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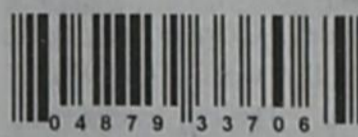


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## Scott named Dispatch Editor

Steffi Scott has been named editor of the The Post Dispatch.

As a former Post Antelope, Scott attended South Plains College on a cheerleading scholarship and studied mass communications and journalism. She was a member of the SPC News Channel 10 crew and worked for SPC radio after classes.

Scott assumes the position previously held by Jodi Lincoln.

"We're excited to have Steffi on board," said Chris Blackburn, publisher. Steffi has the energy and dedication it takes to excel at this job and she takes great pride in her work. She is a great addition to The Post Dispatch."

Scott married Tanner Scott in 2009 and the couple moved to Hart. The birth of their baby girl, Soffi Kim Scott in 2010, brought the family back to the Post community where she and her family now reside. Tanner Scott farms outside of Wilson.

"I grew up in this town and know that

keeping our history alive is what this paper is all about."

Scott said. "I believe our readers can expect good things from this paper and I sincerely hope they become involved in the process of making their hometown paper a weekly event."

As editor, Scott has an immediate plan for The Dispatch. "I cannot wait to start bringing local news back to this paper! The Post Dispatch has been bringing local news and history to the citizens of this town for years, and I plan on continuing with that tradition. This opportunity is a gift from God and I will not let it go to waste!"

"We're fortunate in the timing of this change," Blackburn said. "When an employee announces they are leaving, you have a small window of opportunity to make a strong hire. We were able to do just that with Steffi and our loyal readers will be able to attest to this fact soon enough. Post is special and The Dispatch needs to reflect that"



## Homecoming Sweethearts Crowned

By Steffi Scott

Homecoming week is not only an exciting time for the football players, it is just as exciting and hand clenching for the football and band sweetheart nominees.

This years football sweetheart nominees were Skylar Jones, Shirley Araiza and Kari Dunn. All three young ladies were escorted by their fathers during the halftime performance. Araiza was crowned Football Sweetheart.

This years band sweetheart nominees were Rebecca Fannon, Amanda Duran and Nichole Ramirez. They were also escorted by their fathers. Fannon was crowned band sweetheart.



From L to R (Rebecca Fannon (sweetheart), Amanda Duran, Shirley Araiza (sweetheart), Front Row: ( Nichole Ramirez, Skylar Jones & Kari Dunn).



After reading the article in last week's newspaper about electing the right people I started thinking about a very important elected official. The Sheriff, who is he? Does anyone really know? I know who is actually elected, but I never see him, so who is actually running our Law Enforcement? From the public hearings I understood there were some positions that were going to be cut, and although sad that someone will not have a job it's very understandable. We have a Sheriff that no one ever sees; he is not even seen at our local restaurants. I know you may see him in passing, but that's pretty much it, so again who is running the department? Shouldn't Elected Officials be held accountable more than they are? Not even going to the office, makes me realize why that new jail isn't making ends meet like it was supposed to. Now I am sure that the Sheriff is a good person, but as the one who is in charge of our protection I

have my doubts. I have seen how some of his employees act in public and how they drive the vehicles we as tax payers provide and frankly it makes me mad. I think more should be angered in this as well, just who do they think they are? I'm not sure, but does being a police officer give them the right to act this way? I would hope it doesn't. We should as a community hold all of the law enforcement accountable, the next time you see one of them texting and driving, ask them why they are doing such a horrible thing. I have personally seen this and have heard of it as well. If you see one of them rolling a stop sign, or driving too fast, ask them why? Go to the Sheriff's office and complain just don't let it happen again with no recourse, remember this, if they catch you it will more than likely be a ticket. Shouldn't they be held to the same as us? THINK ABOUT IT!!!!

TAX PAYER

## Post Notes

### Players In Progress (PIPs) Registration Oct. 6:

Come and register your child to be a part of PIP's. PIPs is a team of kids (K-6<sup>th</sup> grade) that will learn basketball handling skills and work together to organize ball handling routines to perform during high school basketball games and hopefully even Lubbock Christian University. Registration will be Thursday, Oct. 6 in the Post Elementary school gym from 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. although you can register with the coordinator, Teri Jo Franke, prior to that date. Registration fee is \$65 per child and includes uniform and PIPs ball. Deadline for registration is Oct. 9. Camp will be Saturday, Oct. 22 where we will learn all of the basics of the ball handling routines that we will use for the rest of the season. We will have practices on Tuesday nights starting in November at the Post Elementary school gym from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Please contact Teri Jo, coordinator, at 806-790-3225 or go to terijoag55@yahoo.com with questions or to register.

Holy Cross Catholic Church will be held every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Snacks will be served at 5 p.m. Parents are encouraged to send children's grades pre k-5<sup>th</sup>. Youth classes will also be held on Wednesday's following C.C.E at 6:45-7:45pm. All Jr. High-High School Students are encouraged to attend. Registration no later than October 6th. For more information, call Elanor 401-9281.

A benefit for Serafin Lopez: Beneficio para Serafin Lopez:

A garage sale will be held at the community center from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

The ladies will also be selling chile relleno plates with

beans, rice, and a drink for \$7 per plate from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

GED classes have begun. They are free to the public. Classes will be held 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the high school. For more information call 805-495-2770. Leave name and number.

There will be a community wide church service Oct. 9 at 10 a.m. 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 Oct. 7 at 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Plates will be sold for \$8.

### Graham Ole Opry:

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday Oct. 15 from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. 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 donation 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-

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# PACC News

This Friday the Bold Gold Antelopes will travel to Coahoma for a game at 7:30. If you can't attend, listen to a live web-cast at [www.post-sportspage.com](http://www.post-sportspage.com)

This weekend two Malawian pastors will be in Post. There will be a Community Wide Church Service Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Elementary Auditorium and a time of sharing at the Auditorium on Monday at 7:00 p.m. with Dr. Edwards and Drew Kirkpatrick who have recently returned from mission trips to Malawi, Africa. This is a great opportunity to find out about this ministry.

Monday, October 10, will start another week of City Wide Cleanup. The city trucks will pick up items from the curb that are placed out by 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday.

