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Cocara's Diner Closing - End of a Legend

By Hanaba Munn Welch

Restaurant for sale. Comes with recipe book.

CoCaRa's, popular daytime place to dine downtown, is closing. Owner Jane Terry is hanging up her apron Dec. 30, calling it quits after a successful lunch run that's lasted nine years.

The recipe book? There really is one. Just one. It's a collection of recipes compiled by Terry and her two employees, Jodi Thuett and Valerie Melton, her niece.

You don't need the book for CoCaRa's famous buttermilk pie. That recipe made Southern Living magazine in 2008. But for everything else, it's buy the diner, get the book.

"We three sat down and wrote it all down," Terry said. "It's one to leave here."

As for memories and friendships formed in the ambience of CoCaRa's -- a place with a name concocted from the first two letters of grandchildren's names -- Terry will be taking them all with her.

"I am going to miss it," she said. "I've loved every minute of it. We're just going home."

Home is the farm, where she and her husband, Mack, have made their primary living farming cotton. He retired a year ago.

"We've been married 56 years Sunday," Jane Terry said.

Sometimes she entertains thoughts of moving to town. Two of her loyal customers have already told her if she does they'll be

over for lunch.

Good food is a tradition in Jane Terry's family -- one she traces back three generations in time and, geographically, across the miles to Alabama, her native home.

Both she and Melton learned to cook from Jane Terry's mother, Fannie Ballentine.

"Most people in Post knew her as 'Nana,' and she was famous for her pound cake," Jane Terry said. "We do her pound cake."

Fannie Ballentine's mother was a good cook too, but she didn't transmit her skills to her daughter. It was all business for her.

"My grandmother cooked lunch for the supervisors at the textile mill (in Tallassee, Ala.), so she didn't allow my mother in the kitchen," Terry said.

But when Fannie Cottle married Jack Ballentine, she did well. He could cook, and he taught her.

Jack Ballentine's parents had died when he was very young. An older brother took him in, but young Jack felt a responsibility to help to pay his way.

"When he was 9 years old, he started washing dishes in a restaurant," Terry said. "The owner taught him (to cook)."

As an adult, Jack Ballentine worked at the textile mill. A family man at home in Tallassee, he didn't have his eyes on the western horizon. But opportunity changed things in the early 1950s.

"My daddy got a call from the textile mill here," Terry said. "It was a big promotion."

Ballentine took the offer from Post to su-



Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

Jane Terry takes a moment to relax before lunch last Thursday at Cocara's, her diner on Main Street, now for sale. In the background, reading a hot-off-the-press Post Dispatch, are Valerie Melton, behind the counter, and Jodi Thuett. Cocara's is closing at the end of this month, end of a chapter in the story of Post -- a chapter with historical connections to a far-away mill town in Alabama and Post's contribution to the hamburger culture of the Deep South.

pervise the spinning and weaving department Dust Bowl Era of the 1930s.

"The sand was blowing so hard the day

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Local Vet Learns Story of World War II Sailor

By Hanaba Munn Welch

"... Dec. 7, 1941 -- a date which will live in infamy -- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan."

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt spoke those

words to Congress on Dec. 8, 1941, his opening line to a powerful speech just six and one-half minutes long. Congress responded decisively by declaring war on Japan to avenge the unexpected attack on Pearl Harbor. Three days later, Congress also declared war on Germany, plunging

the United States into the war on both fronts.

Now, 70 years later, Pearl Harbor Day is not so memorable in the minds of many Americans, particularly those born in recent decades. The devastating surprise attack has become for students a history lesson to be learned

and one more date to memorize. Fewer and fewer people remember where they were when the news came over the radio; fewer and fewer are alive who heard it.

Even as the event has faded in the country's collective memory, so have the stories of the men and women who died that day, including Garza County's first World War II casualty, John David Miller.

The young sailor and 1,176 of his comrades died on the USS Arizona. Now a National Historic Site, the battleship still lies where it sank in the harbor on that infamous day, oil still seeping from the wreckage.

The local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars carries John David Miller's name, but even among the membership of the VFW and its auxiliary, the story of Miller himself had all but vanished over the years -- until J. W. Jolly III, curious, started asking questions.

Sometimes it takes an outsider.

Jolly was born in Roswell

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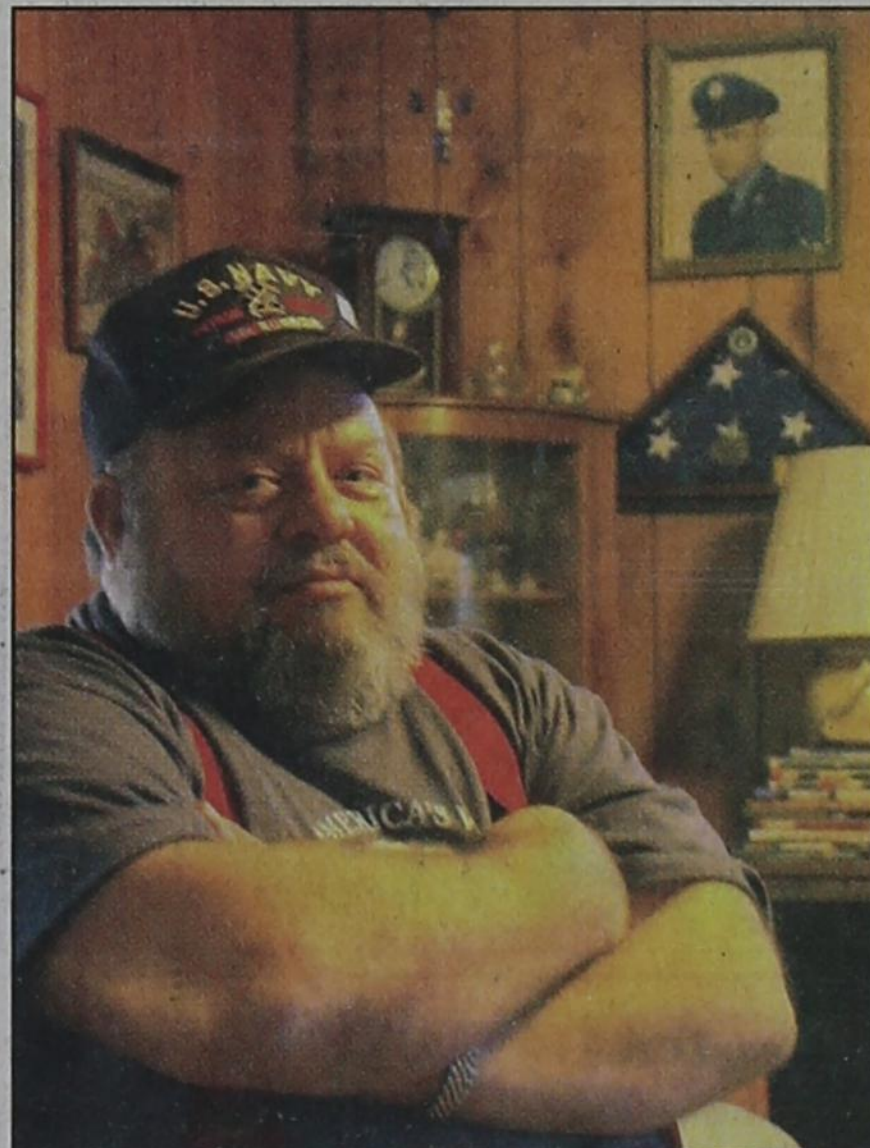


Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

A picture of J. W. Jolly Jr., who served in the U. S. Air Force during the Korean War, hangs on the wall of his son's house in Post. J. W. Jolly III, himself a Vietnam vet, believes in remembering all veterans -- not just his own father. Jolly has spent time piecing together the story of John David Miller, a World War II sailor who was honored by the VFW, the city and the county in a Pearl Harbor Day ceremony at the courthouse.

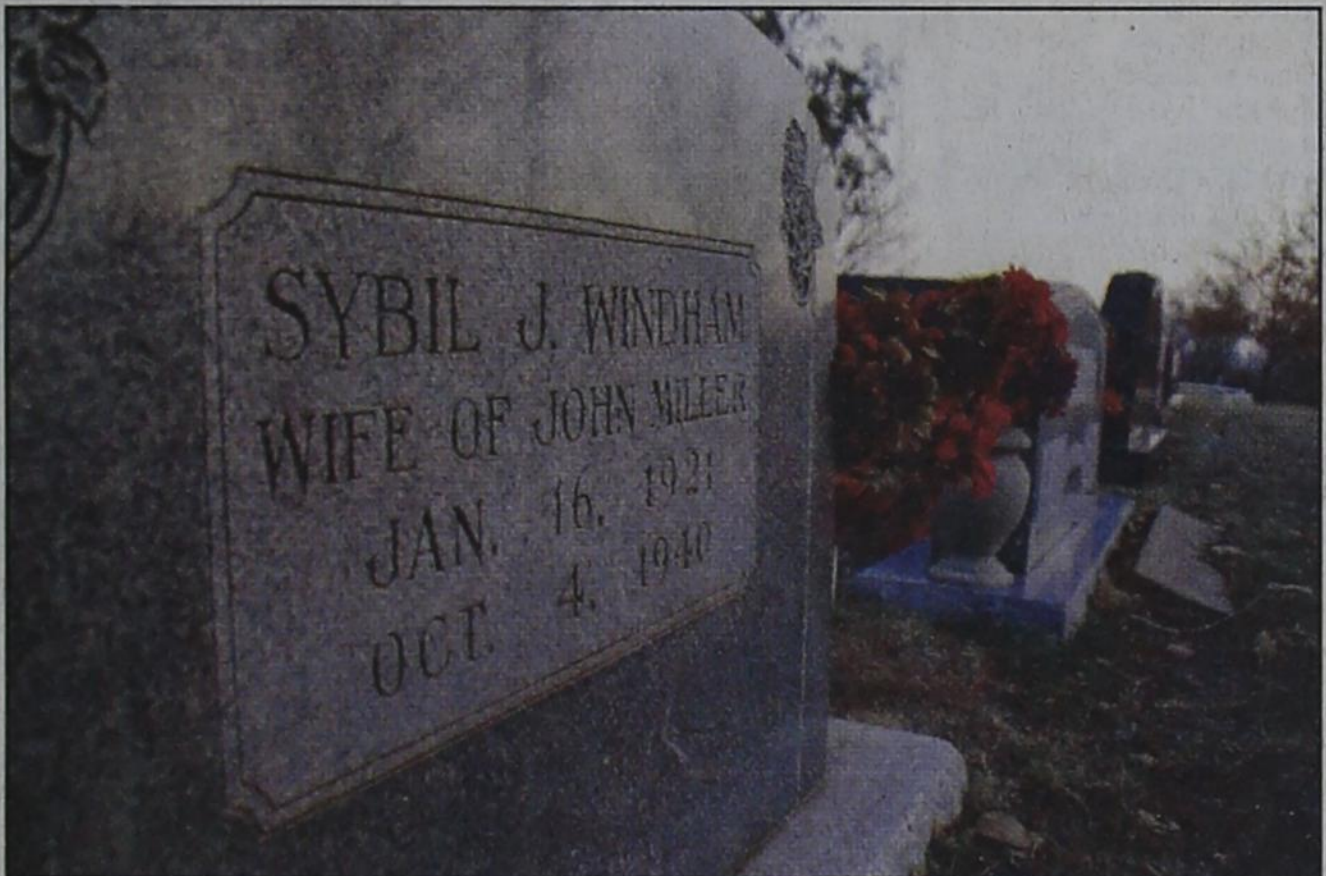


Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

The grave of Sybil J. Windham, wife of John Miller, is in the Windham Family section of the Terrace Cemetery. The young wife died before her husband enlisted in the U. S. Navy. In a little over a year, John Miller would die too at Pearl Harbor -- Garza County's first World War II casualty.

