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Preparations underway for Annual Livestock Show

Stock show entry cards will be available from advisors and the Agri-Life Extension office beginning January 4 for the Garza County Jr. Livestock Show.

Deadline to enter is Friday, January 13, at 5 p.m. Pee-Wees are encouraged to participate in the Goat and Rabbit shows, but entries must be turned in by January 13.

A "cleanup" date for the 2012 stock show has been set for Saturday, January 7 at 9 a.m. All kids planning to show this year need to come to the show barn. Parents are encouraged to attend so that



everything will be clean and ready to have a great 2012 show.

The schedule for the 2012 Garza County Jr. Livestock Show is as follows:

Thursday,

January 19, 2012

Weigh-in from 3-5 p.m.
6 p.m. Pee-Wee Rabbit Show

Immediately following Pee-Wees is Premium Rabbit Show.

Friday,

January 20, 2012

"Prep day" for our exhibitors.

Saturday,

January 21, 2012

9 a.m. - Swine Show
11 a.m. - Steer Show
2 p.m. - Lamb Show
3 p.m. - Goat Show
Pee-Wee Goat show will immediately follow the Goats.

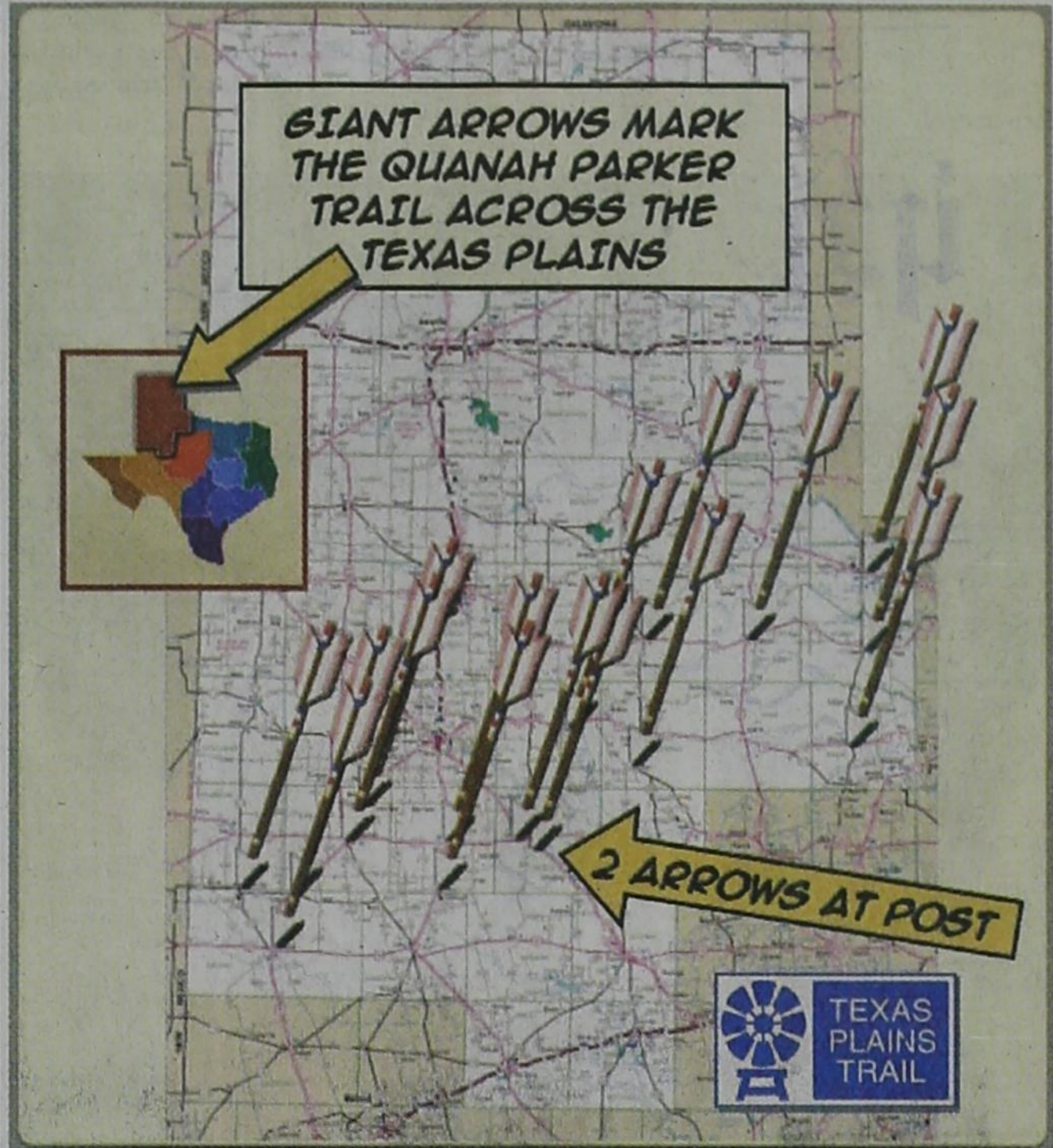
Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 6 p.m. in the Post ISD Cafeteria, the Buyer Appreciation Dinner, Awards, and Livestock Sale will be held hosted by the Garza County Junior Livestock Association.

