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Garza County receives new emergency communications command unit

By Jodi Lincoln

When speaking of Garza County and how fortunate the county and the community are, there are so many ways to describe how fortunate this small rural town and county is that is difficult to know where to begin. The latest way, and possibly one of the best ways the county is fortunate is in having so many of the right people in the right places to get major things accomplished in Garza County. We have elected officials like Judge Lee Norman, who is always looking out for the best interests of the county as a whole and Mayor Thressa Harp who is always diligently seeking ways to improve the city and it's many functions and services. We are most fortunate to have someone like Michael Isbell who holds the position of Eastern Plains Emergency Management Coordinator in Garza County. Michael has proven himself to not only be an invaluable asset to the community, but also an innovative thinker. Isbell has been instrumental in coordinating efforts to fight the wildfires that have burned some 150,000 acres in Garza County and our sister counties when fires have crossed county lines.

Two years ago, Isbell saw a need for a mobile communications command vehicle and begin the long and arduous task of acquiring such a command station for the three counties he covers in the South Plains. He began by taking an old hand me down, retired emergency box truck and sought local funds to outfit the vehicle as a communications hub during natural disasters, little foreseeing the 2011 fire season that was to come. With this year's extreme drought conditions, and for a while, almost daily wildfires proved the need for the purchase of a newer, more mobile and capable communications command center. While the truck has only been recently available for a couple of wildfires, the job of coordinating all the many assets that show up to fight a fire and the ability to have a constant

"eye" on the center of the wildfire, it proved itself worthwhile on just those two occasions.

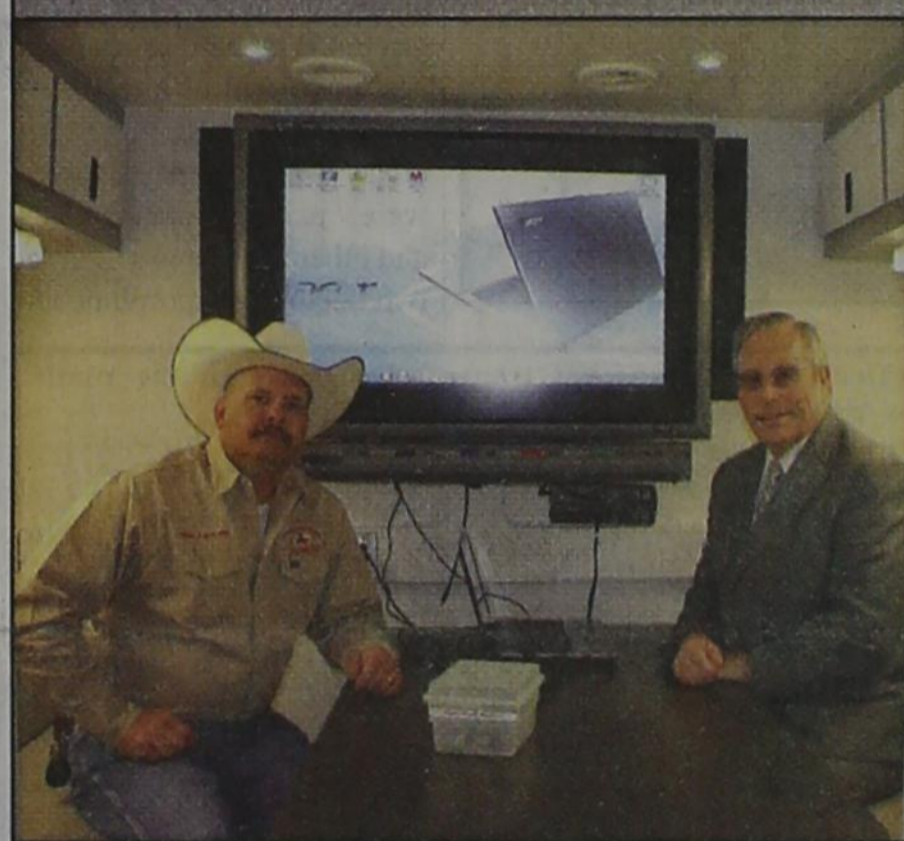
The Eastern South Plains Region that Isbell oversees and the South Plains Association of Government and Homeland Security teamed up to find grant monies to purchase a 31 foot long, box style mobile communications unit that houses a real time weather satellite station and live television coverage to monitor information being broadcast in the event of a natural disaster. There are satellite systems that show real time locations from Google Earth on board the command center and both radio communications and a phone that will step in if local 911 service were to be lost in a disaster. Citizens would still be able to dial 911 and their calls would be re-routed through Lubbock and back to the command center for citizens to call for help.

Isbell said the most valuable piece of equipment in the communications hub is the live weather station, particularly in fighting fires as weather conditions play a large role in controlling and putting out wildfires. His second most valuable tool is what he referred to as a "smart board," which Isbell said "would allow us to monitor and coordinate many different situations, such as creating a grid that is color coded and would print out for each team member in a search and rescue situation where groups would be needed to search for say, a lost hiker at LAH or in coordinating rescue or recovery efforts in a drowning, and even helping to work a multiple car pile up with fatalities. The command center would also serve as the heart of coordination with federal agencies during a natural disaster such as a tornado, earthquake or any other act of mother nature."

The command station is also supported by numerous computers, allowing many different individuals to be doing any number of paper work related tasks that must happen rapidly in an emergency situation. Outside



Photos By Jodi Lincoln
(Above) New emergency mobile communications command center unveiled at South Plains Association of Government center in Lubbock on September 27th



(Left) Garza County Emergency Coordinator Michael Isbell and Garza County Judge Lee Norman seated in the war room where the "smart board."

the unit, there are satellites pinging real time satellite information into the command unit and Internet connections that are needed to support many of the tasks happening inside the command unit, as well as cameras that allow views of what is transpiring outside the unit.

The unit was manufactured by Turtle Top in New Paris, Indiana and was purchased through Keith Campbell at Alliance Bus Group out of Lewisville, Kentucky. The command unit will be housed at the Garza County Sheriff's Department where Isbell offices out of.

The Dispatch email shut down by nasty virus

By Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

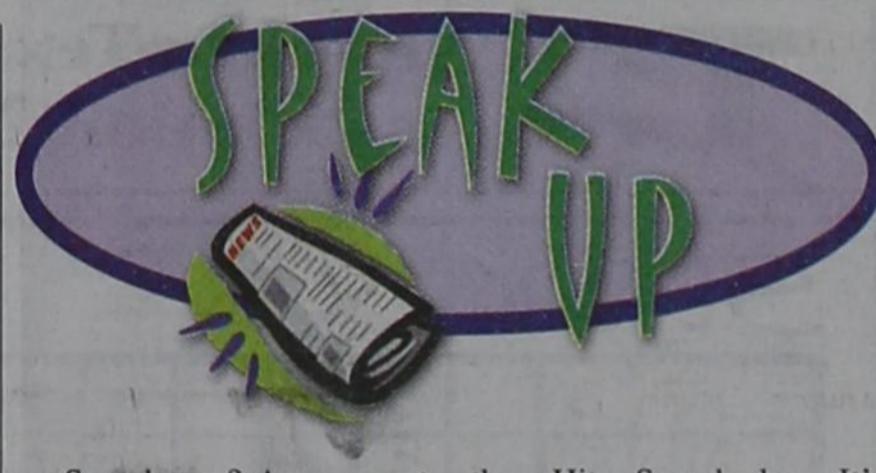
The Post Dispatch had the misfortune this week to have had our email address and the personal email address of editor Jodi Lincoln hijacked, causing much chaos in getting this week's paper out. Hackers have hacked into both the Post Dispatch's Yahoo email account and that of editor, Lincoln's AOL account. From these addresses, spam emails were sent out to everyone in both contact lists with emails stating that Lincoln is in Madrid, Spain and has been robbed and is asking for friends and family to please wire her \$4,000.00. In the subject line, the name of the email is "Re: Hi." If any of our

friends and clients receive an email with "Hi" in the subject line and asking you to send funds to Jodi, please do not open the email. If you have received the email and opened it, please print out a copy and bring it to the Dispatch so that we may forward it on to the Garza County Sheriff's Department for them to use in their investigation.

Due to this unfortunate event, we fear that there will be ads, stories, Post-notes and community news we will miss this week. We have reported the incident to the Garza County Sheriff's Department for investigation and we urge any of our clients or email partners to use extreme caution when opening any email from postcitydispatch@yahoo.com or duchess400@aol.com.

We have had reports from some of our regular email contacts that the email, once opened to read, infected their computers and caused some to crash. Our office computers did not become infected, however, we did lose access to our email and until we can get this fixed through Yahoo, we ask that you send any further emails to thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com

Again, we deeply apologize for the inconvenience this spam email has caused our friends and clients. We will make every attempt to get any missing information that was not included in this week's paper into the October 7 edition.



Sore losers? As a parent of several athletes I could not sit back and let the letter from last week and go unanswered. First off, there are several booster clubs that raise money for both the girls and boys athletics and those are run mostly by parents of these hard working fine athletes, usually by a handful of parents as not ALL parents participate. As for the coaches matching shirts and hats, I would assume those are paid for through the athletic budget just like the boys matching uniforms are. I want to say I am appalled that you or anyone else would stoop to call our fans, coaches and children sore losers! As a parent I have heard not negative remarks about the athletic program. I have been told on numerous occasions what a great sportsmanship that Post has. If you look on the field you will see our kids tackle someone, then turn around and help them up, you will see our boys praying before the games, you will see the comradeship amongst the players and coaches and you will see VERY PROUD parents in the stands. As for

the Hit Somebody.....It's Football!