Borden County's Bid Falls Short



Photo By Steffi Scott

The Borden County Coyotes bid to win their third state championship fell just short Saturday in Abilene as the Throckmorton Greyhounds took home the title 48-36.

By Steffi Scott

By now, Borden County is used to playing in big games. However, that experience could not put them over the top as the Throckmorton Greyhounds took the Six-

Man Division I State Championship 48-36 Saturday afternoon at Shotwell Stadium.

The Coyotes rallied furiously to get back in the game after Throckmorton took a 32-8 lead in the second quar-

ter. The Greyhounds were up 40-16 after taking the second-half kickoff and going 57 yards on 11 plays.

Borden County clawed back in it and had a chance to get the ball back and take the

lead at the end, but the Greyhounds C.J. Hantz found a wide open Blayton Oliver for a 41-yard touchdown pass with 1:19 to play to secure the victory.

The Coyotes finished 13-2, losing its first and last games of the season. Borden County played in their third state championship game in four years, capturing titles in 2008 and 2009.

"I take my hat off to them," Coyotes coach Trey Richey said. "They were much better prepared. I hate it for our kids that I didn't have us ready for the speed of the game. I give (Throckmorton) a lot of credit. They were hungrier."

The Greyhounds earned their second six-man title, the other coming in 2005

over Valley. The Greyhounds completed a 14-0 campaign despite being held to their lowest point output of the season.

Trailing 40-16, Borden County scored on three straight possessions to pull within 40-36. BC was down just 40-36 with 1:42 to go after Tanner Richey hit T.J. Basquez for a 7-yard touchdown, and Helio Rosales kicked the PAT.

"They kept fighting. They're the best team we faced all year," Oliver said of Borden County.

Throckmorton 48, BC 36
BC 8 8 6 14 - 36
Throck 24 8 8 8 - 48

First quarter
BC -- Austin Fields 76 run (Helio Rosales kick), 9:43
THR -- Levi Taylor 34 run

(Jordan White kick), 8:23
THR -- Taylor 19 pass from Tucker Brown (White kick), 5:12

THR -- Gary Farquhar 34 pass from C.J. Hantz (White kick), 2:35

Second quarter
THR -- Brown 11 pass from Brown (White kick), 8:30
BC -- Fields 5 run (Rosales kick), 5:18

Third quarter
Thr -- Farquhar 3 pass from Hantz (White kick), 4:46
BC -- T.J. Basquez 18 pass from Tanner Richey (kick failed), 0:00

Fourth quarter
BC -- Fields 1 run (kick failed), 6:13
BC -- Basquez 7 pass from

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ELECTION CORNER

March 6, 2012, Primary Elections For Republican and Democratic Parties

Because of challenges to the Texas' legislative and congressional redistricting plans adopted by the 82nd Legislature earlier this year, Friday, Nov. 4, a three-judge federal panel in San Antonio issued an order that significantly alters deadlines for candidate filing and other county election procedures for the upcoming March 2012 primary elections.

The court order changes the filing period for candidates to file applications for the primary election. Dates of particular interest to counties include:

- Dec. 10, 2011, is the last

day a vacancy for an unexpired term may occur and appear on primary ballots;

- Dec. 15, 2011, is the last day to file an application for a place on primary election ballots.

Candidate filing: FILE WITH THE CHAIR OF THE PARTY OF YOUR CHOICE;

Democratic Party County Chair - Bebe Boren, (806) 629-4475, beberjim@yahoo.com

Republican Party County Chair - Trevor Thuett, (806) 777-8388, trevorlthuett@gmail.com

Get more info online at GarzaCounty.net.

Information provided by the office of District and County Clerk, Garza County.



Steffi & Staff

Thanks for reviving The Post Dispatch! So glad we renewed our subscription! Great job!! Have a blessed and Merry Christmas, celebrating Jesus.

Sincerely,
Sheila Stephens

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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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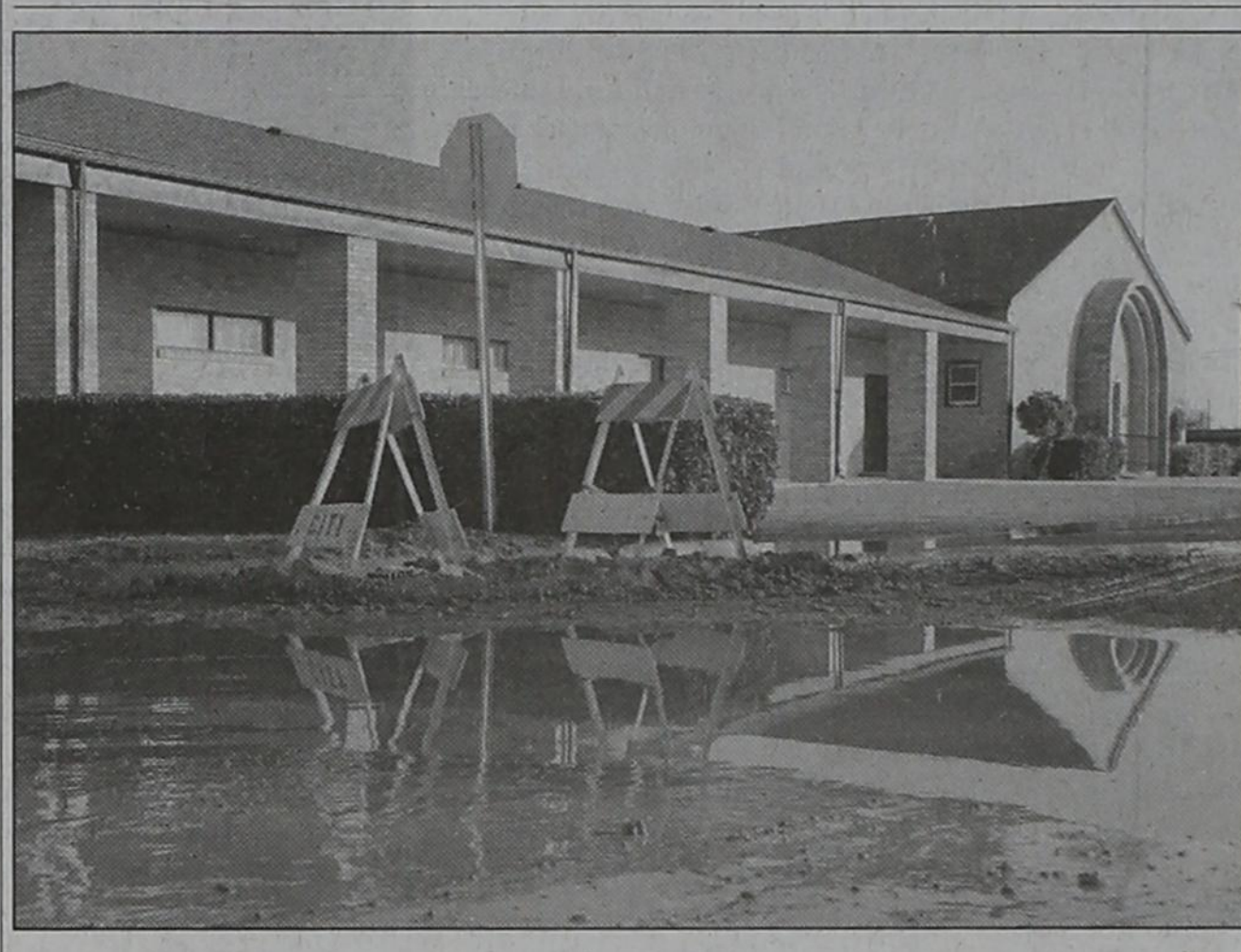
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Post Notes

Post Stampede Rodeo Association-Annual Stockholder's Meeting will be held on Wednesday December 28th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will include the election of new committee members and officers.

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.

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:
Thursday, December 15th- Christmas Musical at 10:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The public is both welcome and encouraged to attend. Musical will be held in the Elementary auditorium.

- Science Fair at 5:00 p.m. The Science Fair will be held in the Elementary gym. All are welcome to attend.

-Classroom Christmas parties may start at 2:00 p.m. Please look for information coming home from

your student's teacher.

Friday, December 16th- Early Release at 12:30 p.m. Buses will run.

Wednesday, January 4th- Return from Christmas break. Classes resume at 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 4th- College Spirit Day. Wear a college shirt.

Friday, January 6th- UIL Awards Ceremony at 9:00 a.m. in the school auditorium. All are encouraged to attend.

Monday, January 16th- No school for students. Staff work day.

Childress Basketball Little Dribblers Tournament will be March 22-24, 2012. Boys and girls division \$65 per team. Deadline to enter will be March 11. To sign up or if you have any questions call Lisa Darter 940-674-5401.

The Church of Christ building and two barricades reflect Friday in water standing in the street near the building. City workers spent long hours repairing water line leaks, working some into the night, utilizing fire hydrants to release some water to lessen pressure to allow repair work to proceed. Temperature extremes from this summer's extreme heat to the cold of winter have caused inevitable ground shifts that have made lines leak at more than one location in the city. Workers managed to make repairs last week without cutting off water to any households.

