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Tom Butler Memorial Ranch Bronc Riding Is Huge Success



Photo by Allisha Jones

Ranch bronc riders from several states competed in the Tom Butler Memorial Ranch Bronc Riding. Arizona's Matt Shiew took first place in the open bronc riding.

Post had their very own cowboy enter in the open division, Reece Belongia. Although Belongia did not receive an award this year, Traci Butler commented, "Reece is a very sweet young man, he offered to help me dump barrels and after watching him ride this year I was very impressed."

This year's event was the largest yet, with 70 bronc riders and approximately 5000 spectators. Entries filled up long ago, and extra riders were placed on a waiting list. Thirty open entries were accepted, 15 rookie and 25 Shetland. The open and rookie events take the top riders to the short round, while Shetland winners are decided on one head.

Contestants are required to use a standard working saddle with no PRCA rigging. One contestant this year was disqualified for using an illegal saddle. Riders could hold the saddlehorn or ride free-hand.

Many elected to free-hand, particularly in the open division. One young rider even smiled and waved at the crowd as he went by.

The average in the open bronc riding went to Matt Shiew of Paulden, Arizona. He also won the first round, so he walked away with \$3400, a handmade saddle, boots and other prizes. Shiew was bought in the calcutta for \$2500, a purchase that paid back nearly \$17,000.

Cooper Dewitt of Rio Rico, Arizona, took second in the open. Reece Clark from Breckenridge, Texas, finished third, and Tell Good from Des Moines, New Mexico, was fourth. Caleb Rice from Stamford, Texas,

was awarded the wildest ride.

The rookie bronc riding win was split by Tyler Luke of Jayton, Texas, and Ethan Cory from Hico, Texas. Kolton Burnett from Vernon, Texas, won third and the award for wildest ride.

The Tom Butler Memorial Ranch Bronc Riding also features the popular Shetland bronc riding for kids 12 years and younger. The event began as a saddlebronc event, but now the ponies are fitted with custom-made bareback riggings to ensure the safety of both the riders and Shetlands.

This year's Shetland riding was dominated by two young cowgirls who happen to be cousins. Jaci Lewis of Goldthwaite finished first, Paducah's Tristin Lewis was second, Rowdy Bradley, Seymour, and Kagen Welch, Guthrie, split third and fourth, and Panhandle's Lane Oles rounded out the



(Above) Reece Belongia, (Right) Cutter Johnson
Photos by Kim Reiter

top five. Wildest ride went to Tristin Lewis.

The annual event is a fundraiser for scholarships given in honor of Tom Butler of Guthrie, who was a champion ranch saddlebronc rider who lost his life in a car accident at the age of 18. He had received several scholarships to Texas Tech University, so his parents thought it fitting to give scholarships in his name.

Kelly and Traci Butler began the Tom Butler Memorial in 2006, and five scholarships were given that year. As the event has grown each year, so has the number of schol-



arships. Thirty-five scholarships were awarded in 2011 to college-bound high school seniors with a background in ranching or agriculture.

The bronc riding pays

back 100 percent of entry fees. Scholarship money is raised from gate fees, a percentage of the calcutta, auction items, clothing sales, donations and more.

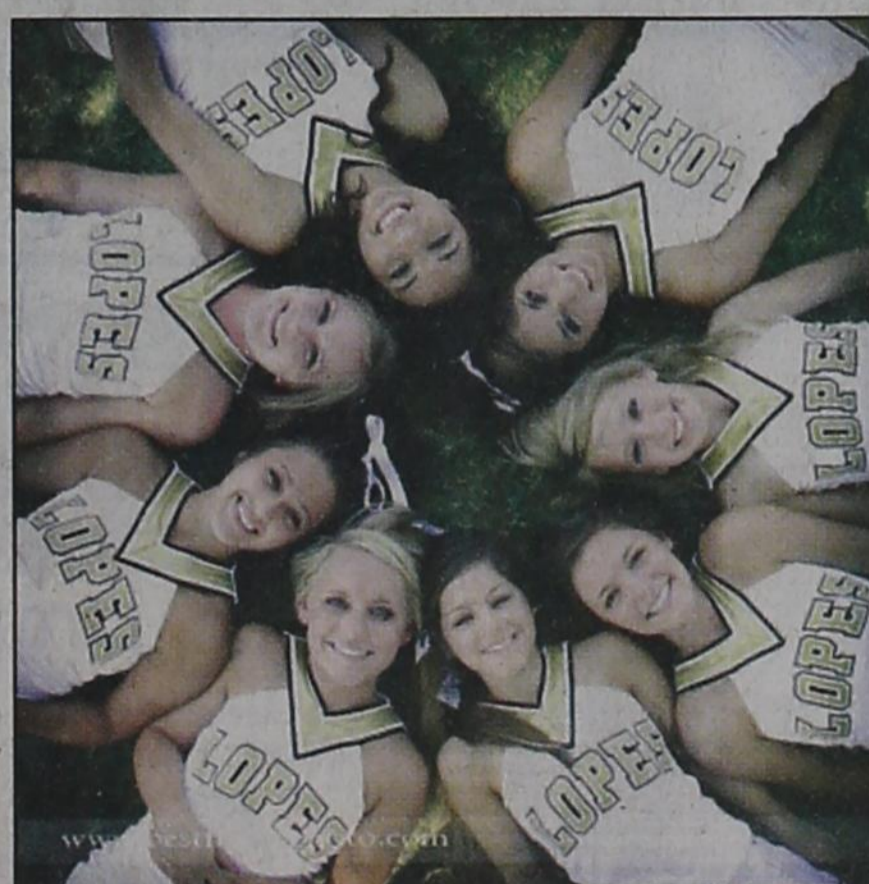
You Go Bold Gold Cheerleaders

By Steffi Scott

Our very own Bold Gold Cheerleaders have been entered into the kbcd's Cheer Championship! They have already made it successfully through round 1 and are now heading into round 2, the video challenge!

They need your support- which means they need your vote!! Voting begins Oct. 27 and it's very simple! Just follow these steps: Log onto kbcd.com, click on "sports," scroll down until you see "cheer championship," and find the Post Bold Gold cheerleaders and cast your vote! Remember, you can't vote until Oct. 27, spread the word!

Let's get our girls recognized and let's help them become the "Cheer Champions!" Get it girls!



Cheer Champions from Top going clockwise, Shirley Aranza, Kim Rivera, Julie Boren, Chelsea Nolan, Macie Merritt, Madison Cash, Skylar Jones, Kambry Mason



I have a few comments to add to a couple of letters about elected officials. My feelings on the "no show" sheriff and taking money he hasn't earned is the same as stealing. Ironic, isn't it? He campaigned to protect and keep our community safe from criminals and yet he takes tax payers money that he hasn't earned by not being on the job taking care of business. And, there are elected officials in the courthouse who do whatever they want on county time or take off whenever they feel the urge; I am pretty sure their salary isn't deducted for such actions.

As far as the work not being completed downtown, you can add South Lake to that list. Workers started cleaning out the dry lake in anticipation of rain. It looks like all they did was push up some piles of dirt and left it in the lake area. This little park
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Post Notes

Graham Chapel Church of Christ (15th St. & Ave. S) will be holding a Gospel Meeting starting Sunday, Oct. 23rd and running through Wednesday, Oct. 26th. Everyone is welcome to come hear William Eudy of Mineral Wells, TX. Lessons will be on the theme "Survival or Revival?" Singing will be led by students from Lubbock Christian University. Sunday morning at 10 am the topic will be "Decision or Commitment?" and at 11am "Religion or Relationship?". A pot luck lunch will follow, then the evening worship at 1:30 pm on the topic of "One of Many or Your One and Only?" Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday services will all begin at 7 pm with the following topics "Does the Inside Match the Outside?", "Why do You Call Him Lord?", and "Following Jesus - Wherever, Whenever, Whatever". There will also be homemade ice cream Wednesday evening. Everyone please come and join us!

Post Lions Club 2011 Christmas Bikes for Tots Seeking Applications

The Post Lions Club is taking applications from families for their '2011 Christmas Bikes for Tots.' Children enrolled at Post Elementary School in grades kindergarten through fifth grade who meet eligibility requirements for free or reduced lunches are encouraged to apply. The Lions Club will select a predetermined number of boys and girls from the application pool to receive a new bicycle for Christmas.

Applications may be picked up at the Post Elementary school office beginning Nov. 1. The deadline to submit an application is Thursday, November 17.

If you have any questions, please call Lion David Baker at See POST NOTES on page 9

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Trailblazers Menu

October 24th-October 28th

MONDAY Liver & Onion (or) Chicken Strips, Macaroni Salad, Mix Veggies
Ham, Sweet Potato Fries, Turnip Greens, Biscuit, Peaches & Cream

TUESDAY Roast Beef, Oven Potatoes, Carrots, Roll, Cobbler
Chicken Fried Steak, S.W. Potatoes, Black Eye Peas, Roll, Strawberry Cake

WEDNESDAY Fish, Beans, Coleslaw, Hush puppies

THE POST LIONS CLUB IS SEEKING DONATIONS TO PURCHASE 100 BIKES @ \$60.00 FOR THE 2011 CHRISTMAS BIKES FOR TOTS.



Due to the generous gifts received last year, The Post Lions Club Toys for Tots program served 150 local needy children. The pro-

gram is designed to help parents provide Christmas for their kids.

This year the Post Lions have decided to target kids without bikes. Applications from parents of Kindergarten through 5th grade (K-5), who are on the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, may be picked up at the Post Elementary school office.