Brandy Fannon

In response to the speak up article last week:

First off, I do believe that you are HIGHLY misinformed! You mentioned that your sons played for years and received free shirts. They were not free! Just because you didn't pay for your shirts does not mean the rest of us didn't have to pay for ours!! I have bought every shirt and helped with fundraisers for my boys for the past eight years! The flash drive cards were either furnished by the school, or one of the coaches. Your sons may have kept theirs, but my boys turned theirs in each week, and at the end of each season. There was also NO free food before the games! There was a pre-game meal that the boys PAID for. Again, maybe your boys were just lucky enough that someone felt sorry for them and paid for their meals. The meals that the football players get on Fridays are done BY THE PARENTS and businesses or

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Post Notes

There will be a community wide church service October 9th at 10:00am in the Elementary Auditorium. Pastor Phiri (from Malawi, Africa and "Circle of Hope") will bring a message with choirs from any church wanting to participate. Please contact Jamie Edwards at 327-5312 or Tonya Kirkpatrick at 629-4054 for more information. What a powerful time to come together as a community and worship as one Body of Christ!

Holy Cross Catholic Church will be having a fish fry with all the trimmings Friday October 7th at 5:00pm-7:00pm. Plates will be sold for \$8.00.

Post Ex's Baseball Tournament:

The 2nd Post Ex's Baseball Tournament will be held October 1 & 2. The tournament will consist of up to 8 teams with an entry fee of \$100.00. A team may have up to 16 players but must have a least one player who participated in Post Little League. For more information, contact the Post Area Chamber of Commerce at 495-3461.

Ragtown Gospel Theater continues run of play Deacon and the Pharisee

The play, Deacon and the Pharisee will continue to run until October 1st. The story of Stephen and Saul is one of the most horrifying, yet among the most touching, and uplifting episodes in the Bible. This drama unveils the intrigue that led to the execution of the beloved deacon, Stephen, which would forever plague the heart of the Apostle Paul.

"Deacon and The Pharisee" will be staged only 5 weekends between August 26th and October 1st. There will be no performances over the Labor Day holiday weekend. Call or go online right away to assure that you get the best seats in the house for this powerfully moving production.

Our online box office is open 24 hours a day or call 1-877-RAGTOWN.

Post Community Youth

We are ready to start another thrilling year with the Post Community Youth. All youth are invited. As a community youth group many different churches are involved and you do

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Hunter education course set

Post—A hunter education class has been scheduled for October 22 and 23, beginning at 8am at the Post High School cafeteria, according to Drew Spencer, Garza County Game Warden and Hunter Education Instructor. Spencer adds that the class on Saturday will run until 5pm, with students allowed an hour and a half lunch break. Sunday's class will be from 1pm until 5pm. Students will be required to attend class both days.

According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, if you were born on or after September 2, 1971, and you are:

under 9 years of age, you must be **accompanied**, or

age 9 through 16, you must successfully complete a hunter education course, or you must be **accompanied**, or

age 17 and over, you must successfully complete a hunter education course; or purchase a "Hunter Education Deferral," and you must be **accompanied**.

Spencer points out that "accompanied" means: by a person who is at least 17, who is licensed to hunt in Texas, who has passed hunter education, or is exempt (born before September 2, 1971), and who is within normal voice control. Proof of certification or deferral is required to be on your person while hunting.

However, any individual may take the course on a vol-

untary basis and is encouraged to attend regardless of requirements, according to Spencer.

"The course is open to adults and youngsters and will include instruction in modern firearms and primitive sporting arms handling and safety, outdoor responsibility and ethics, laws and regulations, wildlife conservation and management, hunting traditions, field care of game and wilderness first aid and survival," Spencer added. "I'm hoping better attendance than my last class in August. With rifle deer season opening the following week, there should be higher demand."

The minimum age for certification is 9 years and cost is \$15. Students 9 years of age or older successfully completing the course will be issued a "Temporary Student Card" at the end of the course. Students will then receive an original "Hunter Education Certificate" from Texas parks and Wildlife after processing the paperwork. Those less than 9 years of age will receive a "Certificate of Attendance," but must take the course again after turning 9 for proper certification.

To register for the course, please contact Drew Spencer at (806) 773-4179. Additional hunter education information can be found at the following website: www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/hunter_education.

By Linda puckett

Part four of the Cato story continues, with the United States District Court trial in progress at Lubbock, the date is May 25, 1935. The government witnesses that were called to testify against Cato, Kitchen, Hartman, and Morgan were "real" criminals themselves. The stage had been set using several thugs, drug addicts, and thieves as informers to build a "drugs for loot" case against the Garza County Sheriff, L.W. Kitchen the local vet, and physician V.A. Hartman. District Attorney Clyde Eastus indicated, for the first time in open court that the prosecution was seeking to show the sheriff and two doctors were working together. Morgan, a farmer specially deputized just before the shooting, seemingly was ignored in the bulk of government evidence. Fifteen witnesses were to appear.

Narcotics addicts and thieves by their own admission, Frank (Mickey Dew) Burns, O.W. (Curly) Wood, and Elzie Clay told of the multiple times they had purchased or traded for drugs from Dr. Kitchen.

Wood of Choctaw County, Oklahoma, would not estimate the number of sales Dr. Kitchen had made to him. He said he had made the purchases "so many times and so often it'd be hard to answer." The three told of hitchhiking through this section, stealing guns, wearing apparel, silverware, paint, fountain pens, and other articles to sell to the two doctors for morphine and

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cocaine. Sometimes they paid cash, \$1. a grain, they said.

Clay, a Lubbock bricklayer, said he once worked about a week "fixing foundations and chimneys" on Dr. Kitchen's house. His sole payments, he said, "was three grains of morphine the (per?) Day."

Not introduced to the evidence was the fact that a qualified physician in Lubbock can purchase morphine for about nine cents the grain.

The three men said they were assured by Dr. Hartman that Sheriff Cato would not interfere with their transactions. Burns testimony pointed to Dr. Hartman as an accomplice in one theft and Dr. Kitchen as an accomplice in another.

On one occasion, Burns said, "Doctor Hartman had a 'slouchy-looking hat.'" The witness said he was asked to get Dr. Hartman another hat from a store downstairs. Burns said he asked the physician to have the clerk get the hats down. He (Hartman) had the man put the hats out, Burns said. "I got three hats and carried them to his office. I got ten grains of morphine and three grains of cocaine for three hats."

Cross examination by Cato and Morgan's attorney, W.P. McLean, drew from Clay's testimony that the addict had taken two one gallon buckets of paint from a lumber yard after Dr. Kitchen had called an attendant out.

"Dr. Kitchen was with me in the car," Clay said. "He called the man to the car and I got the paint."

Defense drew from Burns, Clay, and Wood that "they would lie and steal to get the drugs they craved."

[The next paragraph is from a newspaper article and is just too weird but is printed

as it was written.]

After Clay, questioned by McLean, had so testified, Judge Wilson said the court had instructed government officials having custody of the narcotics addicts to give them a sufficient amount of drugs "to keep them from collapsing while they are in the charge of the government."

Records of the three witnesses and of Charlie Fowler, who on Friday had testified, that Sheriff Cato had arranged an exchange of stolen clothing for narcotics between Fowler and Dr. Hartman. Fowler admitted that he had been committed to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth three times, after conviction of narcotics cases. "You had committed a crime?" McLean asked. "Against no one but myself," Fowler replied.

On May 27, the Avalanche Journal led with this headline.

Witness Refuses To Testify; Says Would Link Self

Odessa Young Women Tell Of Illicit Relations With Kitchen In Order

To Obtain Morphine; Eastus Bares Startling Testimony He Had

Hoped To Obtain From Mont Bridges.

The plot just continues to thicken. The D.A. hoped to prove his allegations by putting Mont Bridges on the stand. Judge James Wilson instructed removal of the jury when testimony by tall, dark-complexioned Bridges, who had been brought into the courtroom from Lubbock County Jail, became an issue.

"I refuse to testify in this case, and am willing to take the consequences," Bridges said.

After the jury had left the

courtroom, District Attorney Eastus addressed the court detailing some of the testimony he hoped to draw from Bridges. He wanted to know how long he (Bridges) had known the defendants and was trying to connect the three charged in the slaying of the agent with a local attorney in a possible narcotics business in 1934. He wanted to know whether Kitchen and Hartman had been paying the sheriff a \$100 a month. The prosecutor, Eastus, said, "This man has been associated with them for some time; one of the gang if you please."

Bridges refused to testify, whom the court recognized as his right, was made, Bridges said because he might incriminate himself. Later, when the bullet-pierced bodies of Jay A. Donaldson and Miss Bertha Gordon were found in a highway east of Post the night of July 1, 1934, Bridges was charged with murdering the two. He had been their drinking companion earlier in the night.

At Bridges trial for Donaldson's slaying at Post in November, Mrs. Susie Gordon, mother of the slain woman, testified Bridges had threatened to kill Donaldson, Doctor Kitchen, and her son-in-law, Ed Frazier, because they "knew too damn much" about his counterfeiting business.

Illicit relations with women was added to the merchandise for drugs testimony. A slender brown haired 21 year-old Alta Hodge from Odessa told how she went to Kitchen's office about 18 months prior "to get morphine."

"How much did you buy?" Eastus asked. "Three grains."

The prosecutor asked what she paid. "I didn't pay him." "Who did pay him?" "No one," she replied. "I had a date with him."

Similar testimony came from Vera Gentry, 21, a blonde from Odessa. She made six or seven dates with Kitchen, receiving four grains each time. She stated that he was usually drinking or drunk.