PHOTO BY HANABA MUNN WELCH

2011 Post Elementary Academic UIL Meet

2nd Creative Writing Coach: Julio Rodriguez	M'Kenzie Eidson Participant Blane Justice Participant	J'Nia Brown Participant Dylan Greer Participant Sydney Walls Participant
3rd Ready Writing Coach: Marjorie Grissom	Krece Kirkpatrick Participant Taye Perez Participant Nathan Taylor Participant Bailey Tidwell Participant	4th Art Team Coach: Carol Williams J'Nia Brown 1st Dillon McKee 1st Audrey Moreno 1st Ryan Rathbun 1st
3rd Spelling Coach: Xane Reiter	Carson Holson 1st - tie Chelsea Thomas 3rd - tie Blake Parrott Participant Sterlin Smith Participant	4th Number Sense Coach: Sandra Kotriuk Chris Dihenia 2nd Dylan Greer 5th Dillon McKee 6th Sadie Soto Participant
3rd Story Telling Coach: Rachel Maldonado	Cole Boren Participant Cayce Britton Participant Nicholas Quintana Participant Edwin Ruiz Participant	4th Oral Reading Coach: Stephanie Smith Maddie Guthrie Participant Machala Hengen Participant Colter Smith Participant Sydney Walls Participant
3rd Music Memory Team Coach: Karen Nichols	Dylan Greer 1st Topsis Massingil 1st Jordan Self 1st Krystal Soto 1st	4th Spelling Coach: Donna Porter Chris Dihenia 1st Colton Brady 5th Sadie Soto Participant
3rd Oral Reading Coach: Carey Bridgeman	Haley Tibbets 1st	5th Ready Writing Coach: Julie Hancock Meagan Reiter Participant Matthew Eller Participant Aubriana Perez Participant Emily Rankin Participant
Emma Thompson 3rd Kolton Wink 6th		5th Grade Art Team Coach: Carol Williams Mirka Cesillon 1st Ariana Gomez 1st Summer Murray 1st Alexus Rodriguez 1st

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5th Number Sense Coach:
Raeline Reece
Sydney Quinn 3rd
Ben Justice 4th
Mirka Cesillon 5th
Summer Murray Participant

5th Oral Reading Coach:
Lynsey Romine
Sanya Soto 4th
Roger Expawza Participant
Presley Cowley Participant
Abbi Perez Participant

5th Spelling Coach:
Malina Gomez 1st
Kara Thomas 2nd
Krista Moore 4th
Daniza Ruiz Participant

Don't forget we are Santa's helpers, come in make your list and we will call Santa for you!



Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch
A Faberge egg seems to capture the attention of a St. Nicholas doll standing close by in a display of Russian Christmas objects, part of the current exhibit at the OS Ranch Museum. Each year the fine arts museum displays different pieces from its extensive collection of nativity scenes from around the world. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Both individuals and groups are welcome. Marie Neff, director, prefers to know in advance about group visits.

Five Stone Ministry under new leadership

By: Steffi Scott
Garza County Five Stone Ministry has taken a new leadership. Past President John Hendrick has put in his resignation and a new board has been put in place. The board consists of O.L. Ferguson, his son Lee Ferguson and his wife Miranda Ferguson.

LEGENDS... GARZA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

By Linda Puckett
Well, here we are writing about another upstanding citizen of Garza County, the infamous Dutch Luman. I think I will take the time to remind the readers of Legends; any information I am sharing with you is never local gossip unless I infer that it is. All information is directly from the archives of the museum or taken from area newspapers, court documents or books based on historical facts. Believe me; I really would like to include some of the "he said - she said" information regarding all of the characters I have spotlighted in this series of articles. Just because our relatives have passed down some pretty colorful stories, in the end they may not be factual. I hope you understand that these are the guidelines I have set for Legends.
Following the killing of Joshua Bostick near Roby, Alfred Rasberry was arrested within about five days. He was charged with murder and was sentenced to 25 years; however that verdict was later overturned. Reading the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas-Rasberry verses State-January 17, 1917 makes for some very interesting stuff. Rasberry's conviction was for 25 years, yet he did not kill

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Frozen Music

by Hanaba Munn Welch

German philosopher Friedrich Wilhelm Joseph Schelling called architecture "erstarrte musik" back in 1859. The term stuck.

Literally, "erstarrte" means "stiff," but when Schelling's words are translated into English, "frozen music" is the common translation. If nothing else, it sounds better.

"Frozen Music," beginning with this issue of The Post Dispatch, will be a column about buildings in downtown post, starting with the newspaper office itself.

In 200 words, each week's installment will focus on a particular downtown building, analyzing its style, telling stories from its past or bringing out other significant points.

Building by building, down one side of the street and up the other, Frozen Music will give readers a walking tour of historic downtown Post.

Like clothes in a closet, an architectural style left untouched long enough is likely to come back in style. The Post Dispatch building illustrates the principle in two different ways.

On the one hand, the dominant feature - glass blocks - gives it retro charm. On the other hand, the look isn't original. The Post Dispatch still has the lines of a typical 1920s commercial building, one that's now masquerading as Art Moderne.

It's not such a bad look. The redo speaks of mid-century prosperity that prompted many building owners to scrap their old sidewalk canopies (generally called awnings), change their transom windows, cover brick with stucco - all in the name of achieving an up-to-date look. Nothing did it more decisively than glass block, a common element of the new streamlined look.

Curved blocks gave architects a way to take the sharp edges off corners; in The Post Dispatch building, the curved blocks come into play as a way to frame the slightly recessed main entrance.

But the "update" is only

skin-deep - an attempt to streamline a building that still carries strong hints of its original look.

Call it the best of both worlds. Call it the worst. Call it charming.

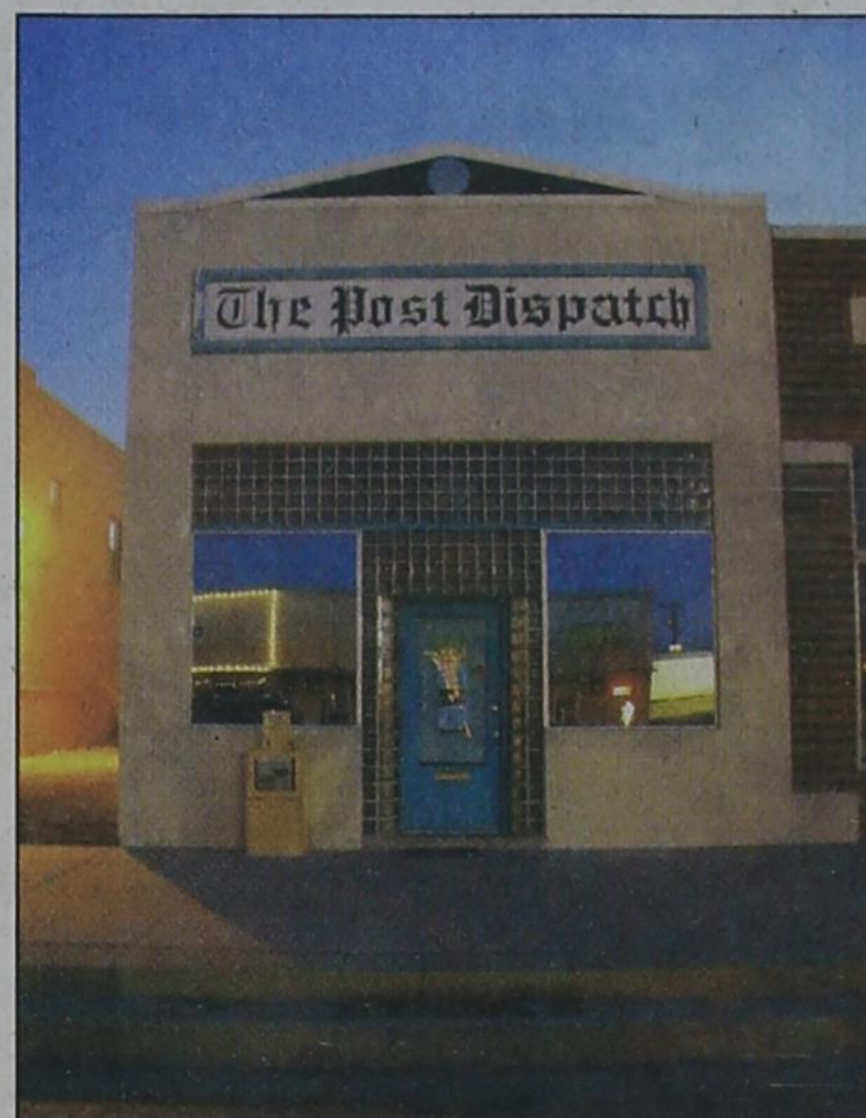


Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch
The Post Dispatch building represents a mix of styles - original early-20th century commercial and mid-century Art Moderne. Unlike many downtown buildings, its basic use hasn't changed over the decades despite modernization of the new business.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather was crazy again this past week. Monday and Tuesday were both so foggy; I left the gin at lunch time and I couldn't even see the school house from the office and its barely a ¼ a mile away. Big or small, the moisture is always a blessing though.

We finished up ginning for the year, I've said it time and time again but man, this was a short crop we finished up at 995 bales. Thats the shortest crop we've had in quite a while. Keep rain in your

prayers so that we can get off to a great start for the 2012 crop.

Congratulations to the Dunn's on the birth of Cooper Lyle who was born

December 8th to Steven and Kayla Overstreet. Cooper was named after his great Uncle, Derrick Lyle. From what I hear he is king of the family right now!

Also congratulations to Jake and Leah Fluitt, the daughter, Rebeka was born this past Sunday in Lubbock, Rebeka is a beautiful

addition to our family.

School will be out next week for the Christmas holidays so be sure and watch out for our kiddo's out playing here and there, we want to keep them safe!

The Calender is finished and should be at Caprock Heirloom downtown by Monday or you can get with Nancy or I to order yours.

To my sweet friend Linda.....I promise to get your cookbook to you before Christmas! =)

Visitors

We had a few out to visit over the past week; Trey Jones; Rocky Riordan; Jerry Meers; Fermin...he is always entertaining. Ya'll come see us and get your "education" for the week. =)

Did you know.....
That I almost forgot to submit my news and didn't have time to look up a "Did you know".....sorry!

Quote of the week.....
Slow down and don't put to much on your plate so that you don't forget

things!.....Me

Get Wells

To Troy Nelson..... keep'n you and Joyce in our thoughts and prayers!

Close City Birthdays

December 16th - Angela West; Caitlyn Prather; Laura McCampbell Smith; Teresa Nelson

December 17th - Quincey Quintana; Stevie Gonzales

December 19th - Al Craig

December 20th - Renae Melton Thomas

December 22nd - Terry Cross

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are..... Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; 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.
Ssee ya'll next week!



Weekly Inspirations

Love for All

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Do everything in love.

- 1 Corinthians 16:14 (NIV)

As I saw him down the street walking in my direction, I immediately recognized him. I didn't know his name, but I had seen him before. In the past, on a busy street I could sneak past him while others had to deal with his outstretched hand. Today, I was the only one near.

I had no money to spare. I can't give to everyone, I thought. As he approached I noticed that his coat looked like something I would have thrown away hundreds of wearings earlier. I wanted to cross the street, but that would be too obvious. I didn't want to make eye contact.

"Good morning," he said. I had to look up. I was surprised to see a warm, smiling face. "Isn't it a beautiful day?" he asked.