Lion Jason Porter is heading up our efforts to

purchase as many bikes as funds will allow. Lion Byron Garrison and David Baker are working on collecting applications, and a panel of local Lions will review all applications, selecting children most in need of a new bike. If you or your company would like to help, please contact any Lion or Post Lion treasurer Shad Sturgeon at P.O. Box 264.

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COUNTY COURT NEWS

Garza County Court had another jury trial last week. When asked for a comment, County Attorney Michael Munk commented: "Nicky Kim Nickels, 57, of Muleshoe, Texas, was convicted of boating while intoxicated on October 6, 2011 in the Garza County Court for an incident that occurred on Lake Alan Henry on June 27, 2009. Represented by

Daniel Hurley of Lubbock, Mr. Nickels chose to testify on his own behalf. Also testifying for the defense were Karen Bowmer, the defendant's girlfriend, and an expert witness from the State of Florida, Jay Zager. I called three witnesses on behalf of the State of Texas, Game Wardens Brent Tucker, Danny Kessel, and the state's regional technical supervisor

of the Intoxilyzer 5000 machine, Cheryl Ochoa. I also called a rebuttal witness, police officer James Altgelt from the Lubbock Police Department. After a three day trial the jury returned a verdict of guilty. This being the defendant's first offense the jury assessed the minimum punishment of 72 hours of confinement in the Garza County Jail, and no fine."

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

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

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4	1	2	6	3	8	9	7	5
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ANSWER:

United Supermarkets

PACC News

This weekend is shaping up to be another busy one in Post. Friday the Bold Gold Antelopes will travel to Stanton to play football. The game begins at 7:30 p.m. If you can't attend, listen to a live web-cast at www.post-sportspage.com. Our Game Warden is of-

fering the Hunter's Safety Course this Saturday and Sunday. For more information and registration call 773-4179.

Come out to the Rodeo Arena Saturday at noon for the County Roping. A portion of the proceeds is donated to the Jimmie Redman

Scholarship.

The Garza County Jr. Livestock Association will be having a fundraiser Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at Trailblazers. There will be a brisket supper, auction and cash drawing.

Congratulations to our Members of the Week:



Silver Member - RUSTY'S COTTAGE



Silver Member - POKA LAMBRO TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Extension Extras

Did you know that 4-H is free to join and open to all kids in

At the show barn. **Friend to Friend** - October 24th @ The Heritage House starting @ 5:00 p.m.

This is a FREE Educational Program on the Importance of Annual Mammograms.

Please R.S.V.P by calling the Extension office at 806-495-4400.

4-H Meeting - The next 4-H meeting will be Monday, November 28th at 6:30p.m. at the Extension Office.

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

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

Dust Bowl II



Photo by Stace Norman

By Steffi Scott

If you were out and about Monday evening October

17, then you were able to witness the nasty dirt storm that blew in. Lubbock news

stations were saying this was the worst they had ever seen, calling it "The Dust Bowl Revisited." While it may not have been as bad here as it was in Lubbock, it was still enough of a wind gust to cause chaos and confusion through the streets of Post. The skies looked like a scene from a western movie, a dreary setting with dirt blowing every which way. There were accounts of power outages and a fire even broke out in Garza County. That afternoon started out pleasant, reaching a high of 90 degrees. I sincerely hope everyone had enough warning to roll up windows, secure their outside belongings and round up their families making sure everyone was safely tucked away inside. Hopefully, we will not see another mother nature "outburst," like this one for a long time, if ever. But hey, that's West Texas for ya'!

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Caperton, Moore set to wed November 2011



Michelle Caperton and Joe Moore are happy to announce their engagement. They feel truly blessed by God, relating to Rascall Flatts', "Bless This Broken Road".

Michelle and Joe were introduced by Michelle's beloved, late Step Father, David McDaniel, then, a retired Police officer, who asked Michelle to please trust him and meet Joe. She agreed to meet him, and although she ran from Joe when he tried to kiss her, she was smitten with him by their second date.

Joe is a retired Drilling Consultant. Michelle is a sculptor in her spare time. He and Michelle plan to raise cattle and enjoy each day of their lives together. Both are residents of Post, Texas and plan to live on Moore Ranch in Post after they are married, jokingly comparing themselves to Robert Duvall and Michael Caine's characters in "Second Hand Lions."

Joe is the son of the late Jimmy Moore of Post, World Champion All Around Cowboy in 1952 and the late,

Shirley Moore of Post. He is the Grandson of Avery and Zelma Moore of Post and also of Alleen Riddell, 97, of Aspermont, TX.

The prospective bride is the Daughter of the late Phillip Ray Caperton of Lubbock and the late Joyce McDaniel of Frisco, and the late Carl and Elizabeth Caperton of Hereford and formerly of Lubbock. She is also the grand daughter of the late Aaron Rawlins of Fritch and Ella Rector of Frisco, both formerly of Lubbock.

Their wedding is described as a semi-formal, "Couture to Cowboy" in which the couple wish to honor each other's tastes. The Bride will wear a couture 2012 Eve of Milady beaded silk gown with a Chapel length train. Her bridesmaids will wear floor length gowns. Joe and his groomsmen will wear Cowboy hats and boots with jeans. Joe will wear his late Father's World Champion All Around Cowboy belt buckle. The wedding with family and friends in attendance is planned for November 2011 at the Historic Baker Building.

Cold weather tips for our 4-legged friends

By Dr. Wink

As our first cold front came through earlier this week... wait, you did know we had one come through, right? Around Monday, 6pm? I think the word was 'Haboob'. Anyways I thought I would write about some cold weather tips/facts since winter is fast approaching. Fast approaching...just like that haboob. Most of this information is common sense, but even I learned something new while researching this topic.

In cold elements, it is always better to bring in our four legged friends, even if this means putting them in the garage. This brings up my first cold weather point: If you bring your pets inside the garage (especially cats) be sure to check under the hood before starting your vehicle. Cats like to lay under the hood next to the engine for warmth or to get off the cold ground. Same goes for outside cats as well. It never fails in the winter months someone will bring me a cat to repair that's been caught in the fan blade when the vehicle was started. I have a client who's encountered this one too many times. She now honks her horn twice before starting her car wherever she is...even in the grocery store parking lot. Yup, the sound of Fluffy meeting fan blade can scar you for life. You can also bang on the hood of your vehicle to scare them out from underneath. How accurate this works is still in question, but it won't hurt to try. Just make sure your neighbors know what you're doing so they won't call in a domestic disturbance. This brings me to cold weather point number two: If you are going to warm your car up inside your garage, be sure to open up the garage door first. Like humans, carbon monoxide is toxic/deadly to your pets.

If you are unable to bring pets inside, you need to provide adequate shelter to protect them from the harsh elements. Always make sure your pet has access to fresh water (aka not frozen). Provide extra warmth to the shelter by adding blankets or straw for bedding. You will need to change bedding if it gets wet so your pet can stay warm & dry. As discussed in an earlier article, a dog's coat acts as both warm and cold insulation according to the season. For our long hair dogs, make sure to brush their coat in order to allow the hair to provide proper insulation. Matted hair does not provide any insulation to the dog.

If at all possible leave your pet at home. Do not take them to town with you, even if you plan to be gone a short time. If you know my wife, she will say "Let's make a quick trip to Lubbock." Apparently her version of quick results in us spending 3-4 hours longer than planned due to her couponing. I love you honey. Just stating the facts. Did I tell you how much I love you today? This leads to cold weather point number three (and the new fact I learned while research-

ing this article): Your vehicle acts as a metal icebox in cold weather. It will hold the cold air inside the vehicle keeping the temperature down so low that your pet could freeze to death. You hear people say it's too hot to leave pets in vehicles, but never hear someone say it's too cold to have pets in vehicles do you?

Both young and old pets cannot tolerate the cold as well as our middle aged ones. Always take extra precautions for these pets. If you have a puppy you are trying to house break, you will have to be very patient with them because they may not want to go outside. Can you imagine having to do your business in below freezing

temps? I think I would turn right back around and say "Think I'll wait til later!" When you take you pooch out for a bathroom break, stay out with them. If you're cold enough to go inside, it's probably too cold for the pet to stay outside as well.

There are many tips out there regarding cold weather and your pets. Just remember to use common sense! Let's enjoy these cool temps after the excruciating summer we just had. Just like in extreme heat, our pets need extra attention during the winter months. If you have any further questions about this article or need other information about your pet, please give us a call at the clinic.

AgriLife sponsors Friend to Friend

Texas AgriLife Extension Service is proud to be a local sponsor of the Friend to Friend: Staying Well Together program. This program's purpose is to encourage women to get regular mammograms and Pap tests for the early detection of breast and cervical cancer, when the disease is most curable. For every woman 40 and over, a mammogram is a must! For

most women, a Pap test is a must, too!

The Friend to Friend Program makes it easy for you by providing up-to-date information on breast cancer and mammograms and on cervical cancer and Pap test from health professional. It answers your questions and concerns about mammograms and Pap test, and it helps you get these important

screenings free or for a low cost, if you meet eligibility requirements.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service invites you to join them and the Friend to Friend party on October 24, 2011 at 5:00p.m. The party will be held at The Heritage House, 109 North Avenue N, Post, TX 79356. Please register for this FREE event by calling the Extension office at 806-495-4400.

Community Celebration Honoring C. W. Post

The second annual community celebration honoring our founder, C. W. Post, on his birthday will be Wednesday, October 26, 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Heritage House.

