN

Came to hand on the 15 day of August 20 11 at 8:46 o'clock P.M. and executed this citation by delivering the same to the Post Dispatch, a newspaper published in the County of Garza, State of Texas, to be published four times, once in each week for 4 consecutive weeks. Said publications were made respectively on the 8/19/2011, 8/26/2011, 9/2/2011, 9/9/2011.

the first publication to begin at least 28 days before the return day hereof. A printed copy thereof will be returned to the clerk of this court and attached hereto.

Fees \$ 50.00 Printer..... \$	By <i>Daniel Urbie</i> Sheriff/Constable Garza County, Texas By <i>Brian Smith</i> Deputy
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August 20th – Bailey Pennell
 August 21st – Robert Craig, Rusty Morris
 August 25th – Mike Aten (woo hoo! I got it right this time...I hope!)
Visitors
 Ya'll come see us now ... remember we have the cheapest snacks and drinks in the county!
 Don't forget to check out our page on Facebook under Close City Community. Feel free to write on our wall or

post pictures. It's a fun place to keep up with friends and happenings
Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are..... Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; Doug and Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham; Jean Tipton in Robert Lee; 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.
FYI
 You can now get your cookbooks and T-shirt order forms at CoCara's and Caprock Heirloom downtown Post, stop in and pick one or two up, they make great gifts and keepsakes!
Everyone have a great week, be safe, come see us and keep rain and our troops in your daily prayers and send me your news! See ya next week.

The Post High School class of 1956



The Post High School class of 1956 held its 55th reunion on Saturday August 6, 2011 at the Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center. A total of 47 persons enjoyed a breakfast cooked from scratch by Novis and Rexene Pennel of Mineola, Texas, Ted Tatum of Post, and Damon Ethridge of Post. Of the 47 attending the reunion, 24 were classmates accompanied by a wife, husband or friend. There were 13 PHS Graduates from other years attending the days festivities.

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boldt River, down which we followed to the Sink, a place where the stream disappears into the sands. At that point, we found that we must cross a stretch of desert of 45 miles with no water except a hot spring about midway. We filled every available vessel with water from the river, filled up our stock and ourselves, and about sundown started out for an all-night drive through to Hot Springs, which we reached early in the next morning. Here we were obliged to camp for the day. All the water given to stock had to be taken out of the spring, hot enough to boil an egg, and cooled. About sundown we left there with a small amount of water in canteens and kegs for ourselves for an all-night travel to the

Truckee River. Along toward morning, after pulling along our wagons through the heavy sand with all men walking, our cattle began to give out and lay down by the roadside. We were obliged to stop and allow the cattle to rest a while. I then took some canteens and went on over the intervening 3 or 4 miles to the river. You can imagine how refreshing the sight of that water was to me as I came to the banks and saw it tipping along so clear and cool. It seemed in some measure to satisfy my thirst just to look at it, and I sat on the banks and looked and looked for at least five minutes before I went down for a drink. When I felt sufficiently refreshed I filled my canteens and hurried back and found

the cattle unyoked and resting in the shade of the wagons. All drank as sparingly as possible, but two or three were so nearly famished that we had to deny them all they would have drunk at first. We then hitched up all the cattle which could rise and crawled along the river. In a few hours the 2 or 3 exhausted oxen, left behind, came struggling in. We stayed here until we were filled up with water and grass and other provisions and thoroughly rested up, thankful that we had all lived through.

We soon came to the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Here we came to the place where so many of the Donner party perished.

Don't miss Part-2 as our 49'er story continues next week.

Thanks for Reading!

Buck Creek Watershed meeting scheduled Aug. 25 in Wellington

WELLINGTON — Landowners and others interested in hearing details about the Buck Creek Watershed Protection Plan and water quality monitoring in the watershed are invited to a public meeting Aug. 25 in Wellington.

The meeting will be from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Wellington Auditorium, 802 10th St.

Light refreshments will be served and sign-in will begin at 6 p.m.

The watershed protection plan, developed by local stakeholders and drafted by Texas AgriLife Research at Vernon and the Texas Water Resources Institute, is in its final stages of review and nearing completion, said Phyllis Dyer, research assistant and watershed coordinator with AgriLife Research.

Dyer said the primary purpose of this meeting is to review the draft watershed protection plan and get feedback from local stakeholders on its contents.

"Any feedback and comments received will be used to craft the final version of the plan," Dyer said.

Once completed, an electronic copy will be emailed to everyone in the partnership. Printed copies will be distributed at the next partnership meeting or can be requested from Dyer.

Lucas Gregory, project manager for the Texas Water Resources Institute, said the meeting also will highlight the continued monitoring that's meant to document water quality improvement in the creek.

"Previous monitoring efforts stopped almost two years ago when funding was expended," Gregory said. "It is important to continue monitoring as it provides needed information on the impacts that implementation has on the creek."

Dyer said the monitoring also will provide needed information regarding the distribution and loading of nitrates into the creek.

"In response to nitrate concentrations being listed as a water quality concern in the creek, managing nitrate levels was identified and included in the watershed protection plan," she said.

"Collecting data now and identifying the distribution and potential sources of nitrates in the creek will help to guide future efforts to address nitrate levels," Dyer said. "This information will also serve as a needed benchmark when illustrating water quality improvements following watershed protection plan implementation."

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board provided grants to AgriLife Research and the Texas Water Resources Institute to conduct the water quality study and develop the plan.

For more information see the project website: <http://twri.tamu.edu/buckcreek> or contact Dyer at 940-414-0195 or PMDyer@ag.tamu.edu.

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