I quickly reached into my pocket. "I just bought a couple of good apples," I said. "Would you like one?"

He accepted my offer, smiled, and said, "God bless you."

Only seconds later, as we both continued on our way, it dawned on me that God had indeed blessed me. God used the man's warm smile and pleasant words to wake me up and help me realize that I can give to others not because I have to but because I want to.

Regina Reeves (Pennsylvania, USA)

Thought for the Day

Visit a shelter for the homeless and get to know those who live there.

Prayer

God of love, help us draw upon the love you have put in us and find ways to express it in words and actions, even--and especially--to those who are strangers.
Amen.

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

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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Deuteronomy 6:5

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COLUMNS

An alarming number!



DR. WINK

I know I have already briefly talked about Rabies before, but I thought I would bring the subject up again. Our region has had a significant increase in the number of rabies cases over the past 15 or so years. Veterinarians and Animal Control officers receive email notifications of every new rabies case that occurs in our region.

It is very alarming to me that in 1996 we only had 1 case of rabies in skunks in our region for the entire year. This year we have already

had 53 cases of rabies in skunks. This makes me very concerned about not only our pets in our community but our own well being as well. I don't know if you are aware of how many skunks have been in trapped in Post alone this year. I know it's in the hundreds each month...yes, EACH month! I am not a negative person about this subject, but we have been extremely lucky not to have a confirmed case of rabies in Garza County, much less in the town of Post. With the correlation between significant increases in rabies cases and the amount of skunks that are trapped inside the city limits here in Post, it's just a matter of time before a confirmed case will appear. You don't want to be the one, do you?

This should open your eyes to the importance of rabies vaccinations in our pets.

I know most of you vaccinate your dogs and cats. However not only your dogs and cats but also horses, cows, goats and sheep are affected by rabies. My personal (& professional) opinion is all horses should be vaccinated for rabies. Doesn't it sound silly not to vaccinate your horse for something that will kill it if they contract rabies? Yes, I said kill. There is NO treatment for rabies whether in a dog, cat or horse.

I am most concerned about our feral (wild) cat population that we have here in Post. I know several of us feel sorry for all of these cats so out of pity we start feeding them. Then before we know it we are feeding 20 to 30 cats. These cats are too wild to catch and bring them in to get routine vaccines, especially rabies. However, these are the animals which are more susceptible to be

exposed to a rabid skunk. Then this feral cat which you are feeding at your home is going to expose your cat, dog or even worse you to rabies. Do you know the treatment for a human exposed to rabies? Don't quote me on this, but I do know it's a series of multiple shots (about 9-10) over the course of a month. OUCH!

If your pet is not current on its rabies vaccine do not wait any longer! Garza County requires every pet (dog and cat) to be vaccinated each year for rabies. It's the law. I like I said earlier, we have been very fortunate not to have a rabies positive animal here in Post. Don't be the first case. The cost of a rabies shot is much less than the treatment for you or the loss of a pet. Call and set up your appointment to get your pet vaccinated for rabies.



The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

When dreams become nightmares

Owning your own home is part of the American dream. Now this is not a column on the housing disaster in this country nor is it a story of the pride in owning your own home. It's a tale of the reality of owning said home and the trials and tribulations thereof.

My nose doesn't work well. It's a long story, but the fact is my sense of smell is extremely weak. Sometimes that's a good thing. For example, it sure was when it came to changing diapers.

The other day, my wife told me she could smell sewage. I had to take her word for it as I smelled nothing. That evening I noticed the water was not draining during my shower. I used a plunger and that seemed to solve the problem.

Last night, we had a major issue. During bath time, I noticed a tremendous amount of water coming in from under the toilet closest to the sewage line. Any time water was drained, it was coming out on the bathroom floor. I bet I used 25 towels soaking up water.

As you can imagine, the inability to use water or flush can cause problems in a home of four. I left a message with my plumber late last night, but knew the morning would be interesting.

The family woke up to the news that we could not use our bathrooms. Luckily, the boys and I can use the great outdoors for specific things. My wife headed to her parents to get

ready for work so all we need now is the plumber, right?

I saw my plumber first thing at the post office and he delivered some bad news. Due to the rain, he didn't think he'd be able to use his industrial snake on our clean-out. So now what?

The clean-out is in the backyard and you have to dig to get to it. Those snakes run on electricity and my plumber has been shocked before so I certainly understand his reasoning. However, the problem remains and I'm feeling helpless.

A quick weather check says we have a 70 percent chance of showers. I called my wife to let her know and she asked me what the plan was. Good question. I guess we'll make it up as we go along.

Owning your own home is a great thing. We are truly blessed to have that ability here in this country. My thoughts turn to a group of friends in Honduras building homes for people with no shelter at all. And certainly no plumbing. That thought makes my plumbing problems seem small by comparison.

So, we'll figure it out, move forward and it will all work out. But, occasions like these make you appreciate the conveniences we take for granted.

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I've been thinking

By Leslie Tatum

I love Christmas! I love everything about the season from decorating to baking, from singing carols to buying gifts! Each year, it is tradition for my daughter Laurel and me to attend the Community Christmas Sing at the Methodist Church. There is nothing like hearing so many voices singing in praise of Jesus!

This year we had a special treat of the Golden Plains Angel Choir singing "Silent Night." I don't think there was a

dry eye in the place. That was followed up with a recitation of the birth of Jesus in Luke 2 by the First Baptist Church Christian School and then "Away in a Manger" by those precious little voices. I don't know about you, but there is something about children's innocent voices that cause me to tear up.

All the choirs and groups which sang, the pianists, guitarists, and organists, were beautiful. The band from St.

Luke's called out to us to sing along, and boy did we ever! The Methodist Bell Choir (my secret favorite) was soothingly sweet ringing clearly throughout the sanctuary. My heart swelled when the combined Methodist and Baptist choirs performed.

A beautiful night. A night I didn't want to end. There is nothing like being in a place with so many Christians who happen to be people you love. It is

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SPORTS

Boys Varsity Basketball



Jake Perez #5 goes up for a shot with #12 Pake Jones and # 10 Tavish Soto



Bryan Smith #42, Vance Blair #14, Dakota McDonal #33, Taylor Soto #22.

Jr. High Girls A team Basketball scores

(Roosevelt A) 46, (Post A) 14 (12/12/11)

Scoring by quarter

Team	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
Post A	0	6	2	6	12
Roosevelt A	7	15	8	4	46

Individual scoring: Post - Ali Whitfill 10, Brogan 2, Priscilla Mendez 2, Lauren Record 2

Coach's comments - The girls played hard despite being down.

Record: season 4-5, district-2-2

Next game: who: Slaton, when: 1/9, location: home, time: 6:00PM

(Roosevelt B) 30, (Post B) 12 (12/12/11)

Scoring by quarter

Team	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
Post B	6	0	2	4	12
Roosevelt B	6	12	8	6	30

Individual scoring: Post - Sierra Scott 8, Rebecca Perez 4

Coach's comments - Due to injuries, we only had 5 playing the whole game. The girls played hard.

Record: season 1-7, district

Next game: who: Slaton, when: 1/9, location: home, time: 5:00PM

Girls Varsity Basketball



Shirley Araiza #10 goes up for 2 points with Sara Greer #33 looking on.



Taylor Osborn #25 gets another basket.

Photos By Nancy McDonald

Game 3 for Varsity girls BC tourney

Game 3:

Post 44 Borden Co. 54

Post 12 9 13 10 44

Borden C. 12 10 14 18 54

Scorers: Taylor Osborn - 26; Haily Berry - 6; Skylar Jones - 6; Shirley Araiza - 4; Matti Smith - 2

Overall record: 4-10 (0-1)

Varsity boys scores V. Ralls

Record 7-5

Post 50

Ralls 45

Post 12 18 8 12 50

Ralls 15 13 8 9 45

Holly 10, Perez 11, Blair 11, McDonald C. 13, McDonald D. 2, Smith 3

Next Game will be our first District game at Denver City Friday night at 8:00

Varsity Basketball Boys at Borden County Tourney

Thursday 12/8/2011

Record 3-4

Post 65

O'Donnell 58

Post 10 22 6 27 65

O'Donnell 12 14 16 16 58

Holly 17, Kirkpatrick 2, Perez 6, Soto Tav 1, Blair 3, Soto Tay 17, McDonald C. 16, McDonald D. 1, Smith 2.

Record 5-5

Post 42

Plains 40

Record 4-4

Post 31

Lubbock Christian 72

Post 12 8 9 13 42

Plains 13 11 5 11 40

Post 5 9 12 5 31

LCHS 23 15 22 12 72

Holly 13, Kirkpatrick 2, Perez 3, Soto Tav 9, Blair 5, Soto Tay. 8, Smith 2

Holly 4, Perez 2, Soto Tav. 7, Jones 2, Soto Tay. 9, McDonald C. 5, Smith 2.

Record after the Borden County tournament is now 6-5, our next game will be Tuesday 12/13/2011 in Ralls. The Team played hard the past two days. We played a lot of basketball in a short period of time and came away with 3 out of 4 wins. We start district play next Friday in Denver City.

Friday 12/9/2011

Record 4-5

Post 80

Wilson 52



Coach's Corner by Steve Smith

BULLSEYE

The name Howard Hill probably does not sound familiar to you, but you can Google him see who he is. He was probably the greatest archer who ever drew a bowstring. He was so accurate; he killed a bull elephant, a Bengal tiger, and a Cape buffalo with a bow and arrow. In newsreels, Mr. Hill would repeatedly hit the target dead center. After sending the first arrow to the center of the bull's eye, he would then literally split that arrow with his next shot.

However, and of you could out shoot Howard Hill if given the chance. You could hit the bulls eye with more consistency than Howard Hill and beat him in every shot....it would be necessary to blindfold him and, turn him around real fast several times, then I guarantee that you would have hit the target more than he could. I hope you think the analogy is ridiculous and that you are saying, "Well in that case of course I could. How can a man shoot a target that he cannot see?" The same goes for each of us, "How can we hit a target that we do not have?"

Picture a basketball championship game. The teams have warmed up and are physically ready for the game. The adrenaline is flowing and it's obvious the players feel the excitement that goes with a championship

game. They return to their dressing rooms and the coaches give them the last motivational speech. "This is it. It's now or never. Win one for the Gipper. Nobody remembers who the best man was or who finished second in the Indianapolis 500. The whole season is tonight. Yada, Yada..."

The players respond. They are charged up and they almost tear the door off the hinges as they rush back out of the dressing room and take the court. As they get to the court and stop short and in complete confusion, which gives way to anger and frustration, because someone has removed the goals! How can the game be played now? They know that without goals, they would never know the score, never know whether they hit or missed, never know how they stack up against the best and they would never know whether they were on or off the target. As a matter of fact, they wouldn't even attempt to play the game without the goals. Goals are important. What are the goals in your life? Do you have goals, and if you do, what is the proverbial score?