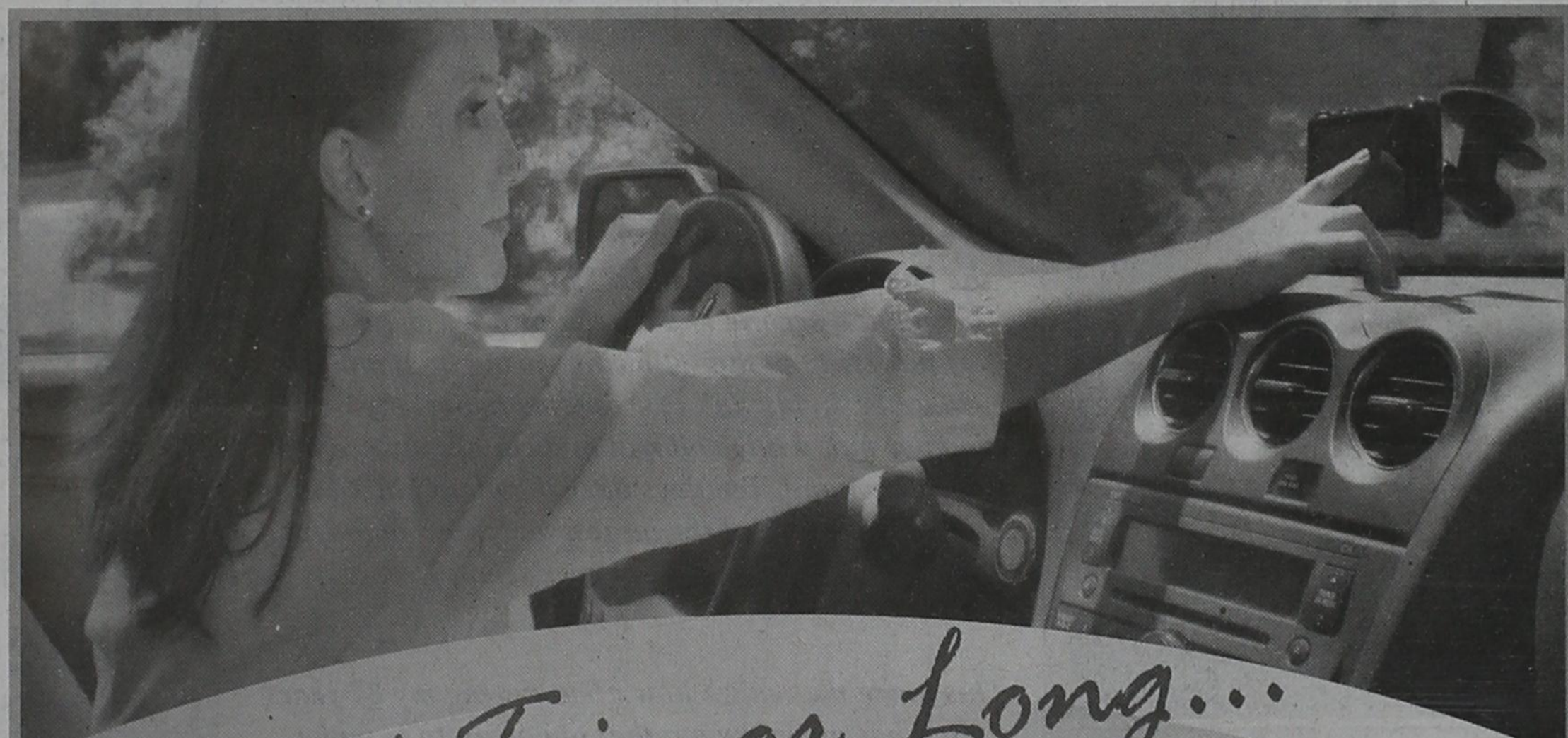
Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a light supper prepared by award-winning cook, Dick Odom. "This is an opportunity for us to honor Mr. Post as well

as visit with friends and neighbors and enjoy some good food," said Rosa Latimer, Executive Director of the Caprock Cultural Association. "There is no charge and we'll give away door prizes." Attendees can register for two custom-smoked briskets valued at \$50 each.

"One Post resident who shares

Mr. Post's birthday attended the celebration last year," Latimer continued. "We're not sure if there are others, but we extend a special invitation to any Garza County resident whose birthday is October 26."

Call the Caprock Cultural Association, 495-4148, for more information.



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| 2004 Chevy 1500 Ext Cab, 2WD, silver/charcoal, 4.8 V8 auto, tool box, 209k #50102..... | \$8,500 | 2008 Nissan Pathfinder SE, 2WD, black/charcoal cloth, V6 auto, back up camera, 3rd row seat #50465..... | \$18,750 | 2010 Chevrolet Suburban, 4X4, silver/gray leather, LT1, NICE, 13K #50137..... | \$35,000 |
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| 2007 Chevy 2500HD, Reg Cab, 4X4, red/tan cloth, 6.0 V8, | | 2008 Chevy 2500HD, Crew Cab, 4X4, s/b, gray/leather, 6.6 Duramax, LTZ, 89k #50406..... | \$29,995 | | |

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Well I learned a new word this week, "haboob". I never had heard that word in my life until Ron Roberts called what came thru here Monday evening a haboob, or at least I don't remember ever hearing that word but some of my teachers may stop me in the grocery store and tell me different. The entire Close City area was out of electricity for just over 24 hours, that was pretty wild but hey ... we live in West Texas and we are known for unpredictable weather right?

We are patiently waiting for that first module to be called in. It seems so early but when I looked back to last year, we ginned our first bale on Oct. 3. Be sure and check out CC Communities page on facebook as we will update our bale count daily.

Billie Jean went to Tahoka and had lunch with her cousin, Shirley Ann (Sappington) McInroe.

The Morris crew got together at Charles and Sharron's over the weekend.

My family as well as many others attended the Tom But-

ler Memorial Bronc Ride this past weekend as usual it was amazing! The Butler family as well as all their helpers do an amazing job putting this on each year.

Did you know

A ducks quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

Quote of the week

If we love our country, we should also love our countrymen ... Ronald Reagan

Get Wells

Troy Nelson, Shirley Bland, Delwin Fluitt and whoever else feeling under the weather that I may not know about ... get well soon!

Close City Birthdays

- Oct. 21 - Laverne Aten
- Oct. 22 - Cruz Beth Hernandez
- Oct. 23 - Alicia Lopez
- Oct. 25 - Kathryn Bullard; Terry Aten Williams

Close City Anniversaries

Oct. 21 - Clinton and Kimberly Yarbro

Visitors

Kristi Morris came in Tuesday as well as Monique Claborn came out to visit this week. Y'all 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 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.**

FYI

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

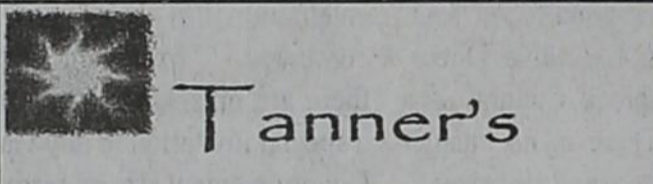
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Weekly Inspirations

Second Chances

Read Luke 13:6-9

[The gardener] replied, "Sir, let [the fig tree] alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it."

Luke 13:8 (NRSV)

THE nurseryman talked me into buying a new hybrid plant, promising three separate flowering periods -- spring, summer, and fall. I didn't expect immediate results; but after three years without a sign of bloom in any season, I was ready to dig up the plant. My patient husband said, "Give it a second chance. I'll put a little more fertilizer around it."

His suggestion reminded me of Jesus' parable about the barren fig tree in Luke 13. Reluctantly, I gave my plant a second chance, but there was no sign of flowering in the following spring or summer. However, in late fall as I readied to pull the non-bloomer out, a tiny colorful bud caught my eye and stayed my hand. Ten days later the plant blazed into a glorious show of the largest and most beautiful blooms I have ever seen.

This made me realize how often during my 87 years God has given me another opportunity to make amends, to try harder, or to change my attitude. I realize now that setbacks and minor infractions are a vital part of our learning. And when we sin, we can repent and accept God's forgiveness. And with that forgiveness, God gives us renewed energy and restored hope -- a second chance.

Ursula Thacker (North Carolina, USA)

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

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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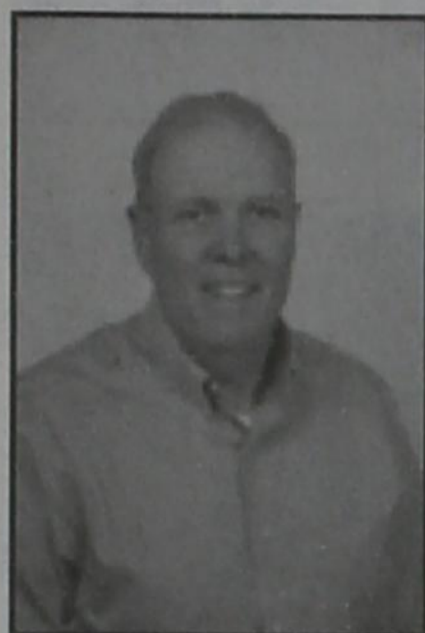
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Deuteronomy 6:5

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Isbell Announces Candidacy for Texas House in District 68



DAVID ISBELL

Cooke County-David Isbell, of Valley View, has officially announced his candidacy as a Republican for the Texas House of Representatives District 68. Isbell is a Professional Engineer and Rancher who resides in the Mountain Springs area of Southern Cooke County.

A sixth generation native Texan, Isbell raises Texas Longhorn cattle and enjoys

his horses on his ranch in North Texas. Isbell graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Civil Engineering. While at UT, he was an active member of both the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He is active in Cross Timbers Church, having served as an elder for over 20 years. Isbell operates a Christian ministry in Zambia, Africa which trains people to operate a business using Biblical principles.