For those of you involved in the production of agricultural and timber products, a special

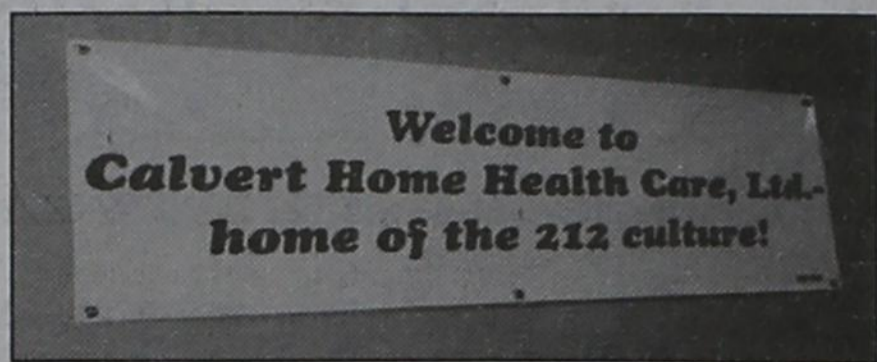
registration is being required by the Texas Comptroller. For more information go to [www.getreadytexas.org](http://www.getreadytexas.org) or call 800-252-5555.

October is going to be a busy month so keep an eye on our Calendar of Events at [www.postcitytexas.com](http://www.postcitytexas.com).

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Congratulations to our Members of the Week:

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## Christine, McCallister to wed



Norm and Sherrill Lambert of Liberal, Kansas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Andrea Christine to Mark Taylor McCallister. Both of

Lubbock, Texas.

Mark is the son of Randy and Jana McCallister of Post, Texas.

Andrea is a 2008 graduate of Texas Tech Univer-

sity with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Early Childhood Education. She is a kindergarten teacher at Wheelock Elementary in Lubbock, Texas.

Mark is a 2009 graduate of Covenant School of Radiology and will graduate in December 2011 from Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Radiologic Sciences. Mark is employed with M.M.I in Lubbock.

The couple will marry Saturday, December 10, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church in Lubbock, Texas.

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# LEGENDS...

GARZA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

BY LINDA PUCKETT

Here we are in part five and the final chapter of the Cato story. The date is May 31, 1935; the trial of Sheriff W.F. Cato is winding down with the district attorney Clyde Eastus presenting his final argument to the jury. The veteran officer along with a deputized farmer, Tom Morgan and two local doctors, Kitchen and Hartman are all charged with the murder of federal narcotics agent Spencer Stafford. The D.A. contended the sheriff knew he was sending machine gun bullets into the body of a federal agent, but Cato continued to claim self-defense, fearing for his life, and that he wasn't aware that Stafford was an agent.

Defense attorney McLain, described as graying and partly bald, in his summation, concluded with a flourish saying, "Rattlesnakes from the penitentiary, from the dope dens, from the asylum have been brought into this courthouse to throw their poisonous fangs into the back of one of the best sheriffs this section was ever blessed with. Will you give him a reasonable doubt from beginning to end? Send him back to his wife."

The other defense attorney Dupree attacked the credibility of narcotics addicts who testified for the government, arguing that Charlie Fowler was not only a dope-fiend, not only a liar, not only a stealer and a professional thief, but had also been in the asylum and to the penitentiary. "I've seen dope-fiends before, but I never saw a convention of them until this case."

The jury was in and the headlines read: Two Ballots Are Taken By Jurors In Federal Case

Tears Flood Cato's Eyes As Verdict Is Read; Eastus Says, "We Put Up The Best Fight We Could;"

Defense Claims Decision, "A Vindication Of Garza County"

Spencer Stafford's machine gun death, at the hands of Garza County Sheriff W.F. Cato, was found justifiable by a United States district court jury which yesterday afternoon freed the officer and three co-defendants. There were tears in the veteran sheriff's eyes as the verdict, acquitting him, Dr. L.W. Kitchen, Tom Morgan, and Dr. V.A. Hartman of murder was read at 4:45 o'clock.

Dressed in black, Mrs. Stafford also heard the jury report. "I have nothing to say," she said.

After thanking the jury, Sheriff Cato stood in the court room, his arm around his wife, receiving congratulations of his friends. Cato said, "I had confidence in my friends, never wavered, I am proud of them. I regret the necessity of defending my life. I knew when the facts were presented to 12 men that the result would not have been different than the verdict rendered today. In the future I will try to serve my people with the same faithful work as in the past."

One other indictment still faced Sheriff Cato, charging him, along with Doctor's Kitchen and Hartman, Ed Frazier, and Lena Roberts with conspiracy to violate the Harrison anti-narcotic act. The woman was Dr. Hartman's nurse. The two doctors had already pled guilty of illegal sale of narcotics. They had been promised probated sentences, but in the end, they were sentenced instead to prison by the judge acting with the Federal District Attorney, Clyde Eastus, who apparently double crossed the men. Charges against Cato were dropped but Kitchen spent two years and Hartman fourteen months in Leavenworth Prison. The trial of the four was the second of its kind in the nation.

Tragedy would follow those involved in

the murder trial in the shooting death of federal narcotics agent Spencer Stafford.

On November 3, 1937, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram carried this obituary:

EX-SHERIFF CATO FOUND DEAD AT POST

Post, Nov. 2-W.F. Cato, 50, former Garza County Sheriff, who was tried for murder in the slaying death of a federal narcotics agent in 1935, was found dead in his home at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Justice of the Peace M.L. Morris announced an inquest verdict would be returned after a court of inquiry Thursday morning.

Members of the family told Morris a 45-caliber pistol lay beside Cato's hand when they went to his room immediately after hearing a gunshot. Cato was shot through the heart and apparently died instantly. County Attorney Joe Moss and Sheriff Jim Power assisted in the investigation.

Moss said that members of the family told him that the former officer had been despondent over financial matters.

Funeral arrangements awaiting recovery of Mrs. Cato, who suffering from shock, is under physicians care.

Since being defeated for re-election as sheriff last year after holding the office for 10 years, Cato had been operating a blacksmith shop here. He had been mentioned as a possible candidate for sheriff in the next election.

Cato was acquitted in federal court at Lubbock in June, 1935 along with three co-defendants, of a charge of murder growing out of the machine gun slaying of Spencer Stafford, federal narcotics agent stationed at Fort Worth, the previous February at Post. Freed with the sheriff were Tom Morgan, Stockman farmer, and L.W. Kitchen, veterinarian, in front of who's hospital Stafford was slain. Stafford and another agent were checking Kitchen's morphine dispensing records when Stafford rushed out of the building and was killed.

Dr. Hartman was given an instructed verdict of not guilty.

Cato had deputized Morgan and had gone to Kitchen's barn after receiving word that armed strangers were in town. He declared he shot after Stafford had attempted to wrest Cato's machine gun from him and later to shot him with a pistol. The government unsuccessfully contended Cato was the protector of a narcotic ring.