Deja Vu? No. Corrected Amity Study Club ad can be found on Page 8

The full page Christmas ad, which ran in the Christmas edition of *The Post Dispatch*, was published incorrectly. Members of the club had proofed and approved the correct ad and unfortunately, the original ad, with the errors, ran in the paper.

The correct ad is published in today's paper and Blackburn Media Group would like to offer its sincerest apologies to the Amity Study Group and the residents of Post for this error on our part.

We, here at BMG, Inc., feel the Amity Study Club is made up of extraordinary people who volunteer for this worthwhile project and thank them for allowing us to participate in their fund raising efforts.



Graphic by Hanaba Munn Welch

Like a pincushion, the Texas Plains are marked with Comanche arrows. The tall steel roadside attractions are markers for the Quanah Parker Trail, a project of the Texas Plains Trail Region, one of the states ten official heritage tourism regions. Post has two arrows -- one at the Garza County Museum and another near the entrance to Terrace Cemetery. New arrows recently went into place in O'Donnell, Tahoka, Seagraves, Seminole and Denver City. Eventually the arrows will also have signage explaining their significance. More arrows are expected to go into place soon in Wheeler County at Mobeetie, Shamrock and Wheeler. In 2012, other sites in the Panhandle also will be marked with the colorful arrows, painted brown and accented with Comanche colors -- red, yellow and blue. The arrows are the work of New Home sculptor Charles Smith. For more information about the Quanah Parker Trail, see www.quanahparkertrail.com. Look for a story in next week's *Dispatch* about the way the arrows and the Quanah Parker Trail can be expected to boost heritage tourism to the region.

2011 In Review Part I

Heatwave, fires had serious impact

By Hanaba Munn Welch

It's not an accident that the first month of the year is named for Janus, the two-faced Roman god who looks both backward and forward at the same time. It's human nature too to be two-faced -- to want to look ahead at a new year but also to look back at the one just ending.

The year 2011 will always be remembered for record-breaking weather -- hot and dry -- and, to make things worse, range fires. But other things happened too across the spectrum of life in Post. A look back at front-page news in *The Post Dispatch* hits many of the high points:

In one sense, the year began on New Year's Eve 2010 with the reopening of the Tower Theater by Unchained Ministries under the management of Mike Holly, putting the building back to use as a movie theater for the first time in 37 years. The Tower showed "Chronicles of Narnia" to close 2010 and bring

2011 in on a positive note.

Garza County government officials elected (in some cases, re-elected) in November took their oaths of office on Jan. 1 -- Lee Norman, county judge; Charles Morris, Precinct 2 commissioner; Jerry Benham, Precinct 4 commissioner; Jim Plummer, district and county clerk, and Ruth Young, treasurer.

A stretch of Farm to Market Road 211, closed since August 2010 for work on a bridge over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, reopened to traffic on Jan. 10. The closure affected FM 211 from US 84 to State 207.

Snyder teenagers traveled to Post on Saturday, Jan. 15, to work as volunteers at the Post Animal Refuge Center and promote their organization, Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (SETA).

Law enforcement officials and friends and family of the late Jonathan McDonald gathered on Jan. 21 at Garza

County Law Enforcement Center for the unveiling of a monument to McDonald, a Department of Public Safety highway trooper who lost his life in the line of duty in November 2010.

Garza County livestock exhibitors took home \$33,875 in premiums from the 2011 Junior Livestock Show and Sale, an event that started on Thursday, Jan. 13, with rabbit competition, ran through the weekend with the judging of larger animals and didn't officially conclude until the dinner and sale on Jan. 20.