As a Professional Engineer, Isbell founded Isbell Engineering Group in Cooke County in 1977. His company, IEG, was sold in 2007 to CHA Consulting, Inc, a nationally recognized engineering firm. He retired in 2010 from CHA and now works as an independent Engineering Consultant. Isbell is licensed in 37 states and is a qualified

Structural, Geotechnical and Civil Engineer. He is also a Professional Land Surveyor in Texas. Isbell Engineering Group was named in 2004 as one of the top 100 fastest growing engineering firms in the United States.

Isbell has worked in the North Texas area including many of the counties in District 68 for over 36 years as an engineer. He has provided the structural engineering plans for many notable buildings in the area such as the CH Collins Football Stadium in Denton, Gainesville High, Guyer High, Pilot Point High, Aubrey Elementary, and schools in Sanger, Valley View, Lindsay, Muenster, St. Jo, Bowie, Alvord, Santo, and many more. Isbell has also provided structural engineering plans for numerous fire stations, municipal buildings, industrial plants, office buildings, restaurants, and residences.

The area, in which he has invested his life's work, is also the area he seeks to serve in the Texas House.

"I am not a politician and See ISBELL on page 10

City officials attend Texas Municipal League Annual Conference and Exhibition

Council Member Pixie Grisham, Ward 2, Anita Morris, Ward 5 and Mayor Thressa Harp were in Houston on October 11-14, 2011, to attend the Texas Municipal League 99th Annual Conference and Exhibition. The theme of this year's conference and exhibition was "Winning Game Plans for Texas Cities," and the four day meeting provided an opportunity for city officials to attend workshops addressing current municipal issues. In addition, the conference offered a chance to visit with elected and appointed officials from across Texas to learn how other cities are coping with the challenges facing local governments today.

During the meeting, conference attendees were offered a number of sessions on leadership principles, ethical responsibilities, emergency preparedness, communication skills, technology, and much more. Delegates also had the opportunity to hear presentations by Dr. Lowell Catlett from Las Cruces, NM; Evan Smith from Austin, TX and Dr. Will Miller from Lafayette, IN.

More than 4,000 city officials, guests, and exhibitors attended the conference, which was sponsored by the Texas Municipal League. The League is a voluntary association of more than 1,115 Texas cities. The City of Post is a member of the Texas Municipal League.

Pet of the week



This is Bonnie & Clyde, II - a male and female Chiweenie. They are both young adults and very playful. They were living in the flower bed of an empty house until a neighbor rescued them. They are available for adoption from Post Animal Refuge Center. You can contact the shelter at postarc@yahoo.com or on facebook at Post Arc.

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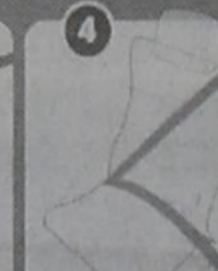
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WILDCATS DEFEAT THE LOPES

By Steffi Scott
 The Bold Gold Antelopes had a rough game last Friday. They went in the game ready to make some moves but the Idalou wildcats were just too strong. They didn't let our Lopes score one point. They are defending their State Title and knew just how to do it. Even though the game didn't fan out like Coach Smith hoped, he did have some positive reinforcement. He stated "I think Pake Jones is growing every game. He made good decisions and managed the game well. He is going to really shine as we improve. DJ Brown, as he does every week, did an outstanding job in the return game. He is really dangerous and does

a good job helping control field position with his ability to catch the ball and his return ability." Some might consider this a devastating loss, but not Coach Smith, with his head held high, he always finds something positive to bring to his boys. "Idalou's athletic ability and how well they play technically sound football is something we aspire to. It is a good measure and there are lessons to be learned. We are in the infancy of a program that teaches the football skills needed to be great and I believe the character and attitude to be first class. The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." Spoken like a true winner Coach Smith!

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TEAM	IHS	PHS
First Downs	10	7
Rushes / Yards (Net)	22/206	40/106
Passing Yards (Net)	77	32
Passes-Att/Comp/Int	6/4/0	7/2/0
Total Offensive	28/283	47/138
Fumble Returns / Yards	1/41	0/0
Punt Returns / Yards	1/0	0/0
Kickoff Returns / Yards	1/12	7/93
Punts (Number/Average)	1/28.0	4/29.3
Fumbles / Lost	0/0	2/2
Penalties / Yards	2/20	2/10

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing (Ida)	Att	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
SCHILLING	7	83	2	55	11.9
T. Kirkpatrick	4	66	1	35	16.5
BELL	2	19	0	16	9.5
Flowers	1	14	0	14	14.0

Rushing (Post)	Att	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Jones	14	59	0	25	4.2
Blair	17	56	0	17	3.4
Soto	2	0	0	1	0.0

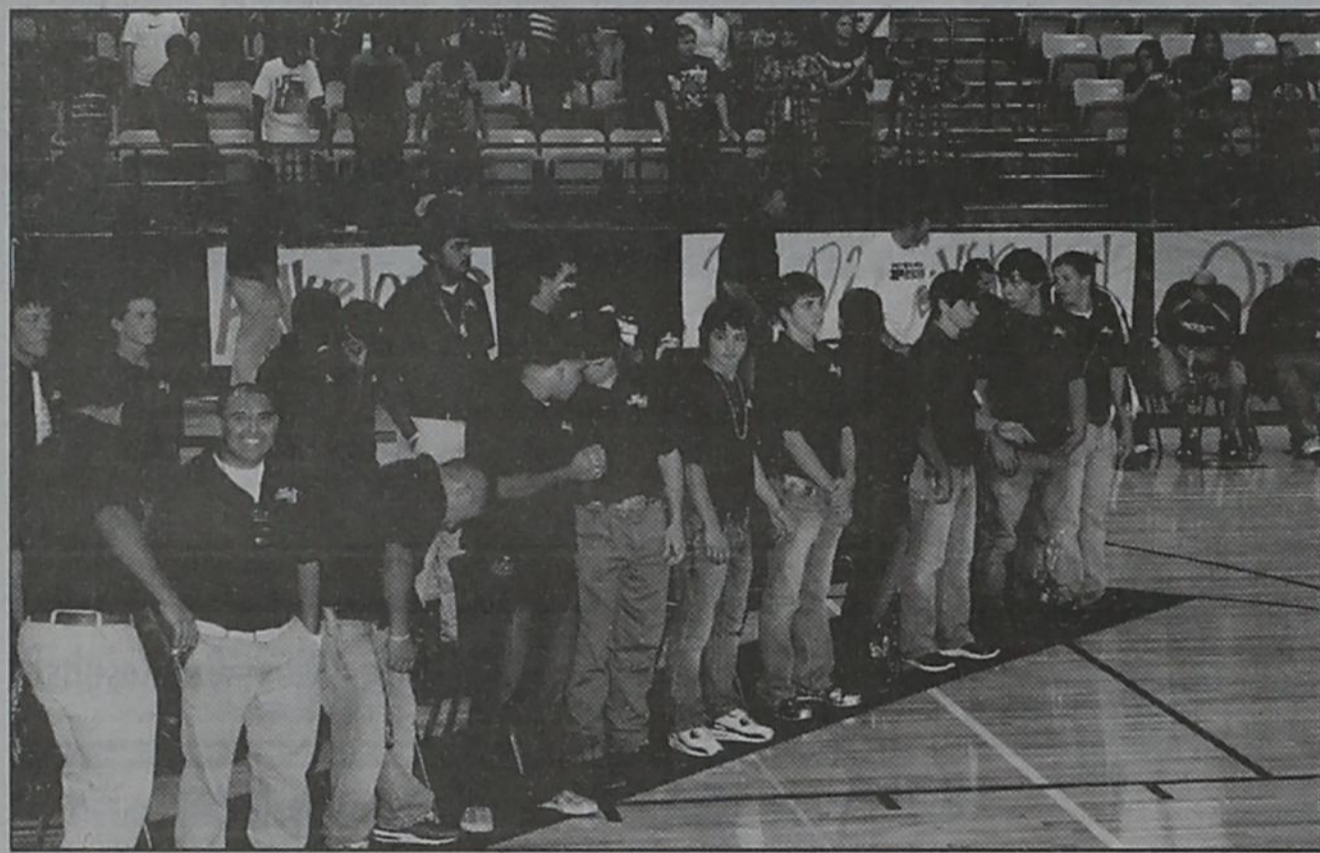
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ESTES	6	4	0	77	3
42					

Passing (Post)	Att	Comp	Int	Yds	TD
Lg					
Jones	7	2	0	32	0
25					

Pass Receiving (Ida) No Yards	TD	Lg
ADKINS	1 42	1 42
Houchin	1 36	1 36
PAYNE	1 10	1 10
Garza	1 -11	0 0

Pass Receiving (Post) No Yards	TD	Lg
McDonald	1 25	0 25
Holly	1 7	0 7

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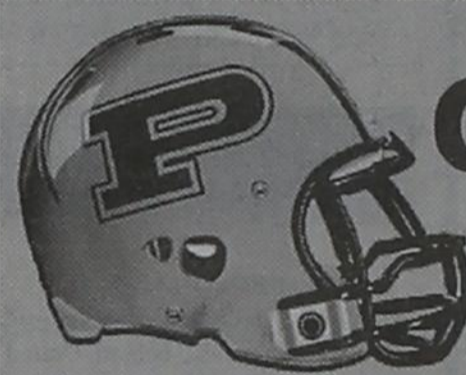
Varsity Boys at pep-rally



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Coaches Corner by Steve Smith

I saw a group of men in my hometown.
 I saw a group of men tearing a building down.
 With a heave and a ho and a mighty yell,
 They swung a beam and the sidewalk fell.
 And I said to the foreman, "Are these men skilled.
 The type you'd hire if you wanted to build?"
 And he laughed and said, "Why, no indeed."
 He said, Common labor's all I need.
 For I can tear down in a day or two
 What it took a builder years to do."
 And I thought to myself as I walked away,
 "Which of these roles am I going to play?
 Am I the type that constantly tears down
 As I make my way, foolishly, around?
 Or am I the type that's trying to build with care,
 In hopes that my organization will be glad I was there?"