[Linda's note] Folks, I have omitted up some of the illicit content in the printed material. If you have been led to believe, as I was, that Sheriff Cato was the lone person in question; boy, were we ever wrong. This is some serious stuff! Once a person of authority or other professional who has taken an oath to serve, crosses over that line and compromises their own integrity, there seems to be no stopping point. Shame on them for what they did!

Next week will be part five as we close the Cato story.

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Flu Season isn't just for the birds!

By Kerry Wink, DVM

Every year we all brace ourselves for the upcoming flu season. One can get a flu shot just about anywhere now days; health clinics, drug stores and even drive through vaccination clinics where you don't even have to get out of your car! Did you know our pets could suffer from the same? Yup, Fido can get the flu. And just like with us humans, it is contagious and can spread fast. I know what you're saying as you read this, "Bird flu...Swine flu... now Dog Flu? Will the madness ever end?!"

Officially known as the H3N8 virus, dog flu has been reported in scores of outbreak clusters ranging from Northern Virginia, Miami to Denver over the past five years. San Antonio has been the latest publicized outbreak with Austin and Dallas also reporting dog flu cases. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Texas is one of 38 states where dogs have been exposed to the H3N8 virus. According to the CDC, the virus was first detected in 2004 in greyhounds. Scientists believe it jumped species from horses to dogs then adapted to cause sickness and spread only among dogs.

So what is the "dog flu"? It's a very contagious, respiratory illness in dogs. This illness is caused by a specific Type A influenza virus known as canine influenza virus (CIV). Now let's stop here for a minute...NO, you cannot catch the flu from your dog! It's not a human influenza virus! Don't be calling Dr. Edwards saying your pooch gave you the flu. People might start wondering about you.

H3N8 is spread dog to dog by direct contact with respiratory secretions from infected dogs through runny noses, etc., by contact with contaminated objects such as food and water bowls, and by people moving between infected and uninfected dogs. The dogs shed, or transmit, the



virus through secretions that expose it to the environment. We won't go into what kind of secretions, but let's just say it comes out of both ends, ok? Nearly all dogs are susceptible to infection. Most will have a mild form of the disease. Symptoms can include fever, runny nose, and coughing, however, some dogs infected with the virus do not show symptoms.... ever! This is what's scary for me as a veterinarian. A dog can act and look healthy, but still be shedding the virus causing risk to others. Veterinarians, clinics, groomers, and boarding kennels are paying extra attention to sniffing dogs and preparing contingency plans in case a flu-infected animal enters their doors; and concern is sufficiently high so that don't-panic statements are being issued. So here's my statement for Garza County..."Don't Panic." Yup, you can quote me on that.

The vast majority of dogs that contract CIV recover in one to three weeks. However up to 5% die, usually due to pneumonia that develops secondary to the flu, which affects generally older dogs, puppies and dogs with already, compromised immune systems. Some will develop severe versions of the normal coughing, fever, runny-nose, loss-of-appetite symptoms. Others may require what we

call "supportive" help to keep sufficiently hydrated and fevers in check and sometimes antibiotics to battle pneumonia.

The American Veterinary Medical Association is not recommending vaccinating all dogs. "Dogs that receive the Bordetella vaccine, the association says, should be considered strong candidates for flu vaccination because they've been determined to be at risk for the much-less-serious kennel cough through regular contact with many dogs, and that puts them at higher risk for CIV." Vaccine developer Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health says it significantly reduces the duration and severity of symptoms and dramatically curbs the flu's spread.

The bottom line is this... unless your dog is regularly in close contact with other dogs, the vaccination probably isn't necessary. Dogs with weakened health or those traveling to areas with confirmed cases may that require discussion with your veterinarian regarding the vaccine.

If you have any questions relating to your pets health or just would like to see a particular subject discussed in this article, give us a call up at the clinic, 495-3726. We will be glad to assist in any way to help you provide a healthy happy life for your pet.

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individuals who were asked if they would like to donate. If you would like something done for the girls, and there should be something done for them, then maybe YOU should get together with the other parents and do something about it instead of griping about it. I agree that the girls work just as hard as the boys and they deserve something done for them. Just do like the football parents and get together and get it done. There are plenty of people in the community who would love to support them. I have spent money and time for meals and shirts that I could not afford, for my boys while they are in sports, so I REALLY RESENT what you had to say last week. Maybe if you were more involved, then you might know what goes on. As for the second letter, all I can say is REALLY???

Speak Up!

I Just don't know what to say about the article in speak up last week. Football is a contact sport. One of the objects of the game is to "hit" and tackle the opposing

players. I would be worried if our fans were yelling, "kill 'em" or "knock his head off"! Yes, I have heard this on numerous occasions from other schools. When our fan's, the ones who actually yell, start chanting hit somebody, it is to pump our boys up. This is not a demeaning, disgusting, or vicious thing. Football is a contact sport, not a game of patty-cake. Most football fans understand that in football, you knock the other player down, and then you help them back up. We need more fans who are passionate about the games and supporting our kids. Maybe some of our fans need to go and watch other school's to see, yes, it's ok to yell and cheer. It won't hurt you, and hey, you might actually pump the team up. Our young athletes need our support more than ever. They don't need someone in the stands chastising others for yelling "hit somebody". If you wanted to watch a group of kids holding hands and singing "Kum Bah Yah" then football is just not the sport for you!

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not have to be active in any particular church to attend. We have been praying that the youth would have a blessed summer and are ready for a great year. We do ask that the adults of our community would be in constant prayer for the Youth group.

The Senior High Youth will meet this year on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Dinner is available as usual at about 6:45pm. We are looking forward to a great time.

The Junior High Youth begins at 5:45pm. We will be using "The Story" as our basic curriculum this year and we will be hitting the high points of the Bible throughout our time together. Dinner is being provided. We want to remind the parents that the youth will be ready to be picked up by 7:00pm. A new item this year is that the doors of the church will be locked and there will be no adult supervision until 5:15pm.

This is going to be a great year!

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather
Can you believe October is here? I am ready for the fall weather, still been a little warm for me out there. No rain yet so keep praying that the good Lord will send us some.

My Gripe For The Week
Some things never seem to amaze me, please bare with me while I "air" my gripe for the day... We had a girl call us and ask if it was ok to go inside the old school to take some pictures for Christmas presents, which is why I will not mention her name, don't want to spoil the

surprise. Anyway I go down there to unlock the lock on the door and someone just tore the door off the hinges to get in. Now really folks, it may not mean anything to you but that old building means a lot to the rest of us and its in bad enough shape as it is, besides wouldn't have been much easier to crawl thru the window that was completely open than to do what you did??? I hope you are very proud of yourself, anyone who destroys property that doesn't belong to them is not much of a person to begin with.

News
We want to send out sympathies to Grant Bright for the loss of his mother, Lou Bright. Lou passed away last week and was buried in Barksdale Texas. Mrs. Bright was also a sister-in-law to Claudine Tipton. Thoughts and prayers to the entire family.

Russ Morris celebrated his 13th birthday with friends and family.

Tinos and Linda Alaniz traveled to Louisiana for a short get-away and to visit with family; Eric, DeDe, Jace and Hai-

ley.
My nephew Journey Page showed a Holstein heifer at the South Plains Fair this past week, others in the Ragtown area showing are Rheaden and Meagan Bland in the sheep division.

Did you know...
There is no butter in butter-milk

Quote of the week...
A man deserves a second chance, but keep an eye on him... John Wayne

Happy Birthday this week...

September 30th - Corky Bullard
October 1st - Jake Morris, Charles Morris, John Shultz
October 3rd - Dylan Thomas
October 4th - Jay Young, Raylea Underwood
October 6th - Daniella Esparza, Rhaeden Bland, Jaycee Johnson

Anniversaries this week...
October 3rd - Jack and Jean Morris

are... Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; Doug and Claudine Tipton; Camen Abraham; Mary Gayle Young in Post; Jean Tipton in Robert Lee; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Slaton; Doris Wilson in Castroville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Visitors
Ya'll come out and drink a cup of coffee with us one morning or a cool drink in the afternoon, you are guaranteed to be entertained and a whole lot smarter when you leave!
Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember

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You can now get your cook-books and T-shirt order forms at Cascara's and Caprock Heirloom downtown Post, stop in and pick one or two up, they make great gifts and keepsakes!
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Weekly Inspirations

Have a Little Talk

By: Michael F. Taylor

The story is told of a small boy and a little girl who were left to their own devices for several minutes during recess one day at Pre-Kindergarten. The young boy was very shy, while the girl was much more outgoing and outspoken for a four year old. After staring at the boy for a few seconds, she approached him and declared, "Hey, Tommy, do you wanna play a game with me?" to which Tommy quietly stammered, "Oh...., oh...., okay, Suzy. Wha... what...do you want to play?"

Suzy excitedly replied, "We are gonna play House!"
Tommy answered back, "Oh.... Sure. What do I do?"
Suzy replied, "I want you to communicate your feelings to me."
Perplexed, Tommy queried back, "Commukikate my feelings? I don't know what that means" the bewildered boy replied.
A great big smile crossed the little girls face and she answered, "Perfect. You can be the HUSBAND!"

Guy's out there, have you ever felt that way! Can I get a witness!!! But you know sometimes this happens in our walk with the Lord and we forget what it means to communicate with God. I am so glad that the God of our Universe, the Creator of all things, the Designer of our World, has given us a perfect way to communicate with Him. It isn't the latest iPhone 5 (or iPhone 4GS-whatever Apple is going to call it on October 4th, 2011 when they make the announcement-Sorry I am chasing rabbits now), but the simple act of PRAYER.