A feature story in the Jan. 28 issue of *The Post Dispatch* introduced readers to veterinarian Dr. Kerry Wink and his wife, Kristi, newcomers in business for just a year here, and announced a day-long open house at the Garza County Animal Hospital to celebrate the first anniversary of Wink's practice in Post.

At January sessions, Garza County commissioners approved \$500 in funding for



Dispatch Photo

A record heatwave and drought brought about dozens of wildfires during 2011.

a Caprock Cultural Association tourism project to offer information about historic structures and sites in Post and Garza County via designated phone numbers, voted to apply for funding from the Natural Resources Conserva-

tion Center to repair water damage to roads and approved a job description for a crime victims assistance advocate.

On Jan. 23, Calvary Baptist Church ordained Darren Weaver as pastor.

Idalou agriculture teacher Danny Gunn, 49, a former resident of Post, died in San Antonio on Feb. 12 when a Union Pacific train struck

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And That's A Wrap...

By Steffi Scott

Christmas time has come and gone and the year 2011 is coming to an end. It's officially time to start taking down the beautiful Christmas ornaments and rolling up the tinsel which was hung so gracefully with care. While packing away Christmas is a bittersweet moment, the new year definitely has some perks of its own.

New Year's Resolutions are always something to look forward to. You can finally start fresh, start anew. Make yourself a promise and try your best to keep it. Even if your attempts fall short, it gives you a goal to work towards and helps improve your self discipline.

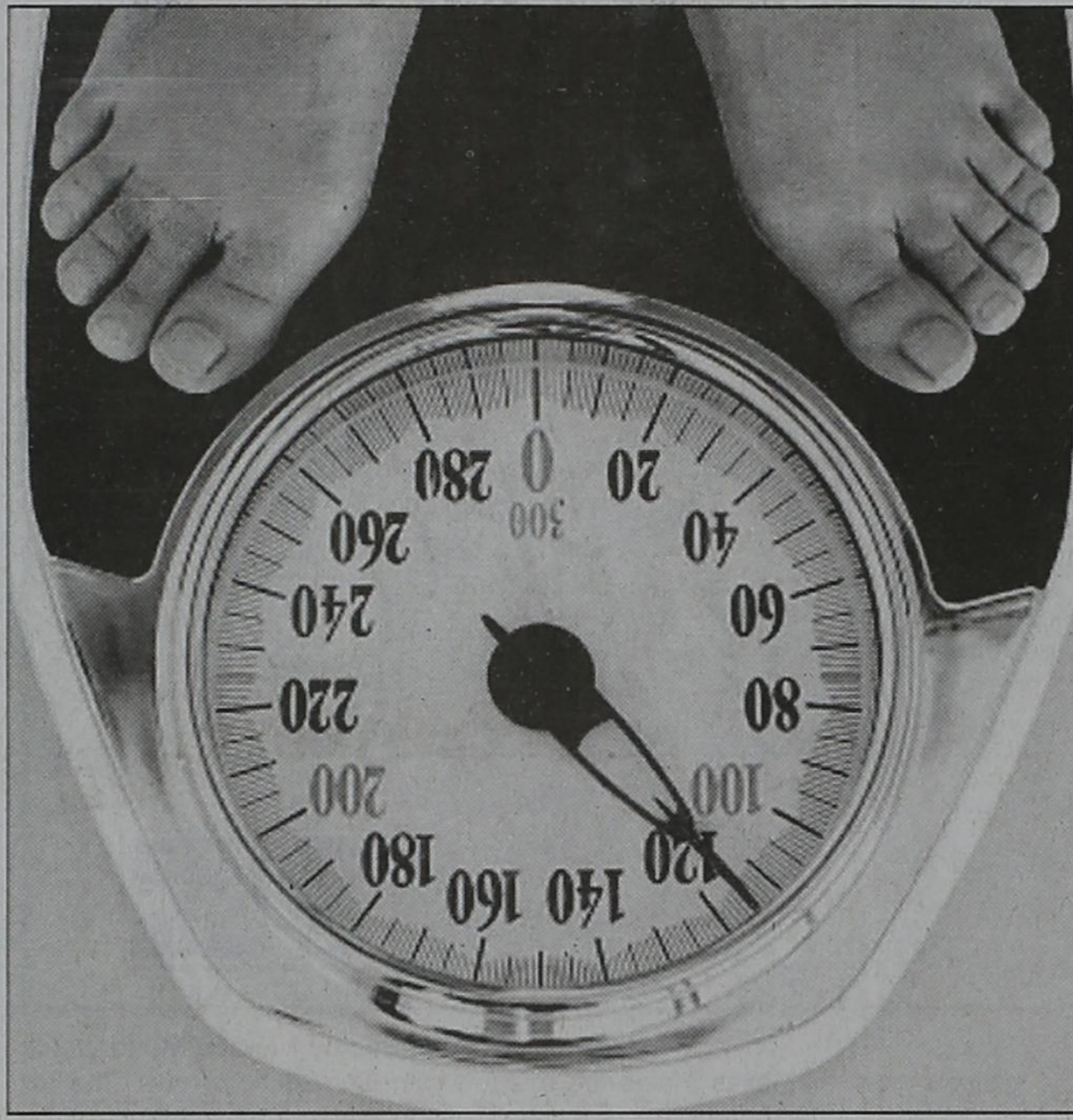
The two biggest New Year's Resolutions people make are to lose those dreaded Christmas cookie pounds and quit a bad