In athletics, it is common to talk about character and how participating in athletics can build character. I believe this is true, but only to a small degree. What I have really found is that athletics reveals character. Throw a little adversity at a group and see how they react. You know you have it made as a team when the players bond together and work as a team through hard times and discouragement. It equally becomes a concern when fingers start to point, and excuses get made. It is easy to determine, and hard to admit, but builders are true winners and the takers are just life's common laborers, good for tearing down, and will not leave a legacy to be proud of.

The same goes for life, and in our jobs, our families, and our relationships. Look for builders and positive people to surround yourself. Strive to be a person of character.

When hard times hit, be the rock that can be counted on and not one who tears it down.

There is an awesome example I like to share. It is a story of when Dr. David Livingstone was in the wilds of Africa to begin his now famous mission work for the Church of England.

After Dr. Livingstone had begun his now famous missionary work in Africa, a certain group wrote the great pioneer and asked: "Have you found a good road to where you are? If so, please advise. We'd like to send others to assist you."

Dr. Livingstone sent this reply: "If you have those who will come only if they know there is a good road, I don't want them. I want individuals who are strong and courageous; those who will come and build roads if there is no road at all!"

Courage is performing the task that would be easier not to do. Courage is accepting the responsibilities when it would be more comfortable not to accept. It's moving out on faith, when you know full well the risks and the pitfalls that will challenge you. It's marching ahead, blazing a new trail where there are no roads - and sometimes no maps to guide you.

Courage is accepting responsibility for ourselves and for those we have made commitments to. It is easy to choose to quit. It is easy to blame others for our failures. It takes no courage at all to complain, take the easy way out, or to not even try at all.

Courage asks, what can I do to help and to build? It is true in building a team, a relationship, a company, and even a family. No one assures that it will be easy. In fact you can guaranty there will be failures and adversity, but how we handle this determines our character and our success. Even if you lose a contest, it is your attitude that determines whether you are a winner or not.

I finish with, "5 Things Every Person Should Know". Accept Your Power of Choice

Success is the intentional, pre-meditated use of choice and decision. Unless you choose-with certainty-what it is you want, you accept table scraps by default! The quality of your future years is largely determined by the quality of

the choices you make when you are young.

Respect Reality - Face the Facts

True and accurate information is essential to success. Reality is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Deny reality, and you will soon discover that life is a game of truth or consequences. Tell the truth and demand the truth from others, otherwise you're toast.

Take Responsibility - Make No Excuses

Excuses are convenient, temporary scapegoats. Sometime, somewhere and somehow they will come back and make things very uncomfortable. Dreams die under a burden of excuses; they are a character deficiency, which destroys your potential. Make a no excuses policy and stick to it!

Character Counts - Make it All Count

Everything you say, and do complements or compromises your character. Always do the right thing, because having character is much more important than being a character. When all is said and done, all a person has is their character and integrity nothing else really matters. Every thought, decision, and action moves you closer to or further from your goals. Look at it this way, if you spend an hour exercising you have just moved north towards a healthier life, if after, you drink alcohol, smoke or eat junk you have now gone south. If you avoid extra work, you are being outworked by an opponent somewhere and when you meet, they will beat you.

If You Build It We Will Win - Bold Gold

In our actions, our words and deeds, we daily make the choice to demolish or build. I hope and pray that those who mentor, teach, parent, and lead the youth of Post make the decision on a daily basis to build. I challenge each and everyone involved with a school age student to leave the well beaten road of mediocrity, criticism, apathy, negativity behind, and build a road into the hearts, minds and souls of our kids for a better community, school, home and life. BOLD GOLD!

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GB Wilkie - 1957 720 John Deere...Andrew Quintana is riding with GB



Jim Ellis - 1955 Ford



Tino Alaniz - 1956 720 John Deere

Where are they now?



Maj. Radle

By: Steffi Scott

In a small, rural town like Post, almost everyone knows everyone. You never have to wonder what happened to him or where she went. Although, there are some exceptions to that rule, sometimes someone leaves Post and you aren't sure where they went or what they are doing with their lives. Well, last week I got a pretty interesting phone call from Susan Radle, yes the same Susan Radle who taught kindergarten all those years at Post Elementary. She told me her son, Michael Radle, had written an article for "Hilltop Times," and they had published it! Michael Radle graduated from Post High School in 1991 and from Texas Tech in 1996, where he also received a commission in the Air Force! Quite a feat for a boy from good ole' Small Town, USA. He completed his Master's Degree at the University of Oklahoma in 2008. Major Radle has served at various bases within the United States, also serving in Germany and Afghanistan.

Michael is the son of Darrell and Susan Radle of Lubbock and the grandson of the late Ed and Charlene Gill, formerly of Post.

Major Radle strongly encourages young people to join the military and serve their country!

I wanted to include the same article Radle wrote, hope you enjoy!

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84th RADES mission expands far beyond Hill AFB

BY: Maj. Michael Radle
84th Rades Operations Officer

As a small, selectively manned Air Combat Command tenant unit at Hill Air Force Base, the 84th Radar Evaluation Squadron (84th RADES) is frequently confused with the 84th Combat Sustainment Wing or is

thought to be a flight under the 388th or 419th Fighter Wings. Let me clarify that misperception.

84th RADES can trace its lineage back to the Army Air Corps' 1940 deployment of the first aircraft detection radar in the Panama Canal Zone. The Air Force first established the unit as the 7th Radar Calibration Flight in 1948 at Hamilton AFB, Calif., where it also had an Electronic Counter Measures mission with its own B-25 and B-29 aircraft. The squadron lost its aircraft when it moved to Hill AFB in 1959 and was redesignated as the 4754th RADES. It was redesignated as 84th RADES in 1987. While Hill AFB is now its main base, the squadron now has three operating locations integrated into each of the nation's three Air

Defense Sectors. Today, the 84th RADES personnel continue its radar mission, albeit in a new format. As the nation's only long-range radar evaluation unit, personnel evaluate, optimize, integrate and monitor fixed and mobile long-range radars for both the Department of Defense and federal operational communities. Personnel analyze and evaluate a network of 250 radars that are connected to the Eastern, Western and Alaskan Air Defense Sectors, NORAD, the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Aviation Administration. Prior to 9/11, the RADES mission was limited to 50 coastal and Canadian border radars supporting the nation's perimeter defense mission. After 9/11, RADES integrated 200 additional long-range interior radars

into its network. Today, the squadron's area of responsibility runs from the northern Canadian border to South America and from the western coast of Alaska to the eastern coast of Iceland. Personnel accomplish this mission through two very unique flights.

As most of the nation's radars are unmanned, the 84th's engineering flight designed and built both a network and software allowing 24/7 remote monitoring, analysis and archiving of live radar data. With access to individual radars, members can track radar health and determine which radar needs to be repaired and when. It is because of these high quality tools that the squadron is known around the world as

the industry standard in radar performance and monitoring software. In addition, the squadron monitors and archives flight tracks of every aircraft flown in the United States- that's over 700,000 commercial flights a month according to the Department of Transportation. This capability is irreplaceable as it is a definitive source for aircraft mishap investigations as well as support for search and rescue operations and aircraft recovery missions. The squadron is credited with saving the lives of five people involved in aircraft accidents as well as the successful prosecution of one individual who attempted to fake his own death by sending a mayday call and then bailing out of his aircraft.

Additionally, the radar data collection and filtering capability was very useful in the detection of ultra lights used for drug smuggling across the border from Mexico. The 84th's obstruction analysis team also works with the FAA, DHS and NORAD to identify impacts of commercial construction projects (new building developments, cell tower and wind turbines) on a radar's ability to detect aircraft. Last year alone, personnel analyzed the effect of over 15,000 wind turbines on the national radar picture.