Cato arose Tuesday and ate his breakfast as usual, his family said, but after breakfast he went into the yard with his son, Robert 18, and told the youth, who is employed in a grocery store, to go on to town, that he, the father, was not going to work. He re-entered the house, sat down at the breakfast table a moment, then went to his bedroom where the shooting occurred. Besides his widow, he is survived by four children younger than Robert.

Mildred Boren Sentell, wrote the following in her paper, A Garza County Murder, West Texas Historical Association Year Book; Cato was the only one to not serve time for any crime, but in a civil suit he was assessed \$10,000 and his bondsman, \$5,000 damages to Stafford's widow.

Morgan, who had personal problems, also took his own life, as did Lena Roberts, Dr. Hartman's nurse.

Well, that's the end of the Cato story, it has certainly been interesting for me, but it seems so incomplete, like there is more to know, but that's what happens with death, especially suicide, you are left to wonder.

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# Kids Say the Darndest Things



Anyone who's been around my oldest son, Kolton, knows he loves to talk and tell a story of what he's done, seen, or been through. And can this kid talk!! It's so bad every year we have to warn his school teachers and apologize in

advance for the entire year. We have warned his third grade teacher already this year.

We were first 'exposed' to Kolton's colorful story telling skills during his Kindergarten year in Meridian, TX. After school Kolton came to the clinic to do his homework until it was time to go home. One evening we had a horse colicing (a very bad belly ache) and not doing very well. We ended up putting the horse down since there was nothing else we could do at this point. The owner requested a necropsy (an autopsy in the human medical field) to find out what type of colic was going on. So picture Kolton standing right beside me, paying close attention to every detail, and asking questions about everything that was going on during the necropsy. Now remember, this is a 5 year old and some of his terminology may be a little different. But a week later at a school function Mrs. Erickson, his teacher, walked up to me and said Kolton had a VERY active imagination. She said he came up with this story about his dad cutting a horse's stomach open (actually the abdomen) and the tentacles (intestines) came pouring out and there were close to 100 feet of them. Kolton told her the tentacles (intestines) exploded and got all over him. I laughed and told her this was actually a true story... to some extent. Truth was, before closing the abdomen back up, I had to make all the intestines fit back in. This is a lot harder than it sounds, because after death the intestines fill up

with gas making them larger than normal. I had to perforate the intestine to let the gas escape so I could fit all of them back in. However, all Kolton could remember is some of the intestinal fluid sprayed on his boots...and he was very upset about it. I'm sure Ms. Cox (now officially Mrs. Bridgman) & Mrs. Dalby could tell some good stories about Kolton and his story telling abilities from his first 2 years here in Post.

Any of my colleagues would agree a child of a veterinarian is subjected to many different & unusual situations regarding veterinary medicine. Kolton has already assisted with C-sections, farm calls, & euthanasia's. Although he may have the wording wrong, most of his stories are true. I like to think he puts a colorful spin on what I consider a daily routine. There's never a dull moment. I am proud of how much my sons have learned just by being up at the clinic. Some of these are important life lessons. Lessons like don't stand in front of a choked horse because your mama will throw a fit getting the green stuff off your clothes. Or if a cattle rancher asks if you want crackers with that cottage cheese, normal people say no. Last week a client brought in a cow with an abscess the size of volleyball. As I'm draining the wound and the 'cottage cheese' pours out, the rancher asked Kolton if he wanted some crackers to eat it with. Kolton simply answered "I'll do it for \$200." That's my boy!

## Yesteryears

**Year of 2001 - 10 Years**  
Retirement shower was held at the First Baptist Church for Mary Margaret Norman, who retired after 34 years of teaching kindergarten in Post.  
Post Antelope Booster Club offered a hamburger supper at the game on Friday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Alexandro Mesa celebrated their 40th anniversary.  
Corby Windham, a 1987 Post High School graduated. Graduated from the University of Texas law school.  
PHS Class of 1971 held their 30 year class reunion.  
PHS Class of 1946 held their 55 year class reunion.

**Year of 1991 - 20 Years**  
A celebration for Garza Theatre director Will McCrary, as he last appeared on stage in the "Harley Saddler Show".  
Amity Study Club opened it's 1991-92 club year with a brunch

at Chaparral Stake House.  
David and Lisa Dean proudly announced the birth of a son, Cody Justin born on Sept. 20, 1991.  
Ron Graves, a Tarleton State University senior received a scholarship from the National Farm Life Co. of Fort Worth.  
**Year of 1981 - 30 Years**  
Six freight cars from the Santa Fe railroad derailed at the intersection of 12th street, with no one injured.  
Rhonda Storie was crowned Band Sweetheart, with Kathi Smith and Monique Claborn runner-up.  
Karen Davis was named Football Queen with Amy Babb and Patti McClellan runner-up.  
A funeral service for Mrs. Marvin (Jimmie) Hudman, 74, a longtime resident of Post, was held at the First Baptist Church.  
**Year of 1971 - 40 Years**  
E.H. Britton at 87 is the oldest

Green Thumb crew member in Texas and Albert Pantoja at 84 is the second oldest. The two was honored with a birthday party at the city park.  
Syan Thomas was FFA chapter sweetheart for 1970-71.  
Miss Nancy Beth Hart became the bride of John Keith Kemp on Oct. 2, 1971.  
Jack Kirkpatrick was inducted into Texas Tech's Athletic Hall of Fame, along with J.C. "Buddy" Brothers, at half-time of the Tech-Texas A&M game.  
**Year of 1961 - 50 Years**  
George "Scotty" Samson of Post was presented with a television set at the "Scotty Samson Day" at the Panhandle South Plains Fair in Lubbock.  
Mayor Powell Shytles of Post was elected as first vice president of the Caprock Region, Texas Municipal League.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Young announced the birth of a son Ronnie Jay Oct. 4, at Garza Memorial Hospital.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Simpson announced the birth of a son Lynn Aaron Born Sep. 19 at Garza Memorial Hospital.

**Year of 1951 - 60 Years**  
Jerry Crockett, Post FFA boy, won the Grand Champion Steer at the Garza County Fair.  
Darrell Jones, of Close City Community, won three champion ship ribbons, and three first place and second place

ribbons.  
Joe G. Fleming, of Rt.2, Post, had been commissioned in the United States Air Force, following graduation, from officers Candidate School, Lockland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

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# In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Hello! Hope everyone is going into this weekend with a smile on their face. I love the cooler weather and I'm hope'n we are finally finished with the 90+ degree days. Bring on fall and with that comes ginning season, even though it is going to be a really short season this year I am looking forward to it. I also love to decorate for fall; a friend and I went last weekend to cut corn stalks to use and let me tell you...we were some corn cut'n fools but that was some hard work; but at least we will have some good looking displays on our porches!