habit.

The number one thing I heard people say this year when it came to their weight and working out was simply, "I'm going to start after the holidays." And who can blame them? Nobody wants to pass on the cheese logs, honey ham or egg nog.

The first of January is always enlightening. It makes you feel like there is hope for a fresh future and it all lies in your hands. There's just something about eating a plate full of black eyed peas for good luck that makes you want to do better this time around.

So, here's your chance. Make a goal and stick to it. Whether it be losing weight or stop smoking. The choice is yours and so is this brand new year. Make it happen, it's now... or next year!



Losing weight is a popular New Year's resolution.

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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!

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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Child Safety: The Top 10 Biggest Recalls Of 2011



Keep your children safe...

1. Drop Side Cribs- if you have one do not donate or sell it, simply immobilize it.
2. Little Tikes Toy Workshop and Tool Sets- the plastic toy nails can pose as a choking hazard to young children.
3. Dorel Juvenile Group Infant, Convertible, and Booster Child Restraint Systems- the harness locking and release button does not always return to its locked position.
4. Rugby Children's Pain & Fever Concentrated Drops- the medication contains acetaminophen, which calls for child-resistant packaging required by the Poison Prevention Packaging Act. Although the original bottle has child restraint packaging, a separate dropper unit provided for dispensing the drug to children does not.
5. Burlington Basket Company Bassinets- if the cross-bracing rails are not fully locked into position, the bassinets can collapse causing the infant to fall to the floor or fall within the bassinet and suffer injuries.
6. Under Armour Defender Football Chin Straps- the metal strap that connects the chin strap to the helmet has sharp edges, posing a laceration hazard when the user's metal snap comes into contact with another player.
7. LG Electronics Dehumidifiers- the power connector for the dehumidifier's compressor can short circuit, posing fire and burn hazards to consumers and their property.
8. Target Circo Child Booster Seats- The booster seat strain buckle can open unexpectedly, allowing a child to fall from the chair



9. Meijer Roman Shades and Roll-Up Blinds- Strangulation can occur with the Roman shades when a child places his neck between the exposed inner cord and the fabric on the backside of the blind or when a child pulls the cord out and wraps it around his neck.
10. B.O.B. Single and Double Jogging Strollers- a drawstring on the stroller can get wrapped around a child's neck, posing a strangulation hazard.

For a list of other products being recalled go to www.parents.com

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Julie Simmons, RN is new to South Plains Community Action Home Health, but is no stranger to the industry as she has worked as a Home Health RN for the last three years. Prior to that, Julie was an ICU RN who graduated from the Covenant School of Nursing. Julie, her husband Dustin, and daughter Landry make their home in Lorenzo, TX where they also raise horses.

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BUSINESS

Cutting it short - mowing is more than meets the eye

By Hanaba Munn Welch

Karla Benson makes mowing highway right-of-way look easy. It isn't.

At 21, she's been mowing along roadways for a third of her life, working for her dad's Seymour-based mowing business. She would say the work is harder than it looks.

"People think you just sit in a tractor all day," she said, taking a roadside break along a Farm to Market Road in eastern Lynn County on a sunny Dec. 17.

Keeping things going smoothly requires an alert mind and an experienced hand at the levers and other controls, she said.

"Going around stuff isn't as easy as people think," she said.