When the squadron goes to the field, it's the responsibility of Operations Flight to optimize a radar's performance. While its personnel

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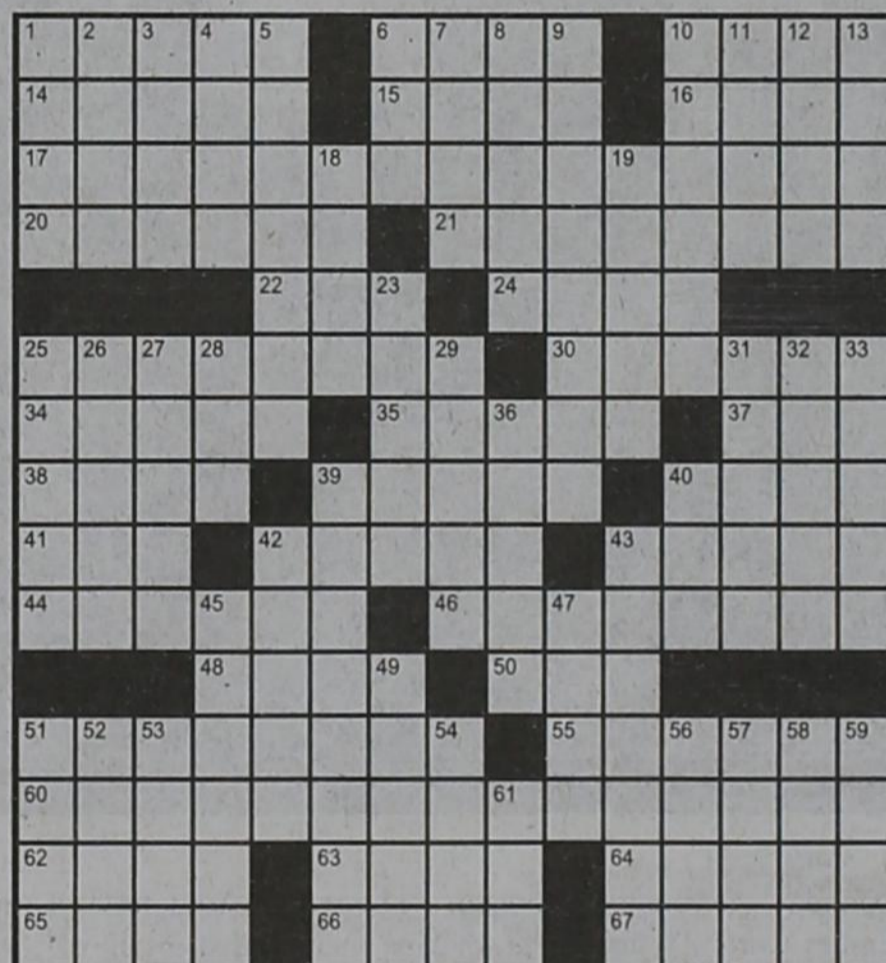
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- Booty
- To a small extent
- Three-legged hot dish support
- Star bursts
- Cliffside dwelling
- 1969 Peace Prize grp.
- Battery contents
- Montezuma, e.g.
- Mint
- Mamie's man
- Draft holder
- Fire extinguishing agent
- Inferior
- Existing independently
- New Mexico art community
- 1999 Pulitzer Prize-winning play
- Kings, e.g.
- Commonplace
- Technique using unpleasant stimuli to alter behavior (2 wd)
- Circular, domed portable tent
- "How ___!"
- Object
- Andy's radio partner
- Burglar
- Mideast native

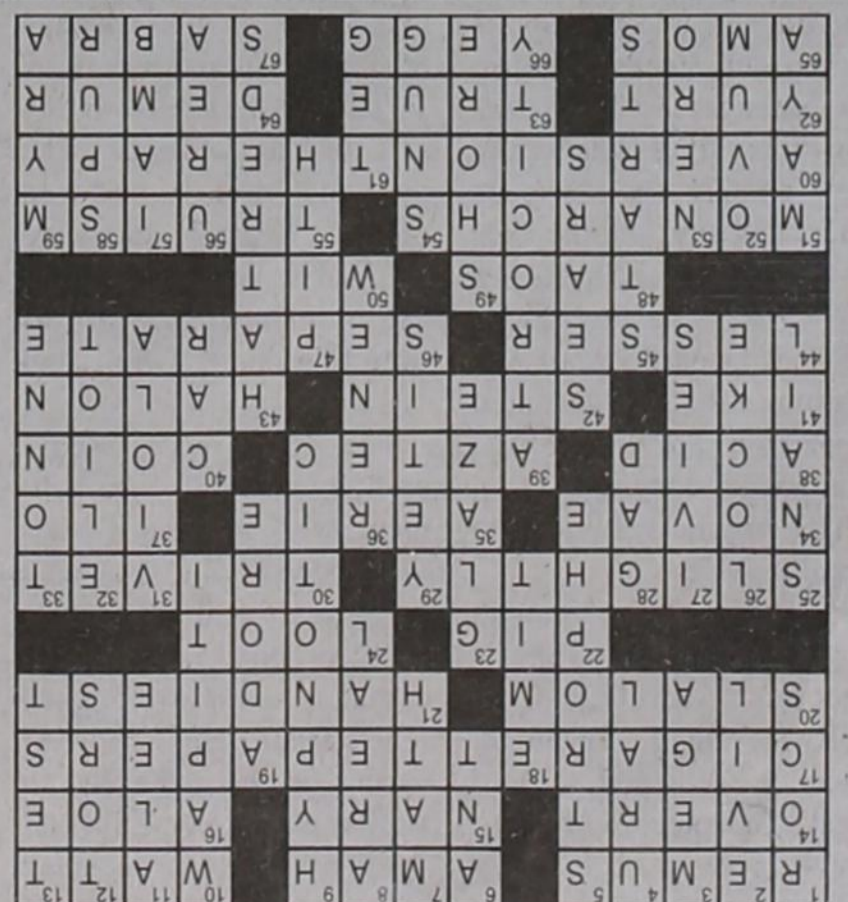


- "Crikey!"
- Abominable snowman
- Kind of concerto
- "Four Quartets" poet
- 1,000 kilograms
- Extend, in a way
- Act of extreme cruelty
- "Wheels"
- ___ Tower, now Willis Tower
- Intense dislikes
- Commences
- Core
- Beach
- Poet Angelou
- Egg
- "I, Claudius" role
- Like a bug in a rug
- Carbamide
- Foot
- Cowboy boot attachment
- ___ Breckinridge
- Two-year-old sheep

CLUES DOWN

- Enormous birds of myth
- "... there is no ___ angel but Love": Shakespeare
- Prefix with phone
- ___-Altaic languages
- Stanza with irregular lines
- Amazon, e.g.
- Algebra or trig
- "He's ___ nowhere man" (Beatles lyric) (2 wd)
- Mesmerizing
- Yellowstone sight
- On the safe side, at sea
- High spots
- Makeup, e.g.
- Give off, as light
- Dig, so to speak
- Pottery finish
- Creepy
- John ___, English philosopher
- Harvard, Yale, Brown, etc.

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POST ROTARY CLUB DOES IT'S PART TO ERADICATE POLIO

"If we all have the fortitude to see this effort through to the end, then we will eradicate polio." — Bill Gates, co chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Post Rotary Club and its members have long been involved in the eradication of Polio. Beginning in 1958 through a government sponsored program, Rotarian Bob Collier, working with a team of 2 local doctors and 2 nurses, began the vaccination process in Garza County. Sugar cubes with a dropper of polio vaccine was administered to local children for 2 Sunday afternoons at the Post School cafeteria. It will be in Mr. Bob Colliers honor that Rotarians in the Post Club of District 5730 financially contribute to what we all believe to be the final thrust to totally eradicate this disease from the world. In addition to this financial contribution,

Post Mayor Thressa Harp has issued a proclamation declaring October 24 - 28, 2011 to be World Polio Week in Post, TX. An additional fundraiser is also scheduled for later this year to raise funds and public awareness.

Since 1988, Rotary International and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) — the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — have worked to wipe polio from the face of the earth. A volunteer service organization of 1.2 million men and women, Rotary began immunizing children against polio in 1985 and became a spearheading partner in the GPEI three years later.

Rotary's main responsibilities are fundraising, advocacy, and volunteer recruitment. To date, Rotary has contributed more than

US\$900 million to the polio eradication effort.

With over 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, Rotary is able to reach out to national governments worldwide to generate crucial financial and technical support for polio eradication. Since 1995, the advocacy efforts of Rotary and its partners have helped raise more than \$8 billion from donor governments.

Rotary clubs also provide "sweat equity" on the ground in polio-affected communities, which helps ensure that leaders at all levels remain focused on the eradication goal. Rotary club members have volunteered their time and personal resources to reach more than two billion children in 122 countries with the oral polio vaccine.

Thanks to Rotary and its partners, the world has seen polio cases plummet by more

than 99 percent, preventing five million instances of child paralysis and 250,000 deaths. When Rotary began its eradication work, polio infected more than 350,000 children annually. In 2009, fewer than 1,700 cases were reported worldwide.

But the polio cases represented by that final 1 percent are the most difficult and expensive to prevent. Challenges include geographic isolation, worker fatigue, armed conflict, and cultural barriers.

That's why it's so important to generate the funding needed to End Polio Now. To fail is to invite a polio resurgence that would condemn millions of children to lifelong paralysis in the years ahead.

The bottom line is this: As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, all children — wherever they live — remain at risk.

Proclamation City of Post, Texas

WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois USA, is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1.2 million Rotary club members comprised of professional and business leaders in over 33,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

WHEREAS, To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1 billion and countless volunteer hours to the

protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries; and

WHEREAS, Rotary is currently working to raise an additional \$200 million toward a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and

WHEREAS, These efforts are providing much needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute \$8 billion to the effort; and

WHEREAS, Rotary club members in clubs throughout the great state of Texas sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities, and abroad.

Therefore, I, Thressa Harp, Mayor of City of Post, Texas, do hereby proclaim October 24 - 28, 2011 as World Polio Week in Post, Texas, and encourage all citizens to join myself and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

Attest:
Mayor
City Secretary

What's Your Dream?



By: Steffi Scott

Monday afternoon I received a phone call from Rotary member Chris Atkinson. He told me there was a group of travelers eating lunch at CocaRa's and wanted to know if I wanted to meet with them. Thirty minutes after an exchanged phone call with a girl named Emma, my office was full of people, cameras, and Irish accents.

After talking with five young adults from Ireland, I quickly learned they are traveling around the United States asking people through an interview what their "dream" is. They told me that traveling around the globe was their personal dream

and getting to listen to others dreams and aspirations was inspiring. They have been to several states already and have videos on "youtube" for anyone to see. Colorado was their first stop in their journey, which began on September 18. After Post, they are continuing on to Roswell, New Mexico to see the aliens and their citizens.

Before they left us they sat us down in front of their cameras and continued on to ask us "What is your dream?"