Scripture teaches us about PRAYER. In Genesis 25:21 we learn, "Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant." NIV In Exodus 9:29, we see, "Moses replied, "When I have gone out of the city, I will spread out my hands in prayer to the LORD. The thunder will stop and there will be no more hail, so you may know that the earth is the LORD's." NIV.

In 1Samuel 2:1, we read, "Then Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the LORD; in the LORD my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance." NIV and in 2 Kings 20:5, we hear, "Go back and tell Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, 'This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the LORD.'" NIV. In all of these Scriptures, one thing remains true and certain; His people who are called by His name can cry out in their despair and need, AND GOD ANSWERS. Sometimes His answer isn't always what we expect or want, but rest assured that God has an answer for your distress. But we must ask.

Christ tells us in Matthew Chapter 7:7-8, "7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." NIV

Are you having problems with doors-figuratively, spiritually or literally-slammng in your face today? If so, take the words of the Son of God to heart and truly seek His will for your life. I love that old Southern Gospel Song-HAVE A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS, "Now let us have a little talk with Jesus, Let us tell Him all about our troubles. He will hear our faintest cries and he will answer by and by."

My prayer this week is that each of us will HAVE A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS. And rest assured that he will listen when you "commukikate" your feelings. God bless and have a wonderful week!

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

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deuteronomy 6:5

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Yesteryears

10 Years Ago

Post Middle School students solicited donations and pledges for a Walk-a-Thon to support American Red Cross efforts.

A benefit to assist Elena Herrera with expenses related to her surgery was held at the Post Community Center.

Tucker Dwayne Craft, born September 30, 2001 to Toby and Melony Craft.

20 Years Ago

Green Thumb employee Dennis Bell and others kept Main Street clean and tidy.

Dr. S.M. Kennedy of Texas Tech was guest speaker at the Woman Culture Club.

Five Generation of the Huff family are Christine Huff, Benny Huff, Judy McEnroe, Benny Hair and his son Steven.

30 Years Ago

Western Texas College counts 17 Garza County residents among its students for the fall semester.

Post Antelopes were a 16-point favorite to defeat the Denver City Mustangs at PHS homecoming game.

Joe Giddens, PHS principal, was presented with the honorary degree by Brent Howard, area vice president.

40 Years Ago

\$200,000 fire completely destroyed Wacker's Variety Store in the worst fire in Post 64-year history.

Garza County United Fund organization was reorganized with Mrs. Patty Kirkpatrick elected president and Jim Cornish as chairmanship.

50 Years Ago

A fire at Will Williams's farm at Close City destroys shop, tools and shed.

Miss Emmer Jean Halford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Frank Halford was among the 361 students at Draughtons Business College in Lubbock.

Justiceburg Womens Club met at the school cafeteria.

Mrs. Julius Stelzer was hostess to members of the Mystic Sewing Club.

Miss Nancy Hart, bride-elect of Johnny Kemp, was honored with a luncheon-lingerie shower at the Lubbock Club.

60 Years Ago

Antelope Marching Band participated in Big Harvest Festival at Brownfield with 14 band members.

Members of the 1946 graduating class of Southland High School and their guests attended a dinner and reunion in Lubbock.

PACC News

This Saturday is Post City Trade Day downtown from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. There will be outdoor vendors as well as all of the great Post stores to browse through.

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The Norma Cash Field will be the location for the Post Ex's Baseball Tournament. The first game is at 9 a.m. Saturday morning. The Chamber will be running the concession stand

so come out for some fun and food.

This is the final weekend for "Deacon and the Pharisee" at Ragtown Gospel Theater. Performances are Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

This Friday is Post Homecoming. The band will be having a Homecoming Brisket Dinner from 4:30 - 7:00 and the football game against Anson

will begin at 7:30. If you can't attend the game, go to www.postsportspage.com for a live webcast.

The Holy Cross Catholic Church is having a Mattress Sale Fundraiser this Sunday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Parish Hall. All the mattresses are new and layaway is available.

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THANK YOU

We would like to thank each and everyone who came to fight the grass fire on our property last Tuesday September 20, 11. We do appreciate all the wonderful caring people and feel blessed. Thank you all!

Doyle and Shirley Newton

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Breakfast Menu for Oct. 3 - Oct. 7

Monday

Pancake on a Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Tuesday

Bacon & Egg Burrito, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Wednesday

Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Thursday

Muffins, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Friday

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

Lunch Menu for Oct. 3 - Oct. 7

Monday

Ravioli, Tossed Salad, Corn, Oranges, Cookie, Milk

Tuesday

Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Applesauce, Milk

Wednesday

Chicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Tossed Salad, Tortillas, Strawberries & Cream, Milk

Thursday

Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Baked Chips, Pineapple & Orange Salad, Milk