I need to apologize to Dylan Morris, I left his name out last week when I listed the CC kids that were participating in the stock-show at the South Plains Fair; Dylan showed in the Lamb division. Congrats for doing such a great job to all of the participants.

Sympathies go out to the family of Gaye Roberts Morris-Griffith who passed away on Monday. Gaye attended school at Ragtown but had lived in Abilene for many years.

I was listening to John Bill and Charles in here Tuesday morning about the movie at

the Tower this weekend, Seven Days in Utopia.....ya'll should really go an see it; I hear it is supposed to be a good one. Thanks to Mike and crew for bringing this to us.

Raylea Underwood got to celebrate her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday twice! First of all at her grandparents house Sunday night. Jane cooked supper for the entire family which included, Mack and Jane; Ray-Don, Jana and Raylea; Jibber, Cindy, Cody and Emily. This dinner also was in celebration for Jans's birthday which was September 25<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday was

Raylea's actually birthday so her parents took her to eat at Logan's in Lubbock.

Don't forget to check out our Close City Community page on facebook, feel free to write on our wall or add some pictures if you choose!

**Did you know...**

One cow can produce 46,000 glasses of milk in a year. That is a lot of milk!

**Quote of the week...**

What the country needs is dirtier fingernails and cleaner minds.....Will Rogers

**Get Wells**

Delwin Fluitt, Shirley Bland, Jarrott Bland, Herb Walls,

Laurkyn Fluitt and whoever else feeling under the weather that I may not know about..... get well soon!

**Happy Birthday this week...**

October 7<sup>th</sup> - Judy M Bush, Sharron Morris, Ronnie Dunn  
October 8<sup>th</sup> - Shelly Haney King  
October 10<sup>th</sup> - Cliff Johnson  
October 11<sup>th</sup> - David Quintanna, John Bland  
October 13<sup>th</sup> - Ronald Thuett

**Visitors**

Where's all our 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 remem-

ber are..... Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; Doug and Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham; Mary Gayle Young in Post; 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 in Lubbock. **Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.**

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## Weekly Inspirations

### Do Not Trespass

Read Deuteronomy 5:6-21

The psalmist wrote, "Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way."

Psalm 119:104 (NRSV)

ON a roadside board near a village are written these words: "Do not trespass or cut a tree in this area. Protect our environment." Some villagers ignored the sign. They trespassed, using shortcuts to reach the neighboring settlement; and they cut the trees to make fires. After weeks of torrential rains, the paths worn by those cutting through the area created a dangerous stream that made the road impassable.

Disobedience -- trespassing -- can cause damage and divisions in relationships as well. When Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit (Genesis 3), their disobedience caused a rift between them and God.

God has given us the Ten Commandments. While meditating on disobedience and trespassing, I realized that the Ten Commandments are in our lives like signboards, showing us the right path to follow and the ways to avoid.

Charlotte Mande Kasongo  
(Western Cape, South Africa)

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Deuteronomy 6:5

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## McKnight announces candidacy for State Representative of District 68



TRENT MCKNIGHT

**THROCKMORTON**  
Trent McKnight, a fifth generation rancher from Throckmorton, officially announced his candidacy as a Republican for State Representative in House District 68. McKnight is also a former National FFA President.

The District, represented by retiring legislator Rick Hardcastle, is comprised of Childress, Collingsworth, Cooke, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Fisher, Floyd, Garza, Hall, Hardeman, Haskell, Jack, Kent, King, Montague, Motley, Stonewall, Throck-

morton, Wheeler, Wilbarger, and Young counties.

McKnight believes his experience in the banking and agriculture industries will bring a unique perspective to the 150 member Texas House. McKnight said, "It is important that rural Texas and agriculture have a strong voice in Austin. I believe in maintaining a responsible budget, keeping taxes low, and preserving our rural communities for generations to come."

In an effort to hear the needs of District 68, McKnight will hit the campaign trail immediately where he aims to visit each county leading to the primary election. "When I served as National FFA President ten years ago, I represented a half million young agriculturalists across the nation. Now, I look forward to representing the citizens of District 68 where I pledge to uphold the rural values and principles we all hold dear."

McKnight is a native of Throckmorton County. He is a rancher, community developer, and has served as an international agricultural consultant to the US Military in Iraq and the United Nations in Africa. After completing a degree in Agricultural Economics from Oklahoma State University in 2003, he received his Masters from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

In 2006, McKnight founded the Texas Student Leadership Forum on Faith and Values, an annual event for college student leaders to discuss the leadership of Jesus of Nazareth. Since 2007, Trent has raised several million dollars in grants and private contributions for various rural development projects in Throckmorton. He continues to promote rural development across the state through presentations and consulting.

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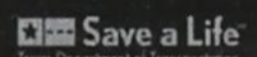
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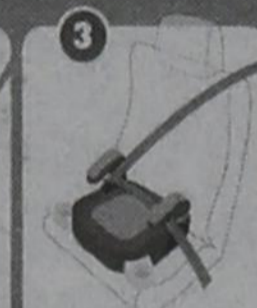
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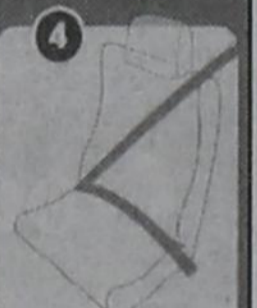
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# In and Around Close

by Traci Freeman

Hello! Hope everyone is going into this weekend with a smile on their face. I love the cooler weather and I'm hope'n we are finally finished with the 90+ degree days. Bring on fall and with that comes ginning season, even though it is going to be a really short season this year I am looking forward to it. I also love to decorate for fall; a friend and I went last weekend to cut corn stalks to use and let me tell you...we were some corn cut'n fools but that was some hard work; but at least we will have some good looking displays on our porches!

I need to apologize to Dylan Morris, I left his name out last week when I listed the CC kids that were participating in the stock-show at the South Plains Fair; Dylan showed in the Lamb division. Congrats for doing such a great job to all of the participants.