I'm keeping my dream a secret for now, but for more information on "The Dream Machine," you can google : Dream7machine. Keep on dreaming!

Oklahoma firm recalls center cut steaks

WASHINGTON — Chef's Requested Foods, Inc., an Oklahoma City, Okla., establishment is recalling approximately 875 pounds of center cut steaks because the packages actually contain turkey filets. The turkey filets contain the allergens wheat and soy, and the center cut steak labels do not list wheat as an ingredient, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

The products subject to recall include:

- 10-oz. plastic double cup packages of "Chef's Requested CENTER CUT STEAK Hand Trimmed, Bacon Wrapped Beef Steaks Enhanced with up to twenty percent of a lightly seasoned solution"

The products subject to recall bear the establishment number "EST. 5792" inside the USDA mark of inspection on the package label and "Use or Freeze by 11/12/11" inkjetted on the side of the package. The products were produced on Oct. 6, 2011, and were shipped to retail establishments in Arizona, California, Maryland, Ohio, and Texas.

The issue was discovered by a retail establishment who notified Chef's Requested Foods, Inc., who in turn notified FSIS. The problem occurred when a company employee used labels from items produced earlier on the same day in similar packaging. FSIS and the company have received no reports of adverse reac-

tions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about a reaction should contact a healthcare provider.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and to ensure that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers.

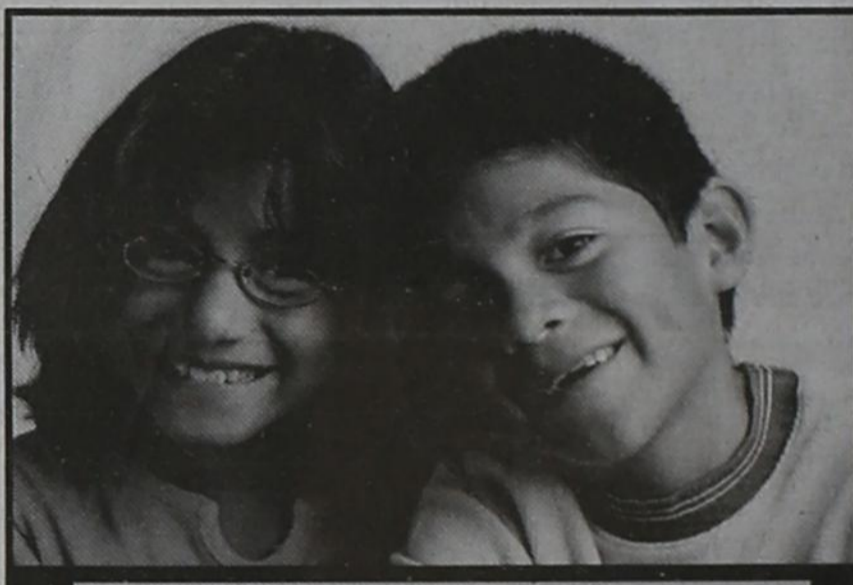
Consumers with questions about the recall should contact the company's Compliance Manager, Keith Anyong, at (405) 239-2610. Media with questions about the recall should contact the company's Media Contact, Bill Wells, at (405) 239-2524.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual

representative that allows you to ask food safety-related questions 24 hours a day. Visit Ask Karen at Ask-Karen.gov or call USDA's Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854). Recorded messages are available 24 hours a day and the Hotline is staffed with food safety experts, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Time.

Ask Karen is available as an app for your iPad, iPhone, or Android mobile device, so you can take her with you to the grocery store, to the barbecue grill, or wherever you may have food safety questions. Go to m.AskKaren.gov on your mobile device's browser, or download the app for free from the Android app store.

Foster Care and Adoption Informational Meeting



Interested in becoming a FOSTER PARENT?

YOU can reach out to abused and neglected children in our community! Learn more at an informational meeting with The Children's Home of Lubbock!

Where: Annex of the Idalou Church of Christ, 307 Chestnut.
When: Sunday evening, October 30th, 6:00 PM

The Idalou Church of Christ, in association with the Children's Home of Lubbock is hosting a Foster Care and Adoption Informational Meeting on Sunday evening, October 30th. Representatives from the Children's Home will be speaking to families in the community about Foster Care and Adoption and how you can join them in their wonderful ministry.

Lynn Harms, the President of the Children's Home, will be speaking on God's call to care for fatherless children during the evening worship service beginning at 5:00.

The Informational Meeting will follow the service in the Annex of the Idalou Church of Christ at 6:00. Families or Individuals interested in finding out more about Foster Care and Adoption are encouraged to attend. There is an urgent need in this community for additional foster homes to care for abused and neglected children of all ages.

The Informational Meeting is free to the public. For information about the event or Foster Care or Adoption call (806) 762-0481 x 202 or email sparker@childshome.org. Idalou Church of Christ is located at 307 Chestnut.

Have A Story? Find The Post Dispatch on Facebook And Tell Us About It

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990.9888 or Lion Byron Garrison at 990-9898

Garza County Team Roping Association invites everyone to come out and support them Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Rodeo Grounds as they rope and ride for a cause. All proceeds go to the Jimmy Redman Scholarship. Books open at 12pm and Roping begins at 1pm. Donations welcome.

Garza County Jr. Livestock Association is having their annual fundraiser Oct. 22 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Garza County Trailblazers. Brisket Supper & Auction! Tickets may be purchased for \$100 from any GCJLA member. Come out and support the youth of Garza County!

Free English classes offered now at the Post High School. Call 495-2770.

Holy Cross Catholic Church will be held every Wednesday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Snacks will be served at 5:00pm. Parents are encouraged to send children's grades pre k-5th. 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.

GED classes have begun. They are free to the public. Classes will be held 5:00pm-8:00pm at the high school. For more information call 805-495-2770. Leave name and number.

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 10.00 each and can be purchased by contacting 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 7:00pm. 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!

Post Elementary Notes:

Oct. 24 - 28 - Red Ribbon Week (A list of daily activities will be sent home with students)

Friday, Oct. 21 - Box Tops for the Box Tops for Education fall collection are due.

We still have 2010-2011 Post Elementary yearbook's for sale. The cost is \$25.00 per book and can be picked up in the Nurse's Office in the Elementary building. For questions you may contact Mandi Criswell at 495-3414.

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and lake are the first thing you see when driving in from that direction. It looks like a water well would be nice to keep the lake filled and this would be without a lot of expense but adding a beautiful image to our town.

I would like for the hospital board to be aware about care at the new and beautiful clinic. Are you aware that emergencies are turned away without even attempt to give treatment or making sure the person is stabilized for a 40 mile trip to the emergency room?

So, as tax payers and citizens we need to be careful of who we put into office. Keep your eyes and ears open and remember **OFFICIALS ARE REELECTED BECAUSE WE CHOOSE TO ALLOW THEM TO CONTINUE IN DISRESPECT OF THE ELECTED OFFICE.**

-Another Concerned Citizen and Tax Payer

While we are on the subject of the town, yes we need the middle of main street maintained. It needs to be pretty down main street. I think we have enough water to do so. Make it a policy not to waste water. I have seen

water sprinklers across from Garza Auto, and the water was running on the street. We need someone to oversee the main street project. Nobody can afford to water except the ones that have plenty to pay the water bill. I'm willing to let my yard go to pot, if we could have a pretty main street. Our Christmas lights on the buildings need to all be in red. It looks prettier. That is my opinion. Instead of putting more expense on the citizens, people need to learn how to manage money. I've seen people just spend and don't manage. Some things are unimportant. First things first, and learn how to manage instead of just raising prices. I realize it takes money to do things, but manage it. If we have six cops I don't know if we need that many. We need protection, but if they stay on the streets, and do the job we would have less things happening. That is a lot of cops for a town this size. They need to be visible at all times. They need to be fair not pick on some and let the worst go. Sheriff Laws needs to pay attention to what the cops do. They need to be on the streets of Post day and night.

-Unknown

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perform scheduled and as needed optimization on each radar, most of the workload is in support of FAA radar upgrades and modification. One such effort is the Common Air Route Surveillance Radar - an upgrade to 81 radars by replacing 1950's era circuitry and vacuum tube technology with 21st century solid state components. The squadron also supports the mobile TPS-75 radars both in garrison and deployed and set up, 84th RADES teams optimize the radar performance in a manner consistent with the

Joint Forces Air Component Commanders requirements. In each case, its field technicians spend 12 to 16 hours on site each day for 14 to 20 days, gathering, analyzing and optimizing the radar to deliver peak performance.

So the next time you fly or deploy, you can be assured that a squadron of experts stationed at Hill AFB is providing the Air Defense Sectors and JFACC with the air picture needed to maintain air sovereignty and prosecute violators of that sovereignty.

High Plains takes over as leader in Texas dairy industry

By KAY LEDBETTER

DALLAS - A new leader of Texas' \$1.5 billion dairy industry has emerged.

Castro County displaced Erath County as the No. 1 milk producing county in the state in August, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist said.

During the last 10 years, the dairy industry in the High Plains has been growing rapidly, according to Dr. Ellen Jordan, AgriLife Extension dairy specialist. But the move westward has been going on far longer than that.

For many years, Northeast Texas and its grass-based dairy system dominated Texas' dairy industry with Hopkins County as the No. 1 dairy county in the state. In the 1980's, the dairy industry in Central Texas expanded and Erath County took over as the No. 1 dairy county in June 1990.

As the dairy industry in Central Texas matured, dairy producers again looked westward to identify a land of "dairy opportunity," Jordan said. The High Plains was identified for its unique climate and agriculture-friendly communities.