There is an interesting phenomenon that takes place in rest homes and in hospitals around the country. The death rate declines dramatically before the holidays and anniversaries, and birthdays. Many

of the people set a goal to live for one more Christmas, or one more anniversary, or one more birthday. Immediately after the event, when the goal has been reached, the will to live declines and the death rate shoots up. An old coach once stated that there is only one big event left after retirement and he wasn't ready for that, when he was asked how long he was going to keep on working?

Life is valued and is sustained only so long as life has something valuable as its object. Goals of life are important and virtually everyone knows this. However, by choice or indifference, the average man on the street continues to meander through life following the path of least resistance. Athletics teaches young men and women to have goals, to reach for goals, and when reached, to set new and higher goals. It is the life lessons learned in athletics and applied to life that make athletics an important endeavor and a necessary institution in the education of our youth.

Many young athletes come into our program without direction. Some have enormous ability and some have limited ability. It is our jobs as educators and coaches to take the ability they have and harness it, to give them direction and purpose. I have never met an athlete that wants to be bad or even mediocre. Every player wants to be great. Most do not know how and do not what choices to make. What we try to instill is a plan, a goal for each individual and then a goal for the team. We then go to work to help them reach their goals and what they can do for the team to help it reach its goal.

The goals of this athletic program will not only make us successful in athletics, but by learning the formulas and the discipline and persistence it takes to achieve a goal, our young men and women will be able to relate and transfer lessons learned in the arena of competition to apply these skills to life. Be Bold in your plans, and set your sights for the Gold. Live and act with purpose every day because if you don't know where you are going, you'll end up someplace, it just may not be the place you want.

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SCHOOL NEWS



With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
We knew in a moment that we must be off to see St. Nick.
So to Wells Fargo bank we flew,
To see St. Nicholas for a photo - and a cookie, too.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were clean with no signs of ashes or soot.
There was no bundle of toys on his back,
But he did have cookies and pencils in his pack.

He had many helpers, not just one elf,
They were calm even though we couldn't contain our excitement our self!

He had a word for each of us when we sat in his lap,
We hope we didn't tire him out too much, but after us we bet he needed a nap.

We sprang for our bus, No longer in a great rush,
Seeing Santa was a great sight, And seeing him again on Christmas Eve we might.

By: Kim Reiter

'Twas the week before Christmas break, when all through the school
Every creature was acting a fool.
Our Grinches were hung for display with care
Because our teachers put them there.

We were all seated in our chairs
Hoping that we would go see Santa there.
When we could hear the bus making a great clatter,
We wanted to sprint to it because walking doesn't matter.

PHS Theater Department Sees Beauty and the Beast



Back row left to right: Jose Rodriguez, Leslie Tatum, Tim Tatum, Rosetta Taylor, Stephen Rodriguez, Lily Maldonado, Mondo Martinez, Kelsey Isbell, Shirley Araiza, Kambry Mason, Kelsey Griffin, Maritza Alaniz, Andi Soliz, Janice Curtis, Kari Dunn, Katie Dunn, and Kayla Comeaux. Front row kneeling: Jordan Barboza, Joshua Curtis, Steven Howard, and Isreal Gonzales

By Leslie Tatum

On Saturday, December 10, Post High School theater students loaded on a school bus dressed to the nines for a night at the theater.

The group started their night at the 50 Yard Line restaurant where everyone enjoyed a nice dinner by candlelight.

The main attraction was the next stop when the bus unloaded everyone at Frenship High School for their fall musical *Beauty and the Beast*. The group was immediately met by an envoy of the school who

gave out the tickets and after a short time in line, everyone was seated in prime seats close to the stage.

As the crowd awaited the opening number they were entertained by Christmas music and people watching. Many little girls dressed as Disney Princesses attended with parents and provided amusement for the time before the curtains opened.

From the beginning to the end, the audience was transported to a faraway land. It was an enjoyable evening for all involved.

WALK ACROSS TEXAS CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK...



1ST PLACE TEAM: L TO R Ruth Davis, Cathy Sawyer, Amy Easterling, Tonya Dunn, Kiersten Lipps, Carol Hester, Tamye Garrison and Liz Lusk



Top 2 Walkers L to R Jimmy Curtis at 776 miles and Jessie Callazo at 814 miles

The 1st place team members each received a 2 month membership to Vibes (\$80 value). They are: Ruth Davis, Cathy Sawyer, Amy Easterling, Tonya Dunn, Kiersten Lipps, Carol Hester, Tamye Garrison, and Liz Lusk.

The 2nd place team members received a \$10 gift card to Academy. They are: Amy Abraham, Jimmy Curtis, Rick Jones, Nancy Vaughn, Vickie Bundick, Irene Perez, Charlyn Hohman, and Jessie Callazo.

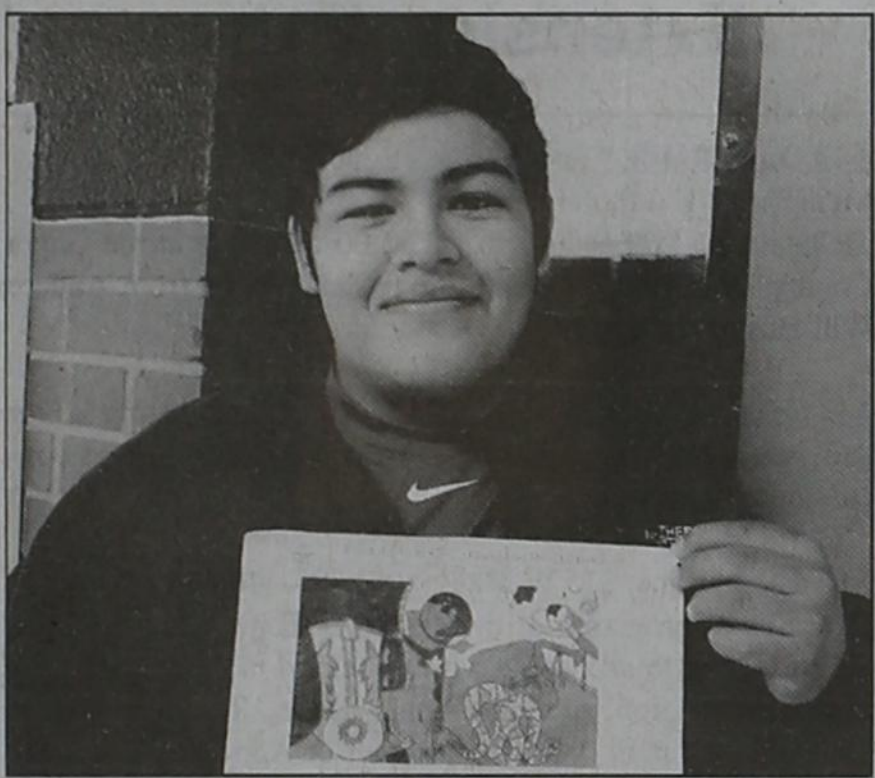
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bers received a \$10 gift card to United. They are: Mandi Criswell, Bernie Tackitt, Aaron Rathbun, Stephanie Smith, Abby Abraham, Kim Reiter, Laurel Tatum and Carla Perez

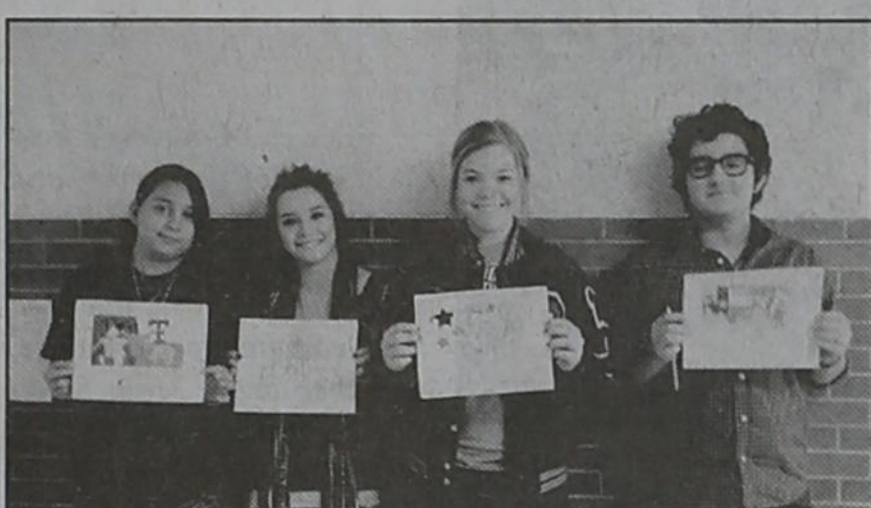
The top 2 walkers were Jessie Callazo at 814 miles and Jimmy Curtis at 776 miles. They each received a \$10 gift card to Academy

The top walkers from each team received a \$10 gift card from Sonic. Sonic also donated cases of bottled water.

Rodriguez's Art Moves on to State Level



Jose "Tito" Rodriguez and his winning entry.



Left to Right: Dana Cabrera, Jaycee Johnson, Sara Greer, and Amando Chapa.

By Leslie Tatum

Post High School junior, Jose "Tito" Rodriguez recently placed 1st in the district Youth

Art Month, YAM, Flag Design competition.

The criteria are that it must represent Texas, it must in-

corporate some art medium, it must have no more than 7 colors, and it must contain the YAM logo. Rodriguez's piece contained all and a flair that is his own.

"His piece contains bold color and attention to detail," said Mrs. Juanetta Bocko, PHS art teacher.

Rodriguez's flag has been sent on to Burnett where it will go through state level rounds.

Other students placing at district in YAM competition were Sara Greer, Amando Chapa, Jaycee Johnson, and Dana Cabrera.

The State winners will be announced on January 13.

Post Elementary took first place in their district in the Academic UIL meet that was held at the school last week. Below are the results

Post HS Academic All District 2011-2012

Sport	Grade	"A" Average
Academic All District Football		
1 Dalton Holly	11	97
2 Steven Howard	11	90
3 Campbell Kirkpatrick	10	96
4 Mondo Martinez	10	90
5 Dakota McDonald	12	94
6 Bryan Smith	9	94
7 Jayson Walden	9	94
8 Kayla Comeaux	11	97
9 Kari Dunn	12	98
10 Kati Dunn	10	97
11 Dakota Greer	9	94
Academic All District Cross Country		
1 Shirley Araiza	12	95
2 Haily Berry	11	92
3 Kelbie Oden	9	94
4 Taylor Osborn	10	97
5 Matti Smith	10	94
Academic All District Basketball		
		"A" Average

Jr. High Girls Basketball Results

Basketball Game Boxscore
Date: 12/12

Team: Post Lady lopes, Roosevelt

Scoring by quarter	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
Team	6	4	4	18	32
Post	2	4	6	0	12

Individual scoring: Post - Sagrario Alaniz 18, Analyses Esparza 4, Jenae Soto 4, Adriana Trinidad 2, Victoria Gutierrez 2, Christy Arelleno 2

Record: season: 3-4 - district 3-1

Next game: Who: Slaton, Location: Home-HS GYM, Time: 01/09 at 5:00 p.m.