Friday

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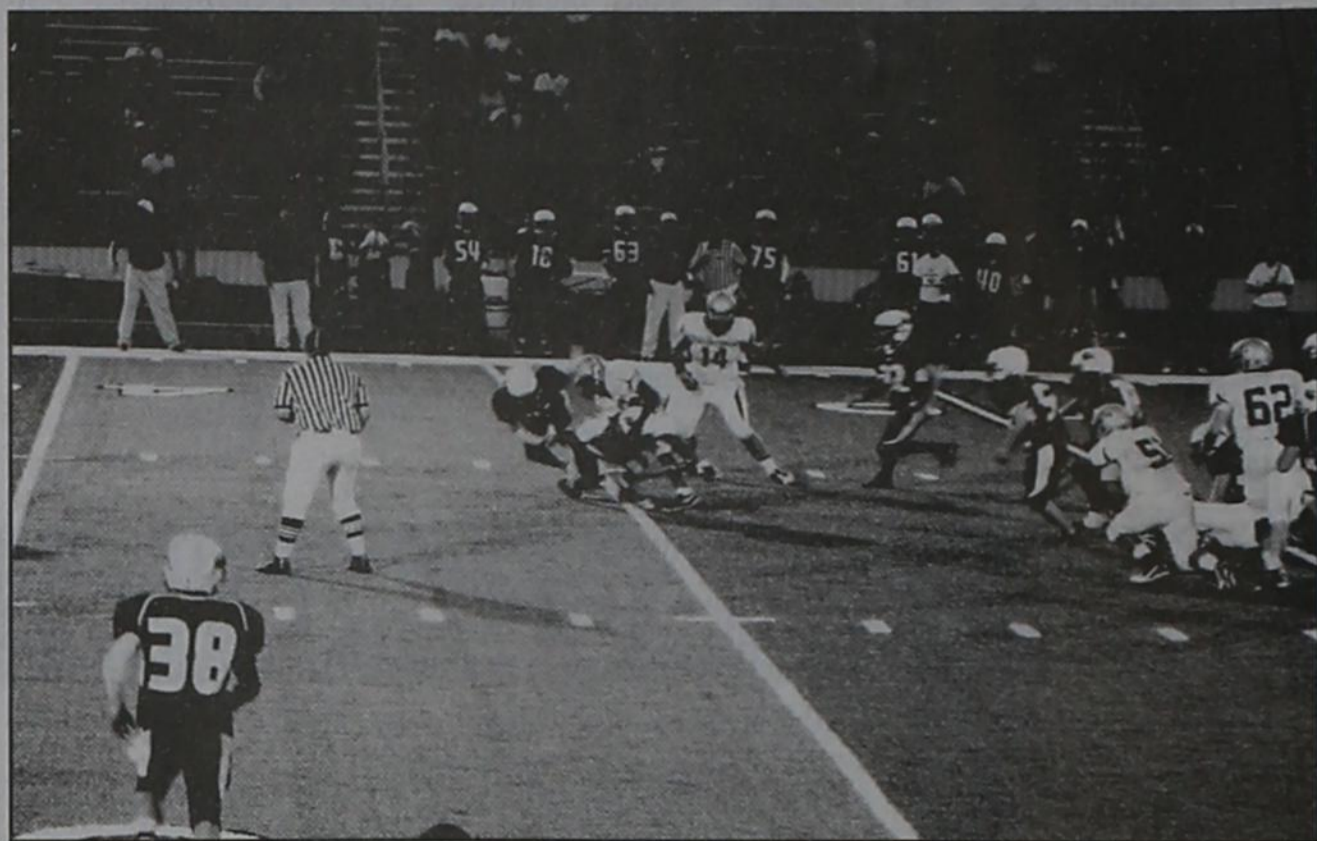
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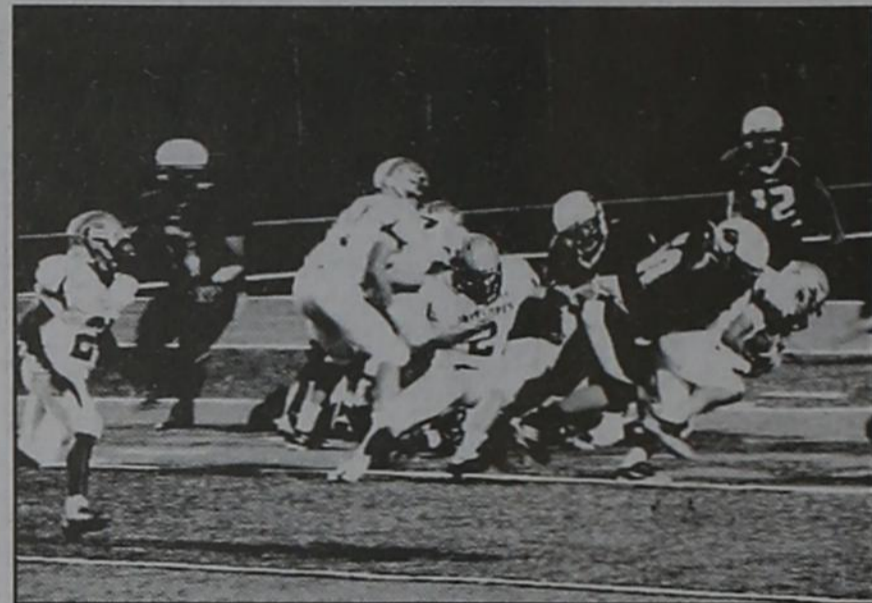
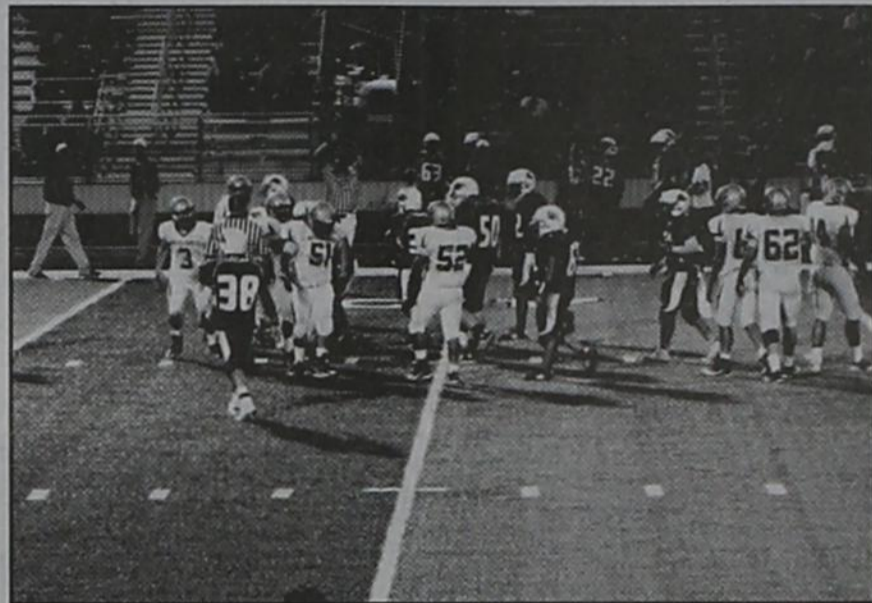
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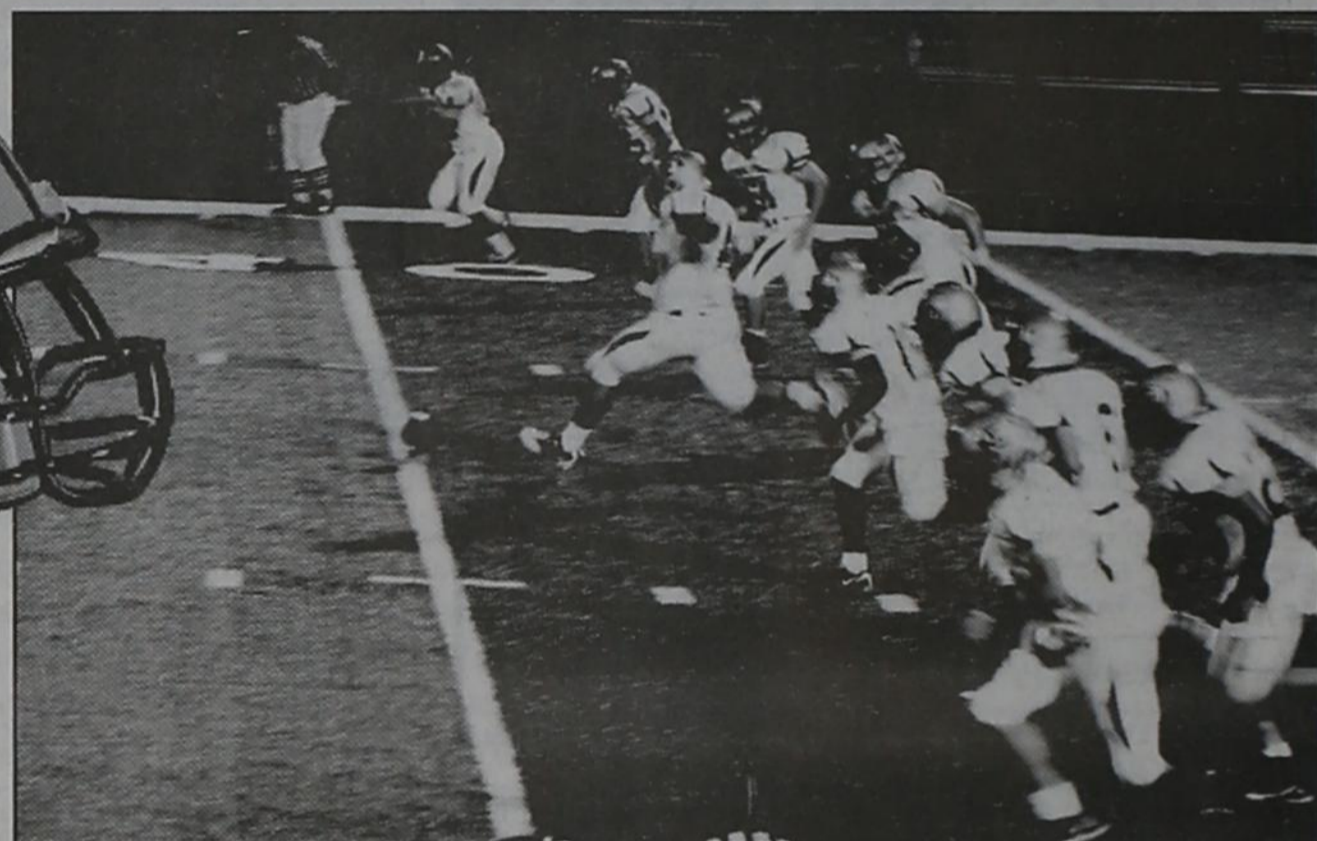
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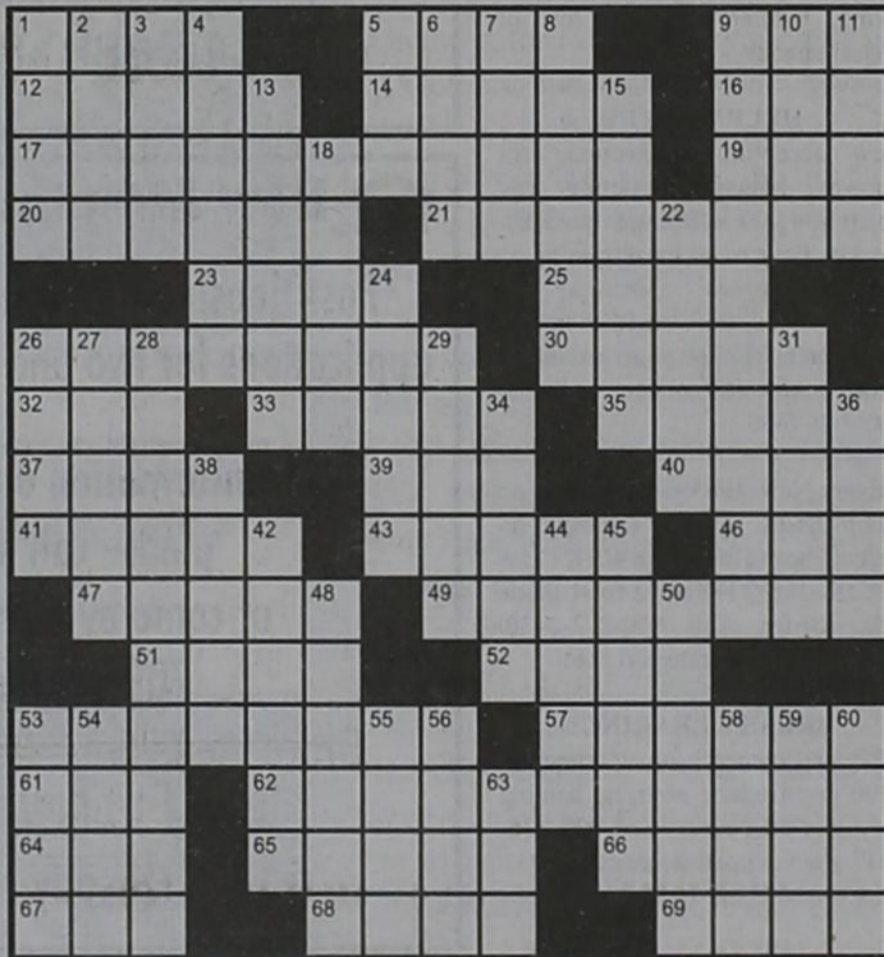