Still, Karla Benson manages to listen to the radio while pulling a shredder alongside miles and miles of state-maintained road, keeping grass and weeds cut short for safety's sake, making her dad a good hand.

More than anything else, she keeps her eyes trained on the ditch and road, looking for hazards, including drivers not paying attention to their driving.

"You see somebody coming head-on," she said. "They're looking down."

Fortunately she's not had any head-on crashes with motorists. They've all looked up

in time. Her only collision was a minor one a few years ago with a vehicle pulling a trailer.

"He was a creeper," Karla Benson said, explaining that she came up on him too quickly to avoid the mishap.

"I was only 15," she said. "I just got a ticket."

The offense was an unsafe lane change.

Benson's other job is waiting, when she's home in Seymour. It's another kind of work that requires an alert mind.

But it's her road-mowing job that sets her apart -- a job different from anything her high school girlfriends did for spending money.

"They don't think anything about it any more," she said. "I've been doing it so long."

It's a job that gives her a loftier-than-average view of ditches and what people toss into them.

"Highchairs, toys," she enumerated. "More dead bodies than anything -- animals."

But one body stands out in the memory of both her and her father -- a human body, bagged and resting close to a fence on the far edge of a ditch near Wichita Falls.

When the Benson crew cut the tall vegetation in the ditch, the body bag became visible.

"The couldn't see it till we moved over by the fence (with the mowing equipment)," Billy Benson said.

Karla remembered another

detail. "This guy called it in," she said, referring to an anonymous call to authorities. "He was the one who dumped it off."

But most days are less eventful. The ditches stretch ahead, and the miles go by to music on the radio -- a companion of sorts.

Sometimes Karla Benson takes her 5-year-old son, Braden, along with her. Whether he will ever pull a shredder is uncertain. For now, he likes the rides but not the bumps.

Karla Benson said he usually asks, "Can we get back on the highway? It's too bumpy here."

In another few years, if the Benson family continues to do contract work for the state highway department, young Braden might join the crew. For now, it's just what his mother does in all directions from Seymour, including Lynn County and Garza County.

Zane Alexander, an inspector for the Texas Department of Transportation, said in an interview before Christmas that the mowers would be running in all directions in Garza County.

"They're trying to get all the main highways done first,"



Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

"MOWERS AHEAD" is always the message from Billy Benson of Seymour, under contract to the Texas Department of Transportation to mow roadways. Benson and his crew were in Lynn County week-before-last, with Garza County next on their agenda.

Alexander said. "The way our roads run through there, they just kind of spider out everywhere."

Alexander's advice to motorists:

"Stay in your lanes. Keep an eye on any moving equipment. Give the mowers plenty of room. Watch out for any debris that might be kicked up on the highway."



Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

At age 21, Karla Benson of Seymour is an old hand at mowing highway right-of-way. Trained by her father, Billy Benson, she's a cutting edge member of his primary mowing crew. Benson began learning the art at age 14. December found her in Lynn County, running a shredder for her dad.



Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

Brian Jones, pulling a shredder, creates a cloud of dust along a Farm to Market road near Draw, west of Post, in mid-December. In some places, the perfunctory late-fall mowing of shoulders and ditches creates more dust than grass and weed debris, especially after a drier-than-average growing season. Along some stretches of right-of-way, tumbleweeds and other hardy weeds have grown -- thick in some places and thin in others -- despite the summer's dearth of moisture.

Poka Lambro To Offer Free Computer & Internet Basics Classes

Laptops, tablets and e-readers -- OH MY!! Are you wondering what to do with all the great technology gifts you got this Christmas? Then come to a FREE Poka Lambro Computer Basics class.



Poka Lambro is providing FREE computer and Internet basics classes. A series of three classes are being offered over a three week period. Class one covers the absolute basics of what a computer is and what can be found through the Internet plus how to use e-mail and Facebook. The second class reviews Facebook, e-mail and other necessary computer skills. The third class reviews everything and dives deeper into your questions.

There will also be a fourth class offered that will discuss how to use your digital cam-

era and what to do with the pictures after you take them; you do not have to attend the first three classes to come to the camera class.

The first class will be held January 5 at 2 p.m. at the Poka Lambro office in downtown Post, 115 West Main Street.

Classes are free but due to limited space and class size, pre-registration is required. Please pre-register by calling or stopping by the Poka Lambro Store. Classes will be ongoing and will be offered on Thursdays at various Poka Lambro store locations. So if you miss this one -- don't worry. We'll be back. Contact Poka Lambro to find out when the next series of classes will be held in your area. 806-990-9901.