Coach's comments: Girls played great. First 3 quarters the game was close. During the 4th quarter we started pressing and Sagrario Alaniz got on fire scoring 16 points in 4 minutes. Newcomer Analyses Esparza played very well scoring 4 points on her first outing off of great defense.

Basketball Game Boxscore
Date: 11/28

Team: Post Ladylopes, Roosevelt

Scoring by quarter	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
Team	2	2	5	7	17
Roosevelt	7	6	10	6	29

Individual scoring: Post - Brooklyn Courtney 16, Lauren Lynch 6, Triana Curtis 4, Lexi Antillon 2, Herston Alford 1

Record: season: 4-3 - district 3-1

Next game: Who: Slaton, Location: Home-HS GYM, Time: 01/09 at 6:00 p.m.

Coach's comments: Girl's played well last night. When we started running the offense we were able to knock down some shots from the outside from Lauren Lynch. We started rebounding better inside in the second half with Brooklyn Courtney scoring 12 of her 16 points in the 3rd and 4th quarter.

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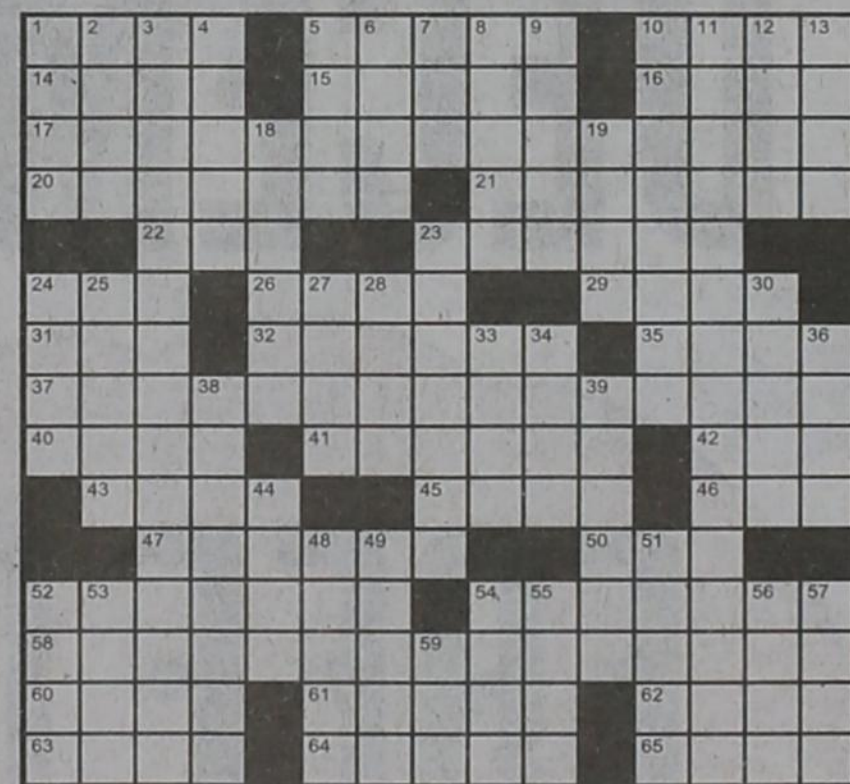
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- Burst of wind
- Sundae topper, perhaps
- Fort Knox unit
- "I'm ___ you!"
- Legal status in two countries (2 wds)
- Vertebrate with embryonic sac
- Figures of speech?
- Carbonium, e.g.
- Notch in a battlement
- Barley bristle
- ___ song (2 wds)
- "___ who?"
- Account
- Comparatively cockamamie
- "Over" follower in the first line of "The Caissons Go Rolling Along"
- Protection to foreign persecuted persons (2 wds)
- Caught in the act
- Happening every school session
- Basic unit of money in Romania
- Common request (acronym)
- Colors
- Driver's lie, and others
- Vibrations detected by ears
- Air letters?
- School custodian
- Free from dirt
- Pertaining to the chemical action of electricity
- Ditch
- Pouts
- Addition column
- Amount to make do with
- All in
- "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)

CLUES DOWN

- Conclusion
- Jack-in-the-pulpit, e.g.
- No significance
- Salk's conquest
- "Laugh-In" segment
- Cracker spread
- Aldorf is its capital
- Gillette product
- About 1.3 cubic yards
- Date exclusively (2 wds)
- Joining of political antagonists (pl.)
- Ado
- First-rate
- Duck meat slowly cooked

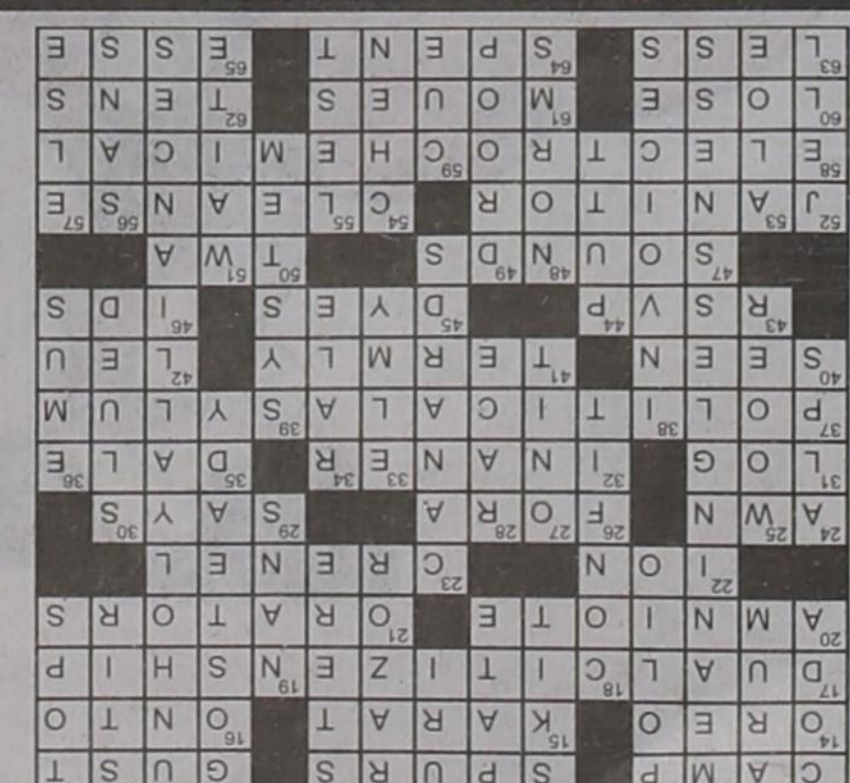
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- in its own fat
- Your grandmother (pl.)
- False reports
- "The Sound of Music" backdrop
- Beau
- "Don't bet ___!" (2 wds)
- Dash
- Pivoted
- Estimated Lean Meat Yield (acronym)
- Abnormal respiratory sound
- Flightless flock
- Bills
- Modus operandi
- Short shot
- Standards
- Stand
- Ralph of "The Waltons"
- Come together
- ___ vera
- Chinese dynasty from 557-589
- "___ we forget"
- ___ souci
- "... or ___!"
- Nod, maybe

PUZZLE SOLUTION



AGRICULTURE

Sandhill cranes prevalent; nuisance for many

By Hanaba Munn Welch

Sandhill cranes are a common sight this time of year in fields of winter wheat.

"They hang out around playa lakes," said Greg Jones, agricultural extension agent. "They hang out in small grain fields -- wherever they can find food."

The birds are omnivorous. This time of year they derive much of their nourishment from foraging in fields of winter wheat.

"They are quite a nuisance," Jones said. "They do quite a big of damage to our agricultural land."

The cranes are migratory waterfowl that spend their winters in places like Texas and their summers in northern climes, primarily Minnesota, Ontario and Manitoba. Some cranes winter as far away as Siberia.

Texas is divided into three sandhill crane hunting zones. Garza County lies in Zone A, a region that lies west of a line from Childress through Abilene to Laredo. This year's season for Zone A began Nov. 5 and will end Feb. 5. The daily bag limit is three birds; the possession limit is six.

In addition to a Texas hunting license, sandhill crane hunters must also have a federal sandhill crane hunting permit, but a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp -- usually called a "duck" stamp -- is not required.

Opinions vary on whether sandhill cranes are good to eat. Jones tried sandhill crane once.

"It was a long time ago," he said. "It wasn't that good."

Most recipes call for adding bacon or sausage to the recipe, along with a variety of other spices, and warn against overcooking.

Whooping cranes, an endangered species, sometimes fly with sandhill cranes. Whooping cranes are protected both by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Endangered Species Act. Anyone convicted of killing a whooping crane can be fined as much as \$100,000 and sentenced to jail for as long as one year.

Both sandhill cranes and whooping cranes are large birds, but the whooping crane is bigger with a wingspan of seven feet as compared to a five-foot span for the sandhill variety. Adult whooping cranes are white with black wingtips, but juvenile birds have a mixture of white and brown body feathers with black wingtips.

Sandhill cranes are less showy. They are gray in color with wingtips in a darker shade of gray.

In full flight, both whooping cranes and sandhill cranes fly with their necks extended straight ahead and their feet extended behind them well beyond their tail feathers.



Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch
Three sandhill cranes take flight Thursday morning in a field at Hermleigh, near Synder, splitting the air with their beaks against a backdrop of wind-powered generators with beak-like blades. During the winter, the migratory cranes are a common sight in fields of wheat across Texas.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service maintains information about its migratory bird program on its website. Drawing and pictures illustrate the difference between whooping cranes and sandhill cranes and other migratory birds. See www.fws.gov/migratorybirds.



Courtesy Photo
This bus of fine men and women from Classic Tours out of Abilene spent the day shopping in Post, attended the Bethlehem performance, and then drove Main Street to look at the lights. Hot apple cider and snickerdoodle cookies were provided by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce.