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5. "Hamlet" has five
9. Barbie's beau
12. "Belling the Cat" author
14. Pumps and clogs
16. Clod chopper
17. Magnolia state
19. Biochemistry abbr.
20. Chlorox, e.g.
21. Suspicion
23. Greek earth goddess: Var.
25. Frosts, as a cake
26. Person directed to another for professional services
30. Second-year students, for short
32. Bauxite, e.g.
33. Gumbo vegetables
35. Coffee order
37. Arp's art
39. Clock standard: Abbr.
40. Become friendlier
41. Commemorative marker
43. Nuclear energy weapon
46. Tokyo, formerly
47. Indic language of Orissa
49. Ocean's surface used in reckoning land elevation (2 wd)
51. Biblical shepherd
52. Next month (abbrev.)
53. Deceptive maneuver
57. Breath sweetening lozenge
61. "Fantasy Island" prop
62. Sinful
64. "Much ___ About Nothing"
65. Apprehensive
66. Taste, e.g.
67. "My boy"
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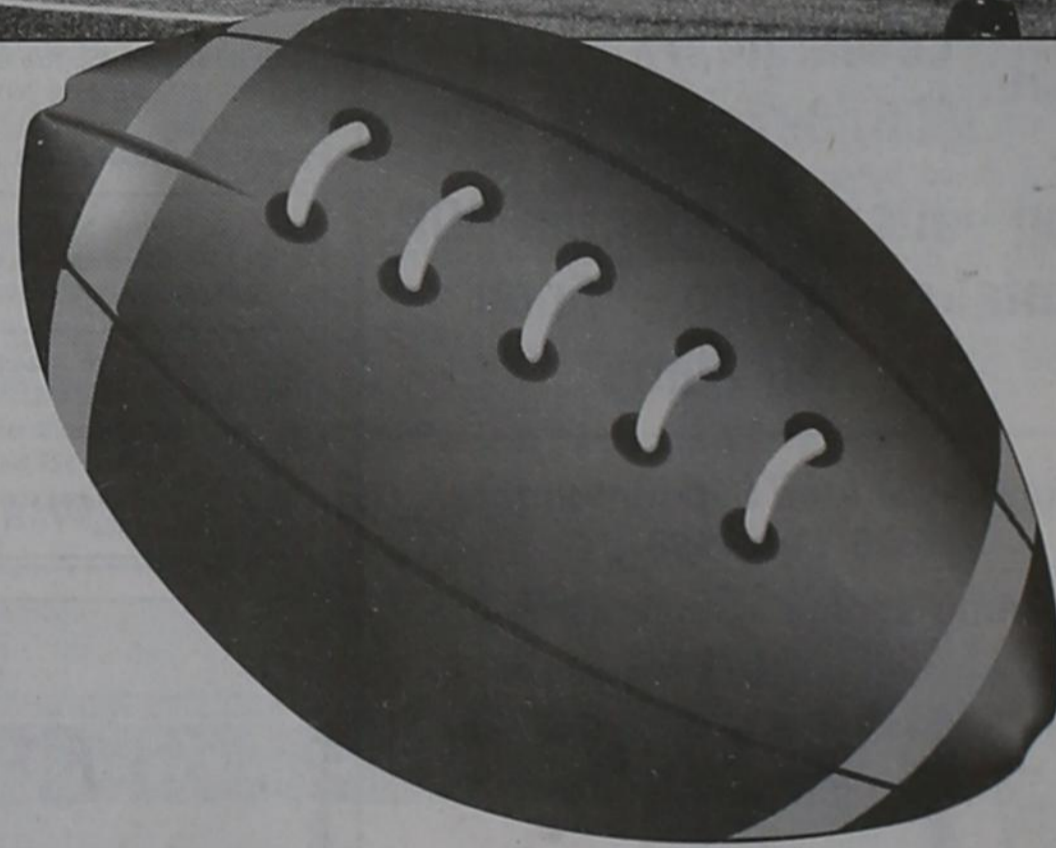
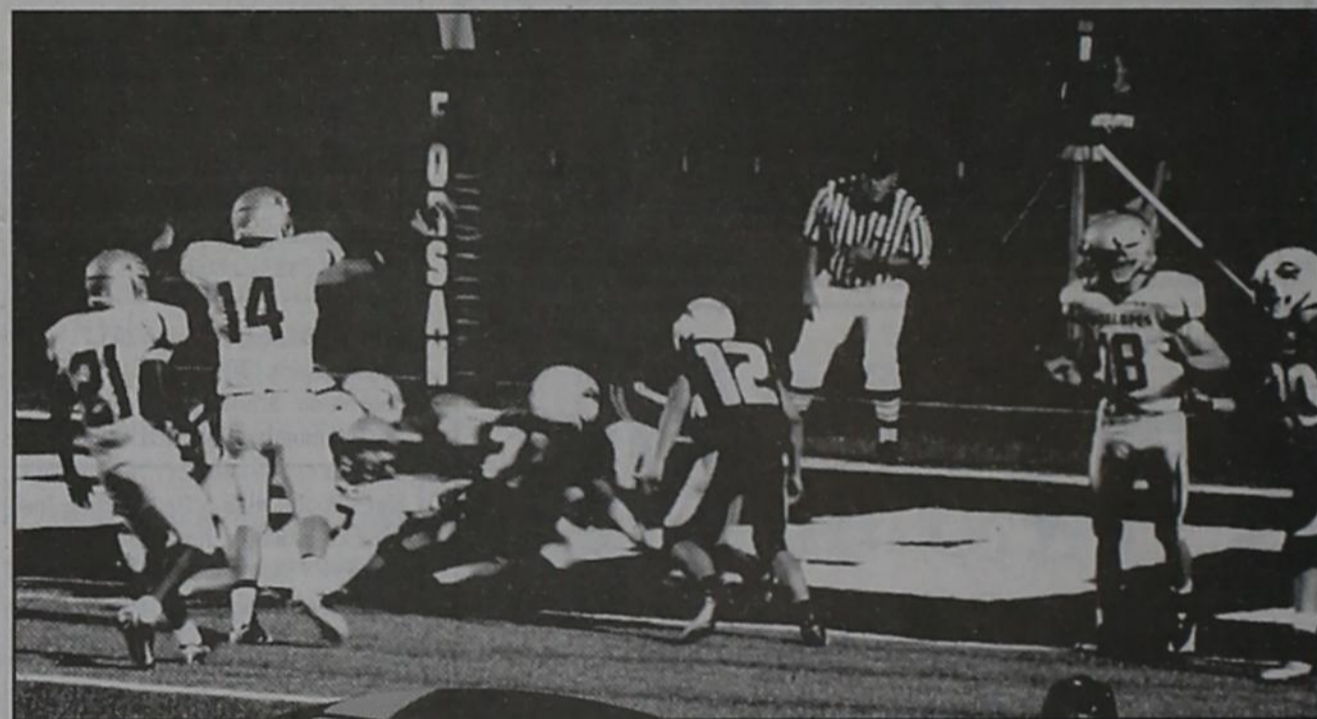
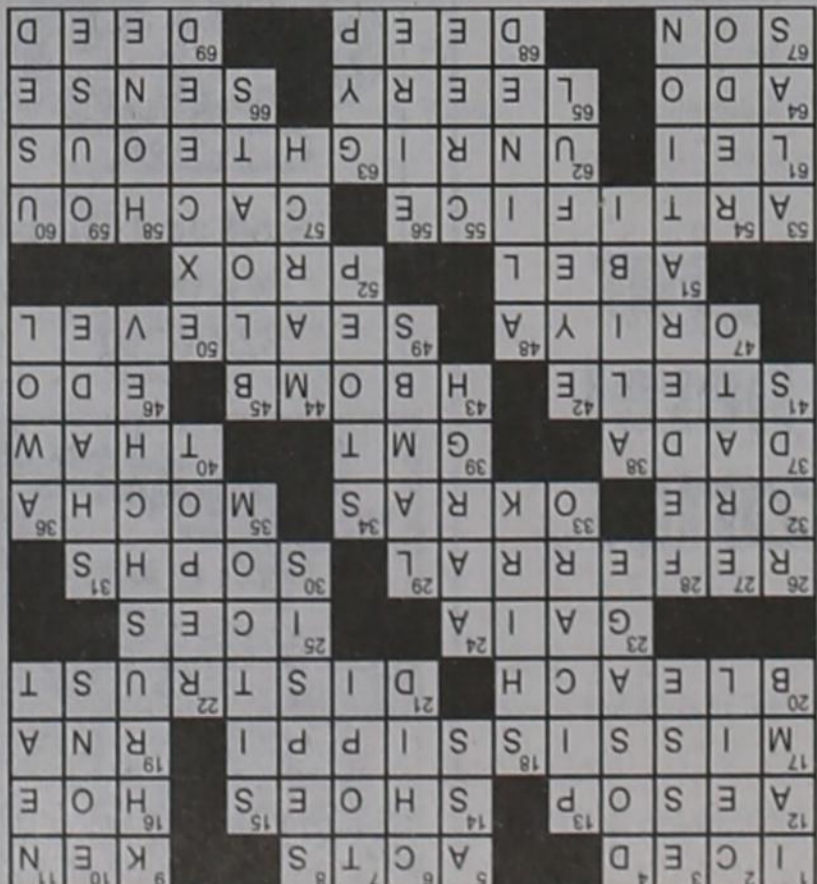


31. Screen from light
34. Veranda
36. Missing from the Marines, say
38. Accused's need
42. Hottie
44. Third month
45. Swells
48. Set in a straight row
50. Go over
53. "Ah, me!"
54. Change
55. Algonquian Indian
56. Cork's country
58. Better
59. Yorkshire river
60. Brought into play
63. Cheat
64. Patrilineal clan
65. ___ Victor (acronym)
66. Former measure of U.S. economy (acronym)
67. Undertake, with "out"

CLUES DOWN

1. Foot
2. Cover with plaster
3. "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
4. Measured portion of medicine
5. Balaam's mount
6. Reprimanded
7. Pith helmet
8. Blood poisoning
9. Former Soviet premier
10. A long, long time
11. "Cool!"
13. Rogue
15. Humorous TV drama
18. Dodge
22. Move, as a plant
24. Pirate's dismay
26. Engine parts
27. A Muse
28. Union of several states
29. Kind of wool

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TDA Market Recap September 26, 2011