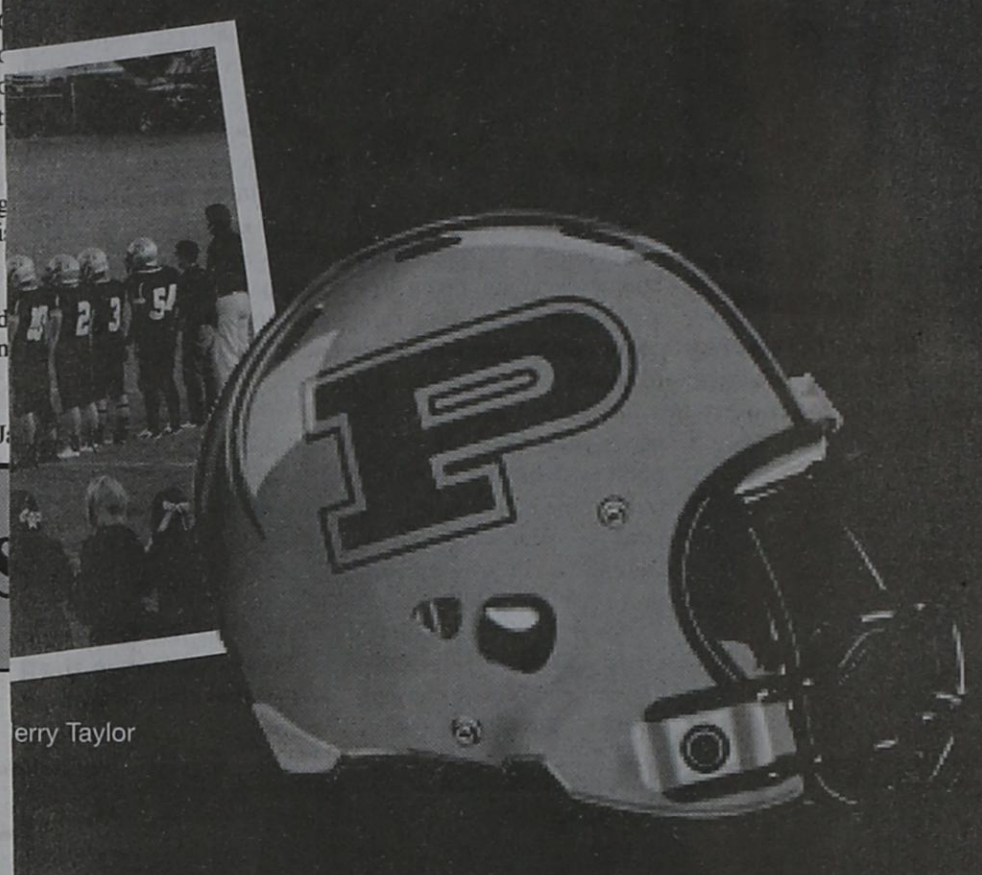
Sympathies go out to the family of Gaye Roberts Morris-Griffith who passed away on Monday. Gaye attended school at Ragtown but had lived in Abilene for many years.

I was listening to John Bill and Charles in here Tuesday morning about the movie at

the Tower this weekend, Seven Days in Utopia.....ya'll should really go an see it; I hear it is supposed to be a good one. Thanks to Mike and crew for bringing this to us.

Raylea Underwood got to celebrate her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday twice! First of all at her grandparents house Sunday night. Jane cooked supper for the entire family which included, Mack and Jane; Ray-Don, Jana and Raylea; Jibber, Cindy, Cody and Emily. This dinner also was in celebration for Jans's birthday which was September 25<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday was

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## Weekly Ins

BY: STEFFI SCOTT

The Post Bold Gold Varsity Antelopes took away a spectacular win on Homecoming last Friday on their own turf. The stands were packed with shiny black and gold mums and garters and fans yelling for the Lopes! Apparently all the cheering helped because after this Bold Gold Victory, Post moves to 1-1 in District play. That's a good thing considering the boys are keeping hope for maintaining a spot in the play-offs.

All together the Antelopes had 355 yards total offense, 320 yards on the ground, for a 7 yard per play average. Anson only came up with 169 yards of total offense. The Antelopes did a great job in keeping the Tigers at bay.

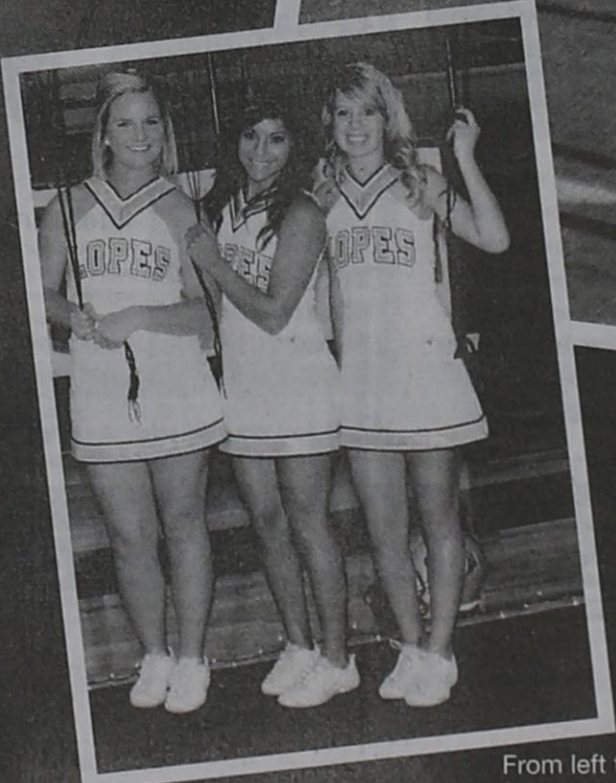
Coach Steve Smith was truly grateful for all of the support from the parents, fans, and faculty last Friday. "I would like to personally thank everyone who supports the program in a positive way. We work hard to build character and hard working young men and I appreciate

those who watch us and support us and trust us with their kids. I have seen a lot of personal growth in our young men and I have a lot of faith that they are learning valuable life lessons and will take them with them as they become members of society, heads of families, and leaders of the future. Post is a great place and we can make it a very special place for all our kids if we will all pitch in and work together and help each other to the end, the Bold Gold tradition, and excellence will return."