Extension Extras

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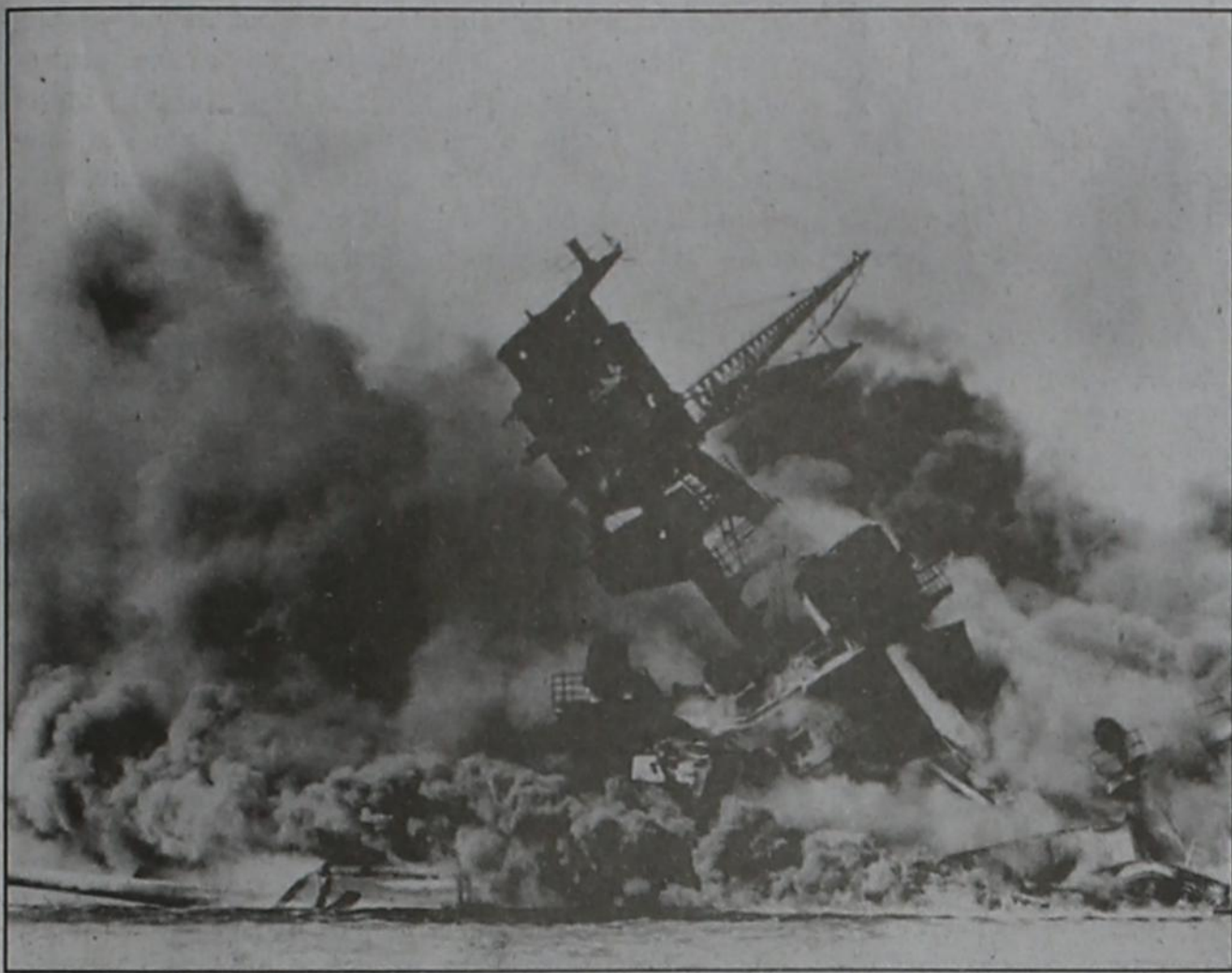
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A photograph from the archives of the U. S. Navy shows the USS Arizona during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Garza County sailor John David Miller lost his life when the ship went down. The local VFW post is named for him.

and grew up in Hobbs. His career in the U. S. Navy was behind him -- including two tours of duty in Vietnam in 1972 and 1973 -- when he came to Garza County to take a job with the sheriff's department, initially as a dispatcher and two weeks later as a deputy.

Jolly knows Garza County well from his years in law enforcement, and he's been a member of the John David Miller Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6797 for over 20 years. But not until the last few years did he begin to do more than ask idle questions about the identity of Miller and the story of the young Garza County man who didn't come home from the war.

"I had asked before," Jolly said. "We knew he was in the Navy."

But Jolly had never been able to connect John David Miller to anyone named Miller now living in the county.

"We've got two (Miller) families that have been here forever," Jolly said. "He wasn't kin to either of them."

Post's Centennial in 2007 piqued his interest.

"We knew he was killed on the Arizona," Jolly said. "He was the first (World War II) casualty from our county."

But that's where the story stopped.

Then one day about four years ago Jolly

the war effort in its earliest stages, a dejected John David Miller reportedly made this statement:

"I hope I'm on the first ship that gets attacked. I hope it kills me."

The USS Arizona may not have been the first ship attacked, but it suffered the greatest damage in the attack on Pearl Harbor. It was there that John David Miller lost his life for his country and, somewhat like the equally prophetic World War I poet-soldier Alan Seeger, arrived at his own "Rendezvous with Death."

Heavy Windham confirmed to Jolly what Donald Windham had told him and suggested he could gather more information by talking to his sister, Ruth Windham Hill.

When Jolly first tried to contact Hill, he didn't find her at home. Only last week did he finally talk to her and then to Claudette Miller, daughter of the late Claude Miller, a brother of John David Miller.

So it was, after four years, that John David Miller became more than just a statistic and a name to Jolly. He became a real person -- a young man who knew real sorrow before Pearl Harbor.

From his conversations with the Windham relatives, Jolly learned that John David Miller's young wife Sybil, whom he married when she was a senior in high school, suffered complications from appendicitis and a subsequent bout with strep throat and died at age 19 in 1940.

Overseas, events were unsettling.

"They knew we were going to end up in a war," Jolly said, referring to John David Miller and his three younger brothers and all their peers.

John David Miller's younger brother Claude enlisted first in the Navy. John David followed suit.

Rather than exhibiting the bravado that characterized most young men who joined

the war effort in its earliest stages, a dejected John David Miller reportedly made this statement:

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Rendezvous with Death

I have a rendezvous with Death
At some disputed barricade,
When Spring comes back with rustling shade
And apple-blossoms fill the air --
I have a rendezvous with Death
When Spring brings back blue days and fair.

It may be he shall take my hand
And lead me into his dark land
And close my eyes and quench my breath --
It may be I shall pass him still.
I have a rendezvous with Death
On some scarred slope of battered hill,
When Spring comes round again this year
And the first meadow-flowers appear.

God knows 'twere better to be deep
Pillowed in silk and scented down,
Where love throbs out in blissful sleep,
Pulse nigh to pulse, and breath to breath,
Where hushed awakenings are dear...
But I've a rendezvous with Death
At midnight in some flaming town,
When Spring trips north again this year,
And I to my pledged word am true,
I shall not fail that rendezvous.



A big THANK YOU goes out to Platinum Chamber Member XCEL ENERGY for sponsoring our PACC Open House. The event was catered by Silver Chamber Member PJ's Catering and it was a great evening. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped make it a success.

We had a group in Post from Classic Tours last Saturday. After spending the day in Post and attending Ragtown in the afternoon, the 36 visitors were greeted by representatives from the City and the Chamber and treated to refreshments by Chamber Member Caprock Heirloom as they enjoyed the Christmas lights on Main

Street.

We will be placing a brick order for Memorial Plaza the first week of January. If you would like to order a brick, please contact the Chamber office -- 495-3461. You can also download the order form at postcitytexas.com.

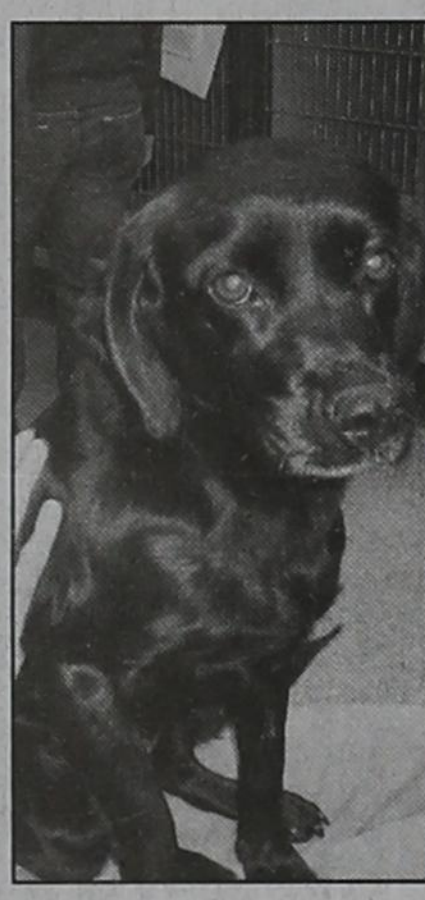
This Friday Citizen's Bank will be having its Open House from 9-3. This weekend will be the final performances of "Bethlehem" at Ragtown on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Congratulations to our Members of the Week:
Silver Member-- Budget Inn
Silver Member-- Congressman Randy Neugebauer

Pet of the week

My name is Barbara (Lady B to some). Everyone thinks I am the sweetest dog at the shelter. I look like a lab in the pictures, but in person I look more like a Spanial.

I am not very big and I am a very quite, reserved girl. I would love to be your best friend. I am at Post Animal Refuge Center with lots of other great dogs who need homes for Christmas. Please contact the shelter at postarc@yahoo.com or on facebook at Post Arc. PARC is a 501 (c) 3 organization and all donations are tax deductible.



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we drove in we couldn't see anything," Terry said. "We were ready to turn around and go back. We'd never seen sand before."

Retreat wasn't an option. So they stayed and made the best of things, giving up lush Alabama and a town with the Tallapoosa River running through it for sandstorms and Post on the not-so-lush Texas Caprock. At least they had their recipes.

Soon they discovered Texas hamburgers -- "the biggest culture shock," Terry said.

"Alabama hamburgers were the size of biscuits," she said.

And in those days, just ketchup and pickles were standard on Alabama hamburgers -- no lettuce, tomatoes or mustard.

"My aunt came out here to

visit us," Terry said, referring to her Aunt Bodie Smart.

Naturally they introduced the Alabama aunt to a state-of-the-art Texas hamburger at Holly's (a previous iteration of Holly's Drive-In).

Smart was impressed.

"She took a bun back with her," Terry said.

Smart knew the man who owned the hamburger business inside the big mill in

Tallassee. She convinced him that Texas hamburgers would be a hit in Alabama.

"He hunted until he found those buns," Terry said.

Then he started making Texas hamburgers, incorporating his own name into the business too -- a name Terry doesn't remember. But she remembers he did very well.

"That man ended up a millionaire making those

Texas hamburgers," she said.