AUSTIN — (Sept. 26, 2011) For the week ending Sept. 24, feeder cattle prices at Texas Panhandle auctions were mostly steady to \$5 lower per hundredweight. Feeders were \$1 to \$3 lower at San Angelo and steady to \$3 lower at Oklahoma City. Market influences remain unchanged as lower fed cattle, prospects for lower feeder supplies, drought and lack of grazing were all factors. Fed cattle prices were \$1.42 lower and wholesale beef prices were lower. Cotton and wheat prices were lower amid continued weak export demand and ample world production. Corn prices declined due to ongoing questions about demand

and pressure from increased harvest-time supplies. Cotton and grain supplies could again become a concern with drought reducing Texas cotton production and threatening the winter wheat crop. Corn also is still vulnerable with less than half the U.S. crop mature and only 18 percent harvested. As for futures markets, feeder cattle, fed cattle, cotton, wheat, corn and lumber were all lower. Scattered showers fell over much of the state during the week with totals generally one-half inch or less. Topsoil moisture remains in mostly short to very short supply statewide. Most crops were again rated in fair to very poor condition, except rice, which was most-

ly good to fair. Corn was 88 percent mature and 69 percent of the crop has been harvested, both near the average for this date. Grain sorghum harvest was behind normal at 60 percent complete. Cotton bolls were opening on 73 percent of the acreage, well ahead of normal; and 17 percent of the crop has been harvested, equal to the average pace. Pastures were rated in 96 percent very poor to poor condition as supplemental feeding and reductions of livestock herds continue. Winter wheat seedings were 14 percent complete, well behind the average 34 percent because of the very dry conditions.



The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Yes We Cain? Hello Herman Cain!

Have you heard of Cain, GOP candidate for president? He grabbed major headlines this week as he beat the rest of the field in the Florida Straw Poll.

Why did he win? Probably because he actually has a plan to improve the country and he shoots from the heart.

Cain, former Godfather's Pizza CEO, is trying to sell his simple economic plan and that plan is beginning to get traction.

I noticed Cain earlier this year, but some gaffes in a couple of interviews made me dismiss him as a serious candidate. I'm no longer dismissing him.

Cain's 9-9-9 plan is simple and easily understood. The more I think about it, the more I like it. It makes sense for American families and businesses.

Praised by supporters for both its simplicity and its specificity, Cain's plan drops the current 35 percent corporate tax rate to 9 percent, swaps the 6-bracket personal income tax system for a 9 percent flat tax and creates a 9 percent national sales tax.

"Our tax code is the 21st century version of slavery," Cain said in a campaign video publicizing his 9-9-9 plan. "We will replace oppression with prosperity."

Cain's 9-9-9 video concludes with this, "If 10% is good enough for God, then 9% should be just fine for the Federal Government."

Unlike the economic proposals of his Republican counterparts, Cain's plan adds a new tax to the code in the form of a consumption-based national sales tax. Cain says the new tax would give consumers more freedom because they're taxed on how much they decide to buy.

"It will encourage savings and it will encourage people to be responsible for their own decision-making," Cain said in an interview with Fox's Chris Wallace a couple of weeks ago.

Cain has one major economist seeing the light. William McBride, an economist

with the Tax Foundation, said Cain's plan was "an improvement" because instead of taxing savings, like income and capital gains, it taxes consumption.

Overall it's better than what we've got," McBride said. "When you tax savings, you tax growth because saving leads to investment and investment leads to growth."

However, no change to the tax code would be easy. The numbers in Cain's plan need to be crunched. There are also huge logistical hurdles to jump concerning implementation. For example, some states like Texas have a sales tax and some states like Oklahoma have a state income tax.

Also, Texans do not pay sales tax on food or pharmaceuticals, but residents in Illinois pay a 1 percent tax on both.

On the surface, Cain's plan sounds good, but he needs to prove that it will work and if it causes the deficit to grow, where will the difference come from?

One place Cain says any difference can be made up is to use the natural resources in our own borders and leveling the massive trade deficit. Cain says the job creation in this country would be massive between his 9-9-9 plan and leveling the playing field with international competitors.

Even if it's proven that Cain's plan has flaws, at least he's thinking out of the box and getting other people to think of a solution to our problems and not trying the same failed policies of past administrations.

Take a look at Cain and don't be as quick to dismiss him as I was. And the GOP field would be very wise not to dismiss him because he's a man which can land votes from Democrats, Independents, Libertarians and Tea Party members.

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		Week Ending Sept. 24, 2011	Previous Week	Previous Year
Texas Cash Markets:				
Feeder Steers	(\$/cwt)	134.69	137.48	108.80
Fed Cattle	(\$/cwt)	116.00	117.42	97.92
Slaughter Lambs	(\$/cwt)	145.50	145.00	139.17
Slaughter Goats	(\$/cwt)	160.00	166.50	151.00
Cotton	(¢/lb)	94.65	103.65	92.88
Grain Sorghum	(\$/cwt)	10.73	11.64	8.39
Wheat	(\$/bu)	6.56	7.09	6.28
Corn	(\$/bu)	6.53	7.05	5.17
Watermelons	(\$/lb)	0.18	0.17	0.14
Futures Markets:				
Feeder Cattle	(\$/cwt)	132.10	135.30	109.50
Fed Cattle	(\$/cwt)	116.82	118.50	96.02
Cotton	(¢/lb)	99.99	109.08	101.30
Wheat	(\$/bu)	7.31	7.84	7.58
Corn	(\$/bu)	6.39	6.92	5.22
Lumber	(\$/1000 bd ft)	233.40	244.60	240.50

All cash prices above are market averages for locations covered by the USDA Market News program and do not reflect any particular sale at any specific location. Feeder cattle prices are for 500-600 pound medium and large No. 1 steers at the Oklahoma City National Stockyards. Futures prices are quoted for the nearest month contract on the last trading day of the week. For additional information, contact TDA at (800) 252-3407 or visit our website, www.tdamarketnews.com.

Survey shows extent of drought impact on Texas ranchers

FORT WORTH — The worst 1-year drought on record is affecting ranchers in the Southwest, however, a recent survey conducted by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) shows TSCRA members are actively implementing a variety of strategies to adapt to the current climate. According to TSCRA's Drought Impact Survey, 84 percent of respondents indicate they have reduced their herd size from their 3-year average. Herds were reduced by an average 38 percent. But those numbers don't reflect a 38 percent decrease in the overall size of the herd in Texas. While a lot of those

cattle have changed hands, says Joe Parker Jr., rancher and TSCRA president, relatively few have moved out of state.

The survey indicates that individual herds were reduced through livestock market sales, early placement into feedyards, moving cattle to unused pastures or dry lots, or sending older cows to harvest.

"These numbers indicate that the drought is certainly taking its toll on ranchers, but they also indicate that the industry is adapting to the weather," said Parker. "If there is a silver lining to the drought, it may be that this has allowed us to see just how diverse the beef indus-

try truly is."

According to the survey, 8 percent of respondents indicate they will no longer own cattle in 2012, though many indicate this is only a temporary measure. No respondents indicated they plan to permanently exit the cattle business.

"Ranchers are committed to providing Americans with safe and healthy beef, and we will continue to do so come rain or shine," said Parker. "We've lived through droughts before and no doubt we will face them again. Rain will come and when it does, you can bet ranchers will rebuild their herds and the industry will come back stronger than ever."

AgriLife expert: Despite recent rains, planting winter wheat now could result in a 'catastrophic' failures



by Robert Burns)

Ryegrass could be a less high-stakes gamble than other winter forages this year as it can be planted later and disked in. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo)

By Robert Burns

COLLEGE STATION — Many parts of the state received from a trace to 4 inches of rain, but as welcome as the moisture was, people rushing to plant winter wheat or pasture may be setting themselves up for an expensive failure, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service agronomist. From Sept. 13 through Sept. 20, much of the state east of Interstate 45 received from 1 to 2 inches of rain, according to the National Weather Service. Parts of the Panhandle and North Texas received

similar amounts, as did San Antonio and surrounding counties. The Coastal Bend and South Texas areas had large pockets of 3 to 4 inches of rain.

But even where 4 inches was received, the deep soil moisture profile is so poor that, without regular rains, early planting of winter wheat could result in "catastrophic" failures, said Dr. Larry Redmon, AgriLife Extension state forage specialist, College Station.

"The soil is so devoid of moisture right now that even where there was 4 inches, we've only

wetted up the top part of that profile," Redmon said. "If people plant now, they're likely to get that seed to germinate, but there's not going to be any moisture down below for that plant."

Redmon's warning applies not just to winter wheat but to winter pastures as well.

"We see this a lot with winter annuals," Redmon said. "We'll get just enough rain to germinate, get the plant up, but then we don't get enough rain for the plant to survive."

When there are moisture re-

serves deep in the soil profile, plants will survive dry spells because they can tap down into it. But with no deep moisture, it's going to take regular rains to keep the top layer of soil wet and maintain new plantings, he said.

A lot of people may know these basic facts and still plant, Redmon noted. Hay supplies are nearly nonexistent because of the extended drought, and so many producers are in dire need of forages to maintain their cattle through fall and winter, and there is going to be the tendency to optimistically gamble on more rain coming.

"And certainly that's their call, but they're gambling they're going to not only get more rain this week, but the next, and the week thereafter," he said. "With the forecast that La Nina is supposed to strengthen, which bodes for a dry winter and spring, I'm thinking that's not a good gamble."

Redmon recommended producers wait a bit to see what the weather brings. The planting window for winter wheat extends to late-October and early November in the Lubbock or Amarillo area. Farther south, into Central Texas, producers can plant as late as Christmas or New Year's Day and still have a chance to make a crop, he said. After that, there are other choices besides wheat and the usual winter

annuals.