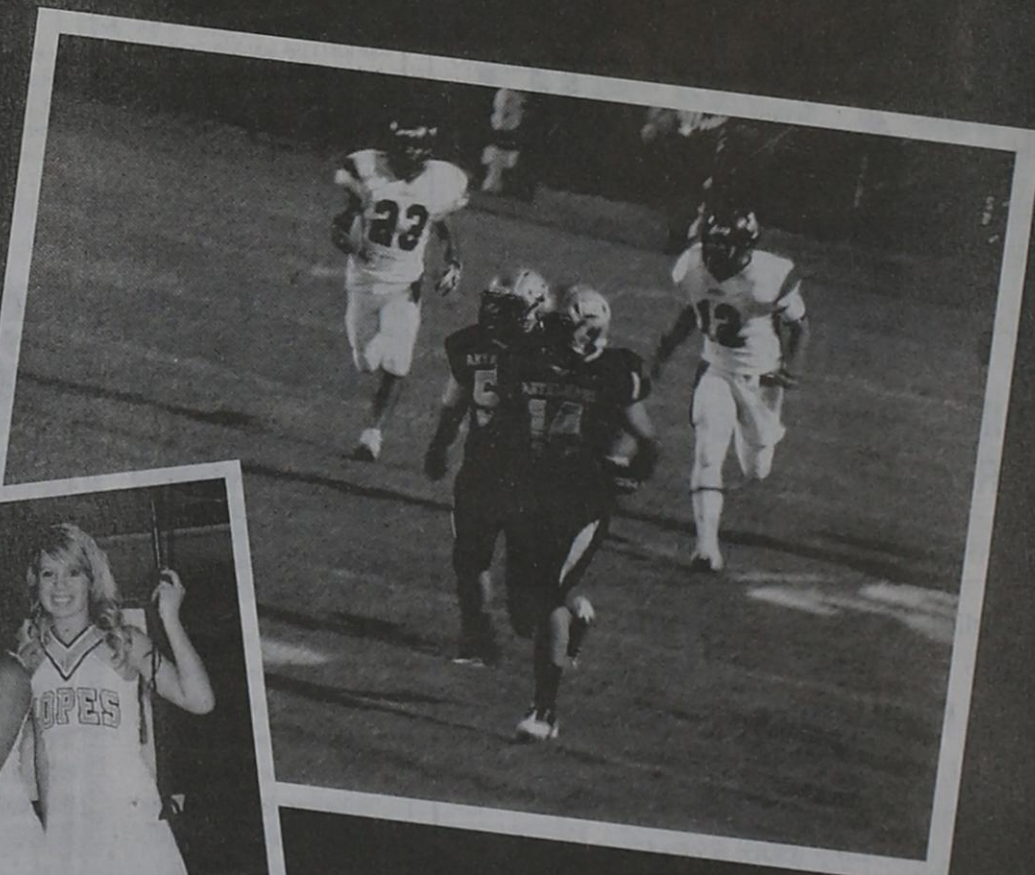
Coach Smith has nothing to frown about his entire football program won all four of their games during homecoming week! An outstanding accomplishment on his part, his staff's part and his players.

"It is exciting and makes me proud that we are improving and learning to play hard and more physical each week. We have a ways to go, but we are on a good path," said Smith.

Don't forget to support your Bold Gold Antelopes this Friday in Coahoma at 7:30 p.m. GO BOLD GOLD!!



From left to right Kamby Mason, Kimberly Rivera and Julie Boren.  
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Jake Perez #14 with assist from Dale Diaz #51  
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# Garza Man Arrested For A Second Degree Felony



By Steffi Scott  
Josh Collazo, 20 years old, was arrested Thursday September 29 for a second

degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Collazo was accused of throwing a hammer at Seraphin Lopez, 19, also of Post. Lopez suffered life threatening injuries from the incident and was rushed to University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas.

Lopez and Collazo got into a fight after one of the suspect's family members was involved in a separate fight with Lopez.

(Photo Courtesy of KCBD.com)

## Domestic Violence not just physical abuse

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), more than 27% of young people have been victims of physical dating violence. If these figures included emotional and verbal abuse, the percentage would rise to almost 50%. Pretty frightening statistics, especially if you're a parent. The Texas Family Code Section 71.0021 defines "dating violence" as an act by an individual that is against another individual with whom that person has or has had a dating relationship and that is intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault or that is a threat that reasonably places the individual in fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault, but does not include defensive measures to protect oneself. In layman's terms, dating violence is a pattern of abusive behaviors used to exert power and control over a dating partner. A "dating partner" may mean different things to different people. The relationship may or may not be sexual, may be serious or casual, monogamous or not, short-term or long-term.

I bring this topic to you because October is recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Wait. What does dating violence have to do with domestic violence? The Texas Family Code Section 71.004

includes dating violence in its definition for "family violence" meaning the punishments for dating violence are equal to those of family violence, essentially a Class A Misdemeanor with a possibility of up to one year in jail and a \$4000.00 fine.

According to Break the Cycle, one in three teens will experience abuse in a dating relationship and two-thirds of those will never report it to anyone. Teens that experience abuse are more likely to abuse drugs, drop out of school, attempt suicide, and engage in high risk behavior. Sadly, many times these victims become the abusers as they move into adulthood.

Awareness is essential in confronting any problem that lies ahead. I'm going to offer several other statistics that will illustrate how alarming this trend is. In a national study conducted in 2008, females age 12 or older experienced about 552,000 nonfatal violent victimizations (rape/sexual assault, robbery, or aggravated or simple assault) by an intimate partner (a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend). Twelve years old; this is a sixth or seventh grader. In 2007, intimate partners committed 14% of all homicides in the United States. Intimate partner violence includes victimization committed by spouses or

ex-spouses, boyfriends or girlfriends, and ex-boyfriends or ex-girlfriends.

If you're like me, soon after I read these statistics there is a new rule in our house - no dating, EVER! Wouldn't that be nice, keeping your kids babies forever? Instead I offer this suggestion, be supportive and educate your kids about healthy relationships. Discuss options your teen has if they witness dating violence or experience it themselves. Above all, remind your kids they are worthy of respect and shouldn't accept anything less. If your teen is in a relationship that feels uncomfortable, awkward or frightening, assure them that they can come to you.

You can find more information and statistics on dating violence, family violence, and domestic violence on the following websites.

Break the Cycle [www.breakthecycle.org](http://www.breakthecycle.org)

Bureau of Justice Statistics <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov>

Love is Respect [www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org)

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## Coaches Corner by Steve Smith

### Can you sleep when the storm is blowing?

A young man applied for a job as a farm hand. When the farmer asked for his qualifications, he said, "I can sleep when the wind blows." This puzzled the farmer. But he liked the young man and hired him. A few days later, the farmer and his wife were awakened in the night by a violent storm. They quickly began to check things out to see if all was secure. They found the shutters of the farmhouse had been securely fastened. A good supply of logs had been sat next to the fireplace. The young man slept soundly. The farmer and his wife then inspected their property. They found that the farm tools had been placed in the storage shed, safe from the elements. The tractor had been moved into the garage. The barn was properly locked. Even the farm animals were calm. All was well! The farmer then understood the meaning of the young man's words, "I can sleep when the wind blows."

Character as it applies to the smallest of duties brings about an inner peace as evidenced by this story. Character is achieved by those little things, which done with pride and added to the entire process produce the desired effect. To do this we must make our goals with the process in mind and not the outcome.