And that's how Post made life better for everyone in Alabama -- sort of the way Co-CaRa's has made life better in downtown Post.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock
Contract 6234-28-001 for RIPRAP CONCRETE REPAIR in GARZA County will be received on January 18, 2012 until 2:55 pm and opened on January 18, 2012 at 3:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$19,895.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
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Dec. 19th-Dec 23rd

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Chicken Strips, Baked Potato, Peas, Carrots, Roll, Brownie

Tuesday
Pork Roast, Scalloped Potatoes, Succatosh, Roll, Banana Cake

Wednesday
Oven Chicken, Bowtie Pasta, Broccoli Salad, Roll, Pineapple/Orange Crisp

Thursday
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10 Years Ago

Volunteer fire dept. gets new Jaws of Life equipment.

Awards at the Caprock Cultural Association went to Gladys Blair and Linda Puckett.

Pastor Joey Hamlin and wife Kathy announce a name change for their ministry. 'The Church on the Go' has been renamed 'Family Harvest Church.'

The Lady Lopes dominate Hamlin with a 60 to 32 win. Emily Smith led the scoring with 24 points. Manuela Hernandez followed with 12, Kelly Moore with 8, LaRinda Ledbetter with 8, Meagan Mills with 7 and Nikki Norman with 2.

Services were held for longtime Post teacher and principal Glenn Whittenberg.

20 Years Ago

Among Post High School choir members qualifying for all state choir auditions were, Radley Nichols, Sara Hodges and Shelley Haney.

Tyra Alexander and Mitchell Rasberry exchange wedding vows.

Approximately 30 acres of land in Bailey County will be transferred to the Post ISD and Southland ISD following action by the Garza County Commissioners Court.

Coach Billy Max Gordon's 8th grade girls basketball team wins over Crosbyton. Amber Hammond led the scoring with 10 points.

The 7th grade girls also win with Falisha Jones as high scorer. They are coached by James Easterling.

Golden Capps, bride elect of Scott Nettles, was honored with a bridal shower.

30 Years Ago

EMT's elect Jim Jackson as their president.

Jana McCallister is honored with a layette shower in the home of Mrs. Nelda Dalby.

First place in the photography contest went to Lil Conner.

Cub scout pack #314 of Post wins a red ribbon at the South Plains Boy Scout Expo. Pack members are, Rex Wilson, Jay Mitchell, Robbie Francis, Roger Adams, Brent McDonald, Bill Rankin, Kevin Williams, Keith Holly, Matt Holly, Jarett Dickson, Tyge Payne and Richard Hudman.

L.D. Harper and R.J. Greathouse popped in 18 and 12 points for the Bold Gold against Lockney.

Opposing coaches named punter, Tim Tannehill and place kicker, Will Kirkpatrick, as best kickers in district.

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40 Years Ago

Dan Rankin and Billy Williams place mistletoe atop Jaycees Christmas trees in downtown Post.

Christy Morris, a 1969 grad of PISD, is performing in a chorus number of 'You're a Good Man Charlie Brown' at Wayland.

Freshman girls race past Roosevelt 56-21. Top scorers were Melanie King and Carol Davis. Guards were, Nancy Reno, Judy Norman, Sandy Bullard, and Jana McKamie.

50 Years Ago

Post High Acappella Choir presents 'Love Transending' under the direction of Georgie Willson. Lex Roby, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Crenshaw and Gayla Johnson will assist in the production.

Nita Wilson and Danella Bateman show off the team trophy from a big tournament win.

Lin Allyn Cox, Chris Cornish and Glenn Polk star in high school play.

Teaming up to sell cars for Tom Power Ford are, Dudley Brown and Larry Waldrip.

Upon recommendation of Supt. R.T. Smith, school board members have employed Mrs. Walter Didway.

U.S. House Votes to Stop EPA from Regulating Agriculture Dust

Texas ranchers and landowners scored a win today after the U.S. House of Representatives voted in favor of the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act (H.R. 1633), introduced by Rep. Kristi Noem (R-S.D.). H.R. 1633 was introduced in response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) attempt to regulate agriculture dust at naturally occurring levels.

H.R. 1633 exempts agriculture dust if state and local authorities have already implemented dust control measures. In areas where there are no state or local dust control measures, H.R. 1633 requires the EPA to prove substantial health effects and show how addressing those effects outweigh the economic costs of implementing more stringent regulations.

COYOTES

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Richey (Rosales kick), 1:42 Thr — Blayton Oliver 41 pass from Hantz (White kick), 1:19

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First downs 11 11
Total yards 317 340
Rushes-Yards 30-261 31-179
Passing 56 161
Comp-Att-Int 6-12-1 11-19-2
Punts 1-8 1-18
Fumbles-Lost 4-1 1-0
Penalties-Yards 4-34 10-75
Individual statistics

RUSHING: Borden County — Austin Fields 21-198, Tanner Richey 4-35, Collin Telchick 2-16, Quinton Shafer 2-8, Helio Rosales 1-4. Throckmorton — C.J. Hantz 17-118, Levi Taylor 7-62, Gary Farquhar 3-6, Trinity Haggard 1-2, Tucker Brown 1-minus 7. Team 2-minus 2
PASSING: Borden County — Richey 4-10-1-42 Field 2-2-0-16. Throckmorton — Hantz 7-11-2-94, Brown 4-8-0-67
RECEIVING: Borden County — T.J. Basquez 2-25, Rosales 2-16, Shafer 2-15. Throckmorton — Farquhar 3-59, Taylor 4-45, Blayton Oliver 2-44, Brown 1-11, Hantz 1-2

"This legislation is a big win for Texas ranchers and landowners," said Joe Parker Jr., a rancher from Byers, Texas, and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) president. "Regulating agriculture dust without any scientific proof that it is harmful to human health would have had devastating economic impacts on the Texas cattle industry."

While particulate matter, or dust, is considered a pollutant under the Clean Air Act, the EPA considered regulating dust at a level twice

as stringent as the current level - putting areas primarily located in rural parts of the country where dust naturally occurs on the hook for expensive and unnecessary federal regulation.

The potential revision went so far that the new standard could have been below naturally occurring levels of dust in some states, making it impossible to meet.

The legislation now heads to the U.S. Senate where it has already received bipartisan support from 26 Senators.

LEGENDS...

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Joshua Bostick, Luman did. Even the daughter of Bostick, Addie Bostick, testified that Rasberry did not fire a shot, that Will "Dutch" Luman was the actual shooter. The evidence further shows, for the state, that Luman and appellant were brothers-in-law, and that Bostick had previously killed a brother of the defendant, who was also a brother-in-law of Luman, and stated that Luman was a cow thief and his wife was a whore. The judgment was reversed and the cause remanded.

Dutch remained on the run for over two years, but was later apprehended and returned to stand trial for murder along with Rasberry.

Luman was also implicated in the murder of Judge Cullen Higgins, the son of Pink Higgins of Snyder. Higgins murder took place in Clarendon, Texas. The person providing the information was Sid Bostick who was party to the murder was Sid Bostick, son of Joshua Bostick. Luman may have wanted Judge Higgins dead, since he was special prosecutor in trials involving him and Rasberry.

This so-called evidence was given by Sid Bostick while he was being held in the Sweetwater jail. His confession implicating Luman and a man named R.C. Higdon came after a pretty bad beating. Later he was found hanged in his jail cell with a belt hanging around his neck and a handkerchief stuffed in his mouth. When found, his feet were touching the floor. His neck was not broken and but died of suffocation. His death was ruled a suicide. Hum. The next day a shotgun was found in a stock tank in Kent County. Both Higdon and Luman were indicted for conspiracy for aiding and abetting in the murder of Judge Higgins. The Aspermont Star ran this story on Thursday, May 9, 1918.

Will Luman and Bob Higdon Granted Bond

Will Luman and Bob Higdon grated Bond -Friday afternoon, May 3.

Luman and Higdon were brought to Jayton by Rangers today and were arranged before Judge Thomas, who after hearing the evidence granted them bond in the sum of \$10,000. These gentlemen were held in connection with the murder of Cullen G. Higgins-Jayton Herald.

In the end, neither party was tried for Judge Higgins murder. Will Luman and Alfred Rasberry were sentenced to prison for manslaughter for the murder of Joshua Bostick.

This information was provided by an article writ-

ten by Billy Brown, ancestor of Robert Lee Rasberry much of which can be found in Bill O'Neal's book "The Bloody Legacy of Pink Higgins." Mr. Brown writes that according to family, while in prison, Will Luman helped prison officials uncover other prison officials who were stealing cattle from the prison farms. Luman was pardoned and secured a commission as a special agent with the Southwest Cattleman's Association.

{Linda's note} Okay folks, here we have police officers murdering a prisoner in the Sweetwater jail and an inmate/murderer gets pardoned and becomes a special agent. The courts were every bit as strange, most of the sentences handed down were reversed, and everybody was back on the street or trail in some cases, just like Luman.

So maybe this time Dutch has seen the light, and no more crime. Not so, because by 1925, the special agent was in the headlines again. The Lubbock Morning Avalanche ran this story on Saturday March 28, 1925.

Murder cases transferred here from Post

Chas. H. Smith, court reporter, returned to his home here Friday afternoon from Post City, where he had attended the regular session of the Garza County District Court.

Smith reported that the cases of Will Luman and Ed Walker, charged by indictment with murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Roy C. Dalton, prominent Lubbock and Garza County ranchman at the Luman farm house four and a half miles east of Southland on the morning of March 10. A case of the State of Texas verses Will Luman, charged with violation of liquor law and the same against Ed Walker were transferred to Lubbock for trial in the next term.

Lawrence Wheeler, an eye witness to the fatal shooting of Dalton, who according to his friends, knew too much about the liquor traffic being carried on by those who are alleged to have murdered him, and who would have been a valuable states witness against them. They will also be tried here on a charge of violating prohibition law.

Ed Walker given bond on shooting charge

By The Associated Press. Lubbock, Texas, May 30-Ed Walker of Garza County, who has been held here, charged with the shooting of Roy C. Dalton, ranchman, near Southland, March 10, was released Saturday on four bonds aggregating \$7,500.00.

Bond was granted soon after his arrest, at Post City but he was unable to make it at that time.

He made bond for \$1,000.00 in each of two liquor cases, \$500.00 in another liquor case and \$5,000.00 on the murder charge.

Walker will be tried here during the August term of District Court, the cases having been transferred from Garza to Lubbock County.

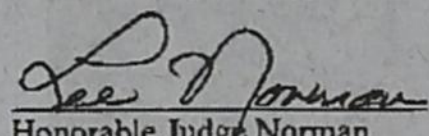
Don't miss part three of Dutch Luman next week.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING TAX ABATEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Garza County Commissioners will hold a public hearing will be held pursuant to Tax Code §312.002 in the County Commissioner's Court at 1:00 p.m. on December 28, 2011 for the purpose of considering tax abatement as requested by Buffalo Point Wind, LLC.

All interested citizens and property owners are hereby notified of their right to appear and be heard on the matter.



Honorable Judge Norman
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