"If we get much later than that, then wheat may not be the best choice (for grazing)," he said. "Maybe ryegrass becomes a better player than wheat or oats or rye."

This is because ryegrass is going to make most of its growth in the late winter, early spring anyway, he said. Also while the cost of establishing wheat or oats or rye is relatively high, the gamble with ryegrass is not going to be so high-stakes.

"The seeding rate for wheat and other winter annuals is typically about 90 pounds per acre, and the seed is not cheap," he said. "So if we miss that fall window of opportunity, then ryegrass becomes an option that is a lot less expensive to plant. You only have to plant 30 pounds per acre. You don't have to drill it, you can broadcast it, and drag or lightly harrow it."

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

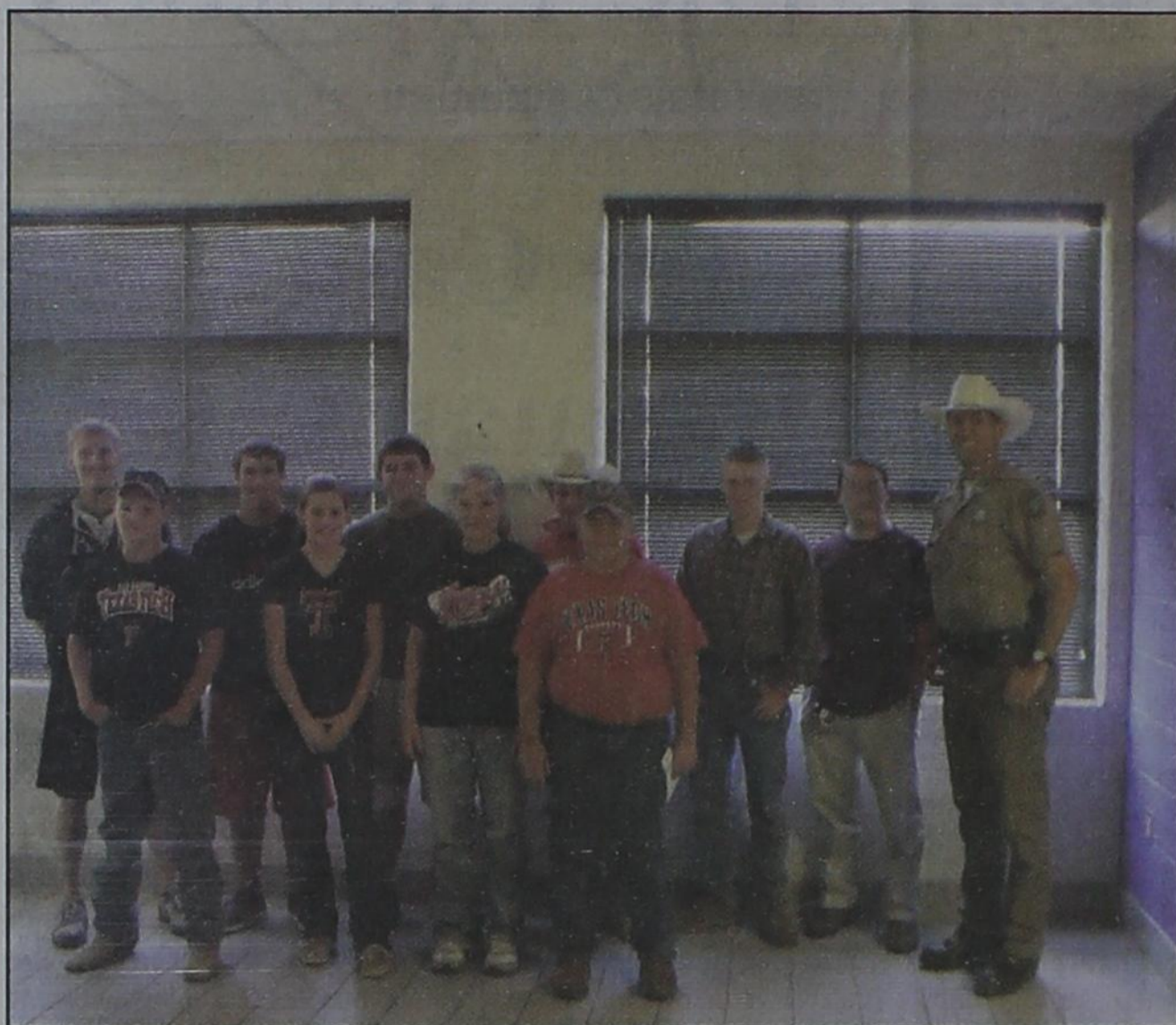
AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

Rolling Plains: Parts of the region received rain, from a few tenths of an inch to as much as 4

inches. In Clay County, there was heavy run-off and many stock tanks caught water. Some even filled up. Temperatures dropped from highs of 106 to 108 degrees to the upper 70s and low 80s. In those counties that received moisture, producers were already preparing to plant wheat. Growers who had gambled and planted wheat in dry ground now expected it to quickly emerge, but the crop will need much more moisture to sustain it. Rangeland was still in poor condition, but it was hoped the wet weather would turn it around before winter sets in. Livestock were in poor condition as producers continued to cull herds. Some irrigated cotton had been defoliated, but some wells were shut off due to not having enough water to do the crop any good.

Panhandle: The region received from a trace to 2 inches of rain and cooler temperatures. However, more rain was needed to have a substantial effect on soil-moisture levels. Along with the rain, Deaf Beans, Seasoned Corn, 1.5-mile-wide band of hail that traveled 4 to 5 miles, destroying crops in its wake. Some cotton producers were still irrigating. Winter wheat was being planted. Rangeland and pasture continued to be rated very poor. Livestock producers further reduced herds and were weaning calves early.

GAME WARDENS CERTIFY 10 NEW, SAFE HUNTERS



Post—The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, in conjunction with its hunter education program, certified 10 new, safe hunters on Sunday, August 28. The students attended a two-day hunter education course at the Post school campus.

"All of the students passed both the written and practical exams. I credit that to the level of attention the students gave, as well as to how serious they took the instruction," says Garza County Game Warden Drew Spencer. "I applaud their effort," Spencer added. Six of the ten students even passed the written exam with a perfect score. Spencer awarded those students with donated pocket knives as they left the campus.

Helping Spencer instruct the course was Borden County Game Warden Brent Tucker. The wardens, talking about

the ultimate objective of the course, told the students at the beginning of the class, "It's not necessarily if you pass the written exam or not. It's whether or not we'd feel comfortable hunting alongside you."

During the two full-days course, students learned about modern firearms and primitive sporting arms handling and safety, outdoor responsibility and ethics, laws and regulations, wildlife conservation and management, hunting traditions, field care of game, wildlife identification, and wilderness first aid and survival. The students were graded by Spencer on practical firearms exercises as well. Students had to demonstrate proper firearm carries and shooting positions, along with having to safely cross a fence while in possession of a firearm.

Spencer thanks Post ISD Superintendent Mike Comeaux for his graciousness in making the facilities available to the class and Post Elementary School Principal Staci Marts for the use of her audio/visual equipment.

"As the students left the class on Sunday, many stopped, shook my hand, and told me that they had learned something new. I had earlier told them that I, too, learn something new each time I instruct a class. That's why I encourage everyone, not just those that are required by law, to attend a class," said Spencer.

For more information about upcoming classes, contact Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at (800) 792-1112, (512) 389-4999, or the Website at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/hunter_education.

Pet of the Week



My name is Sally. I was almost starved to death when I can to the shelter just over a week ago, but I have had plenty to eat and feel much better now. I'm very alert

and smart and love being with people. I'm so sweet I don't know why my family didn't want me, but I will try really hard to make sure my next family will want to

keep me. If you want to be my next "forever" family, please contact Post Animal Refuge Center at postarc@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Post Arc

Birth Announcement



LAST YEAR, IT HURT TOO MUCH TO STAND. TODAY, SHE CARRIES A NATION ON HER SHOULDERS.

At her clinic in Freetown, Sierra Leone, Dr. Olabisi Claudius-Cole treated patients of all ages with any condition, and would often take no payment in return. When arthritic hips and knees kept her from the rigors of daily patient care, a disaster loomed.

Dr. Claudius-Cole's sister led her to an American orthopaedic specialist, who had just heard rocker/activist Bono issue his mandate for caring people everywhere to step up and make a difference. As he listened to Dr. Claudius-Cole, he saw his own chance to do just that. Donating his own surgical services, he helped mobilize an entire medical team to get Dr. Claudius-Cole back on her feet. He even arranged free hip and knee implants.

Today, Dr. Claudius-Cole is fully recovered, and back at her vital healing practice in West Africa. Her story truly brings new meaning to the term "pro-Bono." We share it here because it sends two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back.

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orthoinfo.org



Cade, Ellie, & Cassidy Edwards are happy to announce the birth of their new little brother, Bodie Keen Edwards. He is the son of Ben & Jamie Edwards of Post. Bodie was born on September 1 at Covenant Lakeside. He weighed 8lbs 1 ounce and was 20 inches long. We give thanks to our heavenly Father for this precious miracle.

pray for *Rain Rain Rain*

Hope to see you at the Homecoming Football Game!

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They will be joined by two Malawian pastors, Pastor Phiri and Pastor Ngwangwa, as well as Karen Roller, International Director of Circle of Hope.

You will not want to miss this evening filled with accounts of life-changing/life-saving ministries and opportunities.

Please join us at 7:00 p.m. at the Post Elementary Auditorium on Monday, October 10, 2011. All are welcome!