Outcome goals give you direction, such as winning a prize, a game or making a particular play, or checking stats. These are short sighted, self-centered, and the worst type of characteristic a player can have. It is the playing of a play or a game. Process goals include mastering the fundamentals and strategy to be competitive in athletics. It is learning respect and responsibility for your coach, your teammates, and your opponents. It is taking care of facilities and equipment. It is showing, in your actions that you understand how important it is to be a servant. The biggest secret to success is for you to get what you want, is to help enough other people get what they want.

You dramatically increase your chances of being successful by focusing on the process and letting the outcome take care of itself. When you focus on the outcome, you open yourself up to the fear of missing or losing. If you make a bad play or make a mistake, it is easier to become angry. Fear and anger are negative emotions that adversely affect your brain's chemistry and performance. You will be more relaxed and efficient by focusing on instinctive execution, rather than thinking about scoring or winning.

While you may not be able to control the outcome, you can control your thoughts and

actions to improve the process. Success in mastering the process builds confidence and makes it easier to achieve your desired outcome. It also allows you to appreciate the other player and the effort he has put forth in his own quest toward his goals.

When we teach our kids these principles and focus on their effort, their respect for others and to take responsibility for themselves we enable them to grow and give them the tools to be successful. This also enables them to be leaders. The type of leaders our society needs.

The leader is a servant that sees through the eyes of his followers. The leader says, "Let's go!" and leads the way rather than "Get going!" He assumes his followers are working with him, not for him and builds others and their character. He develops has faith in people and he believes in them, and thus draws out the best in them.

He learns to use his heart as well as his head. He is a man of action as well as a man of thought.

He has a humble spirit and can laugh at himself and recognizes other leaders and can be led when need be. He is not interested in having his own way, but in finding the best way. The leader keeps his eyes on high goals. He strives to make the efforts of his followers and himself contribute to the enrichment of personality, the achievement of abundant living for all, and the improvement of all. The leader is nonjudgmental and accepts others for what or who they are. In short he focuses on others, the team, the process and doesn't worry about his own personal desire, because those rewards come to those who are unselfish and mature enough to do the little things.

Our athletic program is developed with this in mind. We stress the little things. We want to win games and have our players be recognized as great players, but this will come when we all learn to give ourselves to the process and not focus on the outcome. We clean our facilities, we take care of our equipment, we help our teammates, we respect our coaches, we take care of our responsibilities and then when the "winds blow hard" we can sleep easy, because we know we have done everything we can to be winners.

It is of utmost importance to compete in athletics with great character. What you do in competition, and workouts will inevitably carry over to what you do in life. Do it with respect, do it with responsibility, and do it with great effort. You do this and sleep well at night because you go to sleep a winner in any man's book.

## Drought-scorched trees not necessarily dead

By: Robert Burns  
COLLEGE STATION - "Our trees are dying!"

Reports like this are coming from throughout the state, but don't write off that shade tree or loblolly pine just yet, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

"It's really a wait-and-see kind of a game," said Dr. Eric

Taylor, AgriLife Extension forestry specialist, Overton. "Just because a tree's leaves have turned brown - or that the leaves have shed from the tree - doesn't mean the tree is dead."

Trees respond to moisture stress and heat with natural defense mechanisms, and these responses vary from species to

species, Taylor said. Southern red oaks, for example, will senesce - draw back the nutrients from their leaves - early in response to stress.

"It's the pulling back of nutrients that causes the leaves to turn brown," Taylor said. "That leaf has actually been abscised from the tree and is no longer functioning, but it doesn't

mean the tree is dead." Other species don't have that defense mechanism. They will simply drop their leaves while they are still green, Taylor said. "You see a lot of that with the trees with thicker, waxier leaves," he said.

Some trees can't just drop leaves. All they can do is wilt, according to Taylor. "Now those leaves will be wilted past the point of recovery, but none of that means the tree is dead," he said. "We'll have to see what happens next spring. If the tree was happy and healthy and somewhat vigorous, then it will likely have enough carbohydrates and energy reserves to come back next spring."

There are some trees that are more drought-tolerant, particularly species that have smaller leaves with a waxy covering, such as live oak. Pines are different from hardwood trees in how they respond to drought and heat, he said. They don't have the built-in senescent defense mechanisms of pulling back lots of nutrients from leaves. "They have two years of needle growth, and they'll tend to shed the oldest needles and hold onto the current needles, which is why many pines have both brown and green needles," he said. "If those current needles begin to shed, then that's a good indication perhaps that the tree is beyond the point of recovery."

Taylor said newer needles are found on the tips of the branches, while the older needles will be farther inward. Limb drop is another matter, he said. It has to do with the "water status" within the tree. When trees transpire out more water than they receive, the lignin or glue that binds cells together breaks down.

"The sudden collapse of spaces between cells will cause limbs to drop, even though they may still appear to be alive and functioning." Taylor noted that trees in over-crowded stands are at higher risk of dying. "You've got to look back a the last decade, because trees are very slow to respond. So it's the last decade of extremely intense temperatures and drought that the trees today have to work their way through."

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:** The region had cooler temperatures, but was still in need of moisture. Over the past couple of weeks, some areas have received rain, from a half to three-quarters of an inch in most cases, with a few incidences of as much as 4 inches. Foard and King counties had wildfires started by lightning. The spotty rains prompted more wheat planting. More rain was needed to fill stock tanks. Cotton producers that had not defoliated were in a holding pattern. Some cotton farmers who got rain were planting wheat with the lower temperatures. They hoped to get enough moisture to get the wheat up and to have something to offer ranchers in the near future, as pastures and rangeland were pretty much gone. Peanut producers were anxious to begin digging. Ranchers who could afford to do so continued to feed supplements on a daily basis. Some producers were hauling water while others continued to cull herds.

**Panhandle:** Temperatures were near average, with rain from a trace to 1 inch. The corn harvest was ongoing. Growers continued planting wheat. Cotton progress slowed with the cooler temperatures. Some cotton growers were applying harvest aids. Rangeland and pasture conditions were rated as very poor. Livestock producers continued to provide supplemental feed and reduce herds.