The average temperatures and low humidity in the High Plains meant cows spent a vast period of every year in their "ther-

mo-neutral" zone, so they could expend less energy for maintenance and more for production, she said. In addition, the irrigated crops provided a consistent forage supply and the rail system allowed economical shipping of grain from the Midwest.

In 2000, Lamb County was the first High Plains county to break into the top 10 in dairy production, Jordan said. Today, eight of the top 10 milk producing counties in Texas -- Castro, Parmer, Deaf Smith, Hartley, Lamb, Bailey, Moore and Hale -- are located in the High Plains region.

Only two central Texas counties, Erath County, at second, and Comanche County, at tenth, remain in the top 10, and all the northeast counties have been displaced, she said.

In 2000, milk production in the eight High Plains counties currently in the top 10 represented only 4 percent of the state's production, Jordan said. In 2010, the proportion from those counties has risen dramatically so that it now accounts for 54 percent of the milk produced in the state.

Although there has been some contraction in milk production in other regions of the state, according to the Dallas Milk Market Administrator's production

information, much of the increased milk production in the High Plains contributed to the 54 percent increase in Texas milk production from 2000-2010, she said.

During this 10-year period, the Central Texas dairy counties of Erath, Comanche, Hamilton, Johnson and Hill have decreased milk production 25 percent, from 2.42 billion pounds per year to 1.81 billion pounds per year. And the East Texas counties of Hopkins, Wood, Van Zandt, Franklin, Upshur, Lamar and Rains have decreased production 21.3 percent, from 1.07 billion pounds per year to 843 million pounds per year of milk, Jordan said.

"For the first eight months of 2011, statewide milk production is actually up again by more than 8 percent as a result of an expanding cow herd," she said.

"If this increased production continues for the remainder of the year, Texas will most likely become the sixth-largest milk producing state in the nation."

But, as with other sectors of agriculture, this year's drought is impacting dairies as well, she said. Many are now finishing feeding last year's silage.

This year's silage production was dramatically

reduced in quantity and quality even on the irrigated acres of the High Plains. As a result, dairy producers across the state are searching for forages to feed herds through the next year.

The unrelenting heat as well as reduced forage production took a toll on milk production per cow this summer, particularly in areas that depend upon grazing, Jordan said. For example, in Hopkins County milk production declined more than

17 percent in June, July and August as compared to last year.

"Across the state, producers worked all summer to provide additional cooling for their herds to mitigate the impact of heat stress," she said.

"Nutritionists have been challenged to stretch limited forage supplies as far as they can while maintaining the health of the dairy herds."

In addition, AgriLife Extension and Texas AgriLife Research have ramped up programs to help the expanding industry with their demand for skilled employees.

They also have expanded dairy research and AgriLife Extension programs to assist dairy producers with the unique challenges they encounter in this region.

AgriLife agronomist: Stock for drought and plan for opportunities



What's remarkable about this pasture is that there isn't any pasture whatsoever, not even stubble, said Dr. Travis Miller, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agronomist. "Stock for drought; plan for opportunities," Miller said. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Dr. Travis Miller)

By: Robert Burns

COLLEGE STATION - Though large parts of Central and South Texas received substantial rains, producers should be careful about planning as if the drought were over, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

This is especially relevant for livestock producers who must rely on rain-nurtured pastures and rangeland, said Dr. Travis Miller, AgriLife Extension agronomist and a member of the Governor's Drought Preparedness Council.

"My philosophy is to stock for drought and take opportunities as they present themselves," Miller said. "In other words, keep your stocking numbers low, but if you get a year with a lot of rainfall, bring in some stocker cattle to use that grass but don't push the limit on your stocking rates -- ever."

Miller made his comments in light of a recent forecast of not just another year, but perhaps even five to 10 years more drought, by Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, state climatologist.

But even without the discouraging forecast, stocking for drought is still a good long-term strategy, Miller said.

"We've all just seen people emptying ranches," he said. "Was that the right maneuver to begin with? We've had six major droughts in the last decade and a half. Do we really need to stock at those levels?"

On a more positive note, where there was substantial rain, farmers and ranchers will be encouraged to plant

winter pastures, he said. Most of those who earlier planted into dry soils or after minimal rain will be rewarded.

But Miller still recommended a conservative approach.

"Take another look at it come top-dressing time," he said. "Also, one of the key things to remember is we just came through a year of major drought. If we put fertilizer on the crops and forages last year, chances are we didn't use much if any of it. Soil test and look at what kind of nutrients you have in your soil before you spend a dime on putting fertilizer out."

Miller also recommended those crop producers preparing for spring plantings consider reduced and minimum tillage practices if they haven't done so already.

"You can get your fields in shape, but one of the keys things I've learned while touring parts of the world where drought is even more common than here is to utilize surface residue to trap and hold moisture," he said. "Take a second look at whether you really need to be plowing and turning moisture up to the air."

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

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

Rolling Plains: The region had several days of rain, with accumulations ranging from 0.75 inch to 6 inches on

the more eastern counties. Prior to the rain, farmers and ranchers were racing farm equipment across fields planting wheat. The rain was definitely a blessing to pastures and rangelands. The areas that received more rain reported most stock tanks were filled by runoff. The runoff also helped to replenish reservoirs and lakes. Livestock producers hoped the rain was enough to stimulate the growth of winter weeds and grasses, which could provide some grazing through the winter. Early defoliated cotton was harvested. Other cotton producers were about two weeks from harvest. Feed reserves for feeding winter cattle were very short. Cow/calf producers were evaluating livestock, rangeland and hay conditions, trying to decide how many cows they could afford to feed this winter. The pecan crop was expected to be short, with nuts on the small side.

Panhandle: Most of the region received from a trace to 1.5 inches of rain. The counties reported soil moisture as very short. The corn harvest was ongoing. Cotton producers in some areas were applying harvest aids. Some growers began to harvest cotton. Producers continued to plant winter wheat. In some instances, they were irrigating wheat in an attempt to speed up growth to provide grazing for cattle. Rangeland and pastures remained in very poor condition. Livestock producers continued feeding cattle and were bringing in more hay from out of region for winter months.

Cattle Raisers Urge Congress to Streamline Endangered Species Act

LUBBOCK — The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) passed policy Friday urging the U.S. Congress to require the Department of Interior (DOI) and the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to streamline the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to better balance comprehensive science, economic development, input from affected stakeholders, and private property rights when determining whether to list, introduce, and/or relocate a threatened or endangered plant or animal species.

According to TSCRA, many species are listed without sound evidence supporting claims that the species are indeed endangered.

"The ESA has far reaching implications concerning agricultural practices and private property rights in areas where endangered and threatened plant and animal species may exist," said Joe Parker Jr., rancher and president of TSCRA. "Before government implements new regulations that could potentially harm the

cattle industry, they should at least have strong proof that there is a problem."

According to TSCRA, the interpretation and administration of the ESA often exceeds the intent of Congress. In addition to lacking the sound science, Parker says the ESA doesn't include the proper economic impact studies.

"Ranchers work to protect the environment, but they fear that the ESA has become another vehicle used by the federal government to control what they can and can't do on their land," said Parker.

TSCRA's policy also supports the ability of private landowners to voluntarily participate in non-regulatory incentive programs to comply with the ESA and to be eligible for any tax incentives associated with those programs.

TSCRA also opposes forced perpetual land-use takings, management plans and easements for the recovery of a threatened endangered species. TSCRA supports stronger legal protections for private landowners that would:

- Provide fair compensation if property rights and/or land is taken under the ESA;
- Better protect confidential information provided by landowners regarding species presence, data collection, and voluntary program participation; and
- Provide stronger burden of proof and evidence requirements to be placed on those petitioning that a species be listed as threatened or endangered.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 134-year-old trade organization. As the largest and oldest livestock association in Texas, TSCRA represents more than 15,000 beef cattle producers, ranching families and businesses who manage approximately 4 million head of cattle on 79.5 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. TSCRA provides law enforcement and livestock inspection services, legislative and regulatory advocacy, industry news and information, insurance services and educational opportunities for its members and the industry.

Explanatory Statements for the November 8, 2011 Texas Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 14)

SJR 14 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 4)

SJR 4 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding."

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 50)

SJR 50 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general

obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for students, subject to certain constitutional restrictions, including a restriction as to the maximum principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 63)

HJR 63 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county, and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 26)

SJR 26 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal contract.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

Proposition Number 6 (HJR 109)

HJR 109 would amend the constitution to increase the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution. Increased access to the principal of the state public education trust fund would be based upon HJR 109 granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund. HJR 109 would also provide authority to distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.

The proposed amendment

would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

Proposition Number 7 (SJR 28)

SJR 28 would amend the constitution by adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

Proposition Number 8 (SJR 16)

SJR 16 would amend the constitution by requiring the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 9)

SJR 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the governor, on the written recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of punishment to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."


Proposition Number 10 (SJR 37)

SJR 37 would amend the constitution by extending the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders if they announce candidacy or become candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.


The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."

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have never run for public office, nor have I worked with the Republican Party in the past. But just as I have helped build many structures through the years and have developed the land on my ranch, I wish to help build economic growth and strong thriving communities throughout this district. I know that one person can make a difference. I am ready and willing to make a difference in the lives of all the people of District 68 and this great State of Texas. With my agriculture background, love of the land and ranching

experience, I will work hard for our farmers and ranchers. As a small businessman, I have created jobs in the past, and know firsthand the challenges and struggles businesses have. I will work hard to empower our business community which will empower our people. Also, I will work to improve the educational system especially to make the state funding equitable for all schools in the State."

You may find out more about [Isbell] at his campaign's webpage: www.isbellfortexas.com.