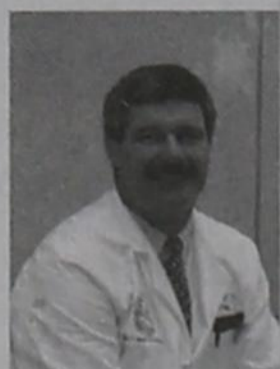
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# ADOPT A LESS-ADOPTABLE PET

The week of September 19 was declared "Adopt a Less-Adoptable Pet" week by petfinder.com. Less adoptable animals are dogs from one of the "bully" breeds (pit bulls being the most common), older animals, blind or deaf

animals, large dogs and dogs or cats with black fur

The Post Animal Refuge Center has certainly seen proof of the large black dog stigma. Of the 11 dogs currently being housed at the shelter, 6 of them are big

and black. There are several explanations given for black dogs being overlooked in shelter situations. Among them are:

1. They are very common
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some people

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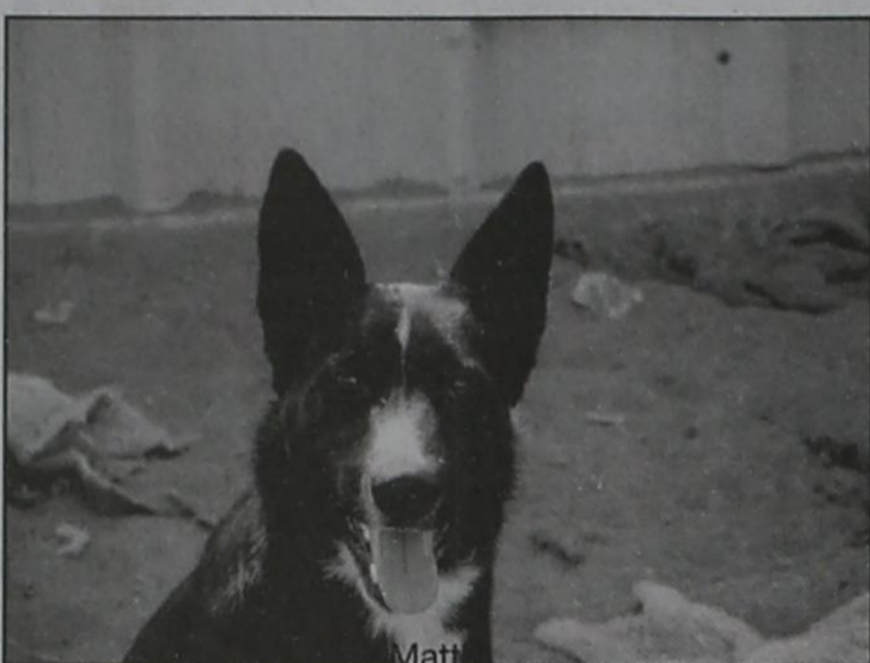
In an effort to try to remedy this problem, the folks at PARC want you to take a look at the pictures of these

wonderful dogs at the shelter with a kinder eye. So they're not "pure breed" or small lap dogs, they are each special in their own way. Some of them are a little bashful around strangers, but they are all looking for

someone to love and, given time and attention, would be very devoted family members. Please contact us if you are able to adopt a "less-adoptable pet". Our email is [postarc@yahoo.com](mailto:postarc@yahoo.com) or on Facebook at Post Arc.



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3261. Tickets for the musical "Grease" are on sale. The date is Saturday October 29th at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. Seating is being sold on reserve seating arrangements and we are already over half way sold out! Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased by contacting [ttatum@postisd.net](mailto:ttatum@postisd.net).

### 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 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 p.m. 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!

Post Elementary Notes: Friday, October 21st - Box Tops for the Box Tops for Education fall collection are due.

October 24-28 is Red Ribbon Week.

## Cee Vee gets strange visitor



The payload and parachute of a large balloon landed two miles south of Cee Vee Saturday on the W.R. Jones (Bob Jones) ranch which Patricia Hennings manages. The balloon landed five miles north of Cee Vee. Above, the balloon is shown being hoisted into a trailer. The payload is shown in the bottom photo.

### Photos courtesy of Jake Waller

**By JAKE WALLER**  
A balloon launched from NASA's launch facility in Fort Sumner, N.M., landed Saturday afternoon near Cee Vee, said James Margitan, science division deputy manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The balloon, used to conduct research experiments, was retrieved by the Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility located in Palestine, Texas.

The most visible balloon, which hovered above Canyon Friday evening, was a University of New Hampshire research balloon that

"studies gamma ray bursts — massive ejections of high energy particles from dying stars or supernovas — from the Crab Nebula," Deputy Site Manager Dwayne Orr said Monday.

Scientists are studying the bursts and the particles that compose them to better understand particle acceleration, a "process that generates radiation and occurs throughout the universe — from Earth's magnetic field (magnetosphere) to pulsars and black holes," the University of New Hampshire said in a news release.

The UNH balloon, called

the GRAPE/FACTEL balloon, launched about 8:30 a.m. Friday in Fort Sumner and Another balloon, called the JPL Remote, launched from Fort Sumner about 11:30 a.m. Friday, Margitan said.

The balloon carried instruments to detect levels of ozone and other chemicals in the stratosphere, he said.

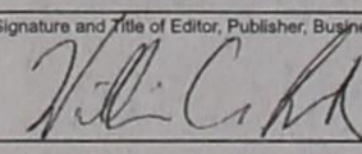
The JPL Remote balloon landed midday Saturday near Enid, Okla., according to Margitan.

Margitan said fall-pattern high-altitude winds tend to push the Fort Sumner-launched balloons eastward.

Orr said the Fort Sumner site rarely launches two balloons in such a short time, but Friday was an exception.

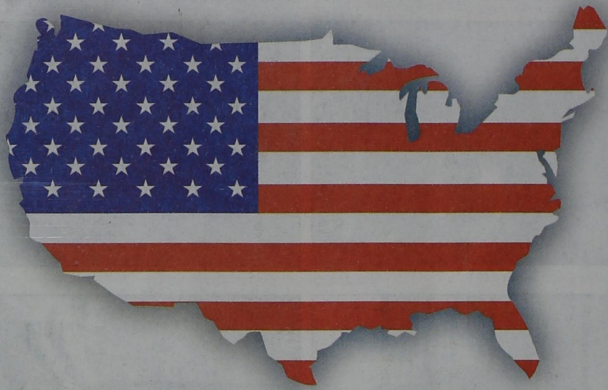
"We had an exceptionally good weather day and a good crew working out there," Orr said. "We were able to get the balloons off and the scientists the information they needed. They were both successful flights."

Orr said the balloons, which are "big enough to put football fields inside," can climb as high as 25 miles in the air. Margitan said each of the balloons launched Friday reached altitudes of about 125,000 feet.

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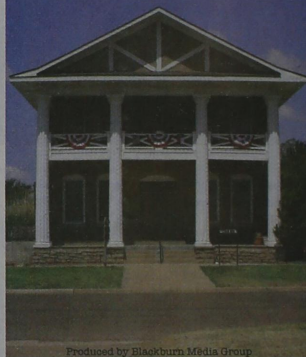
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