Frozen Music

by Hanaba Munn Welch

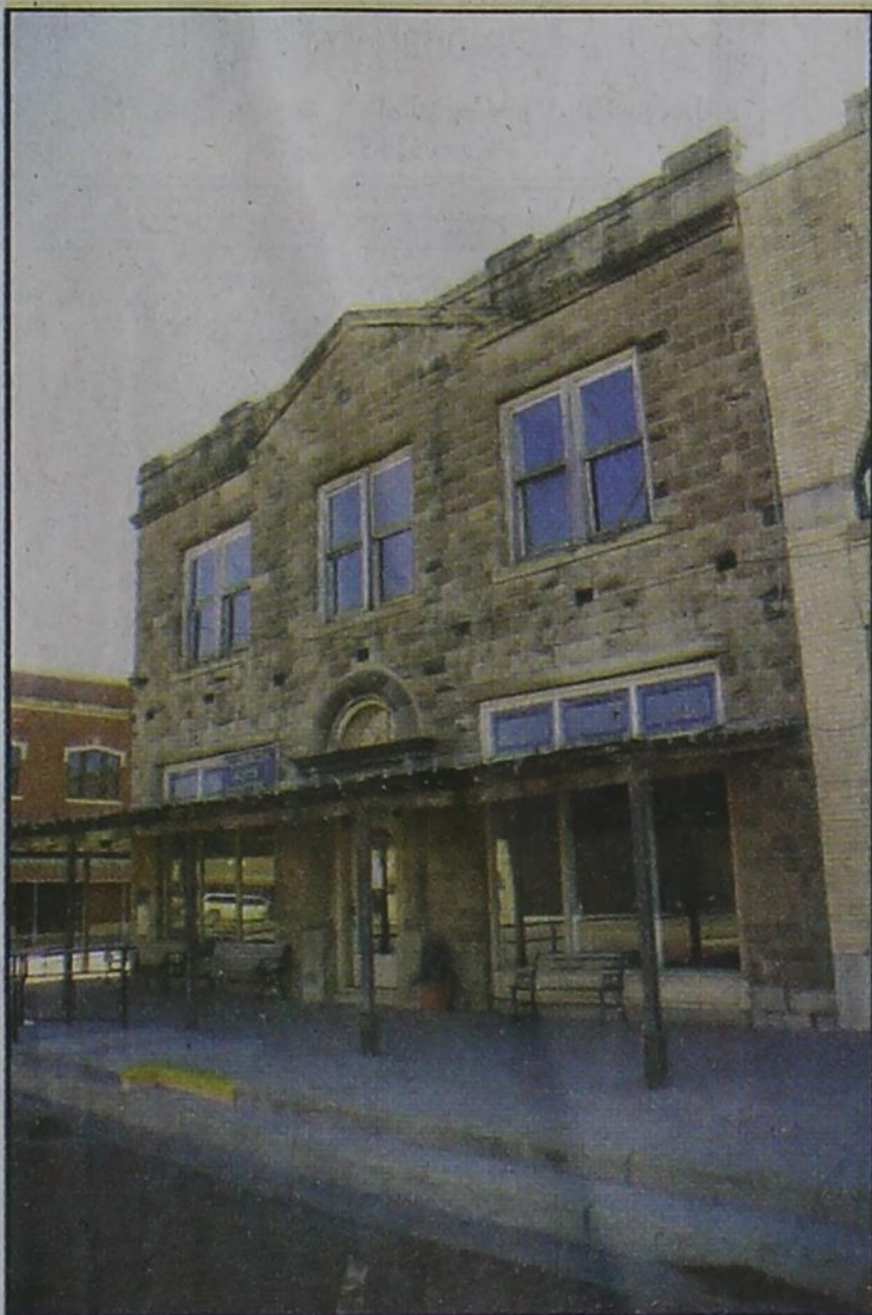


Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

The old Algerita Hotel, built in 1908 of native stone, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Crumbling around the edges but keeping up a good front on Main Street, the old

Algerita Hotel building holds history in its walls.

Built in 1908, it speaks

both of the vision of town founder C. W. Post and the skills of Scottish immigrant stonemasons Scottie Samson and Jimmy Napier, who fashioned the façade from stone quarried nearby from the edge of the Caprock.

The use of native stone and the less-than-sophisticated appearance of much of the building would put it in the category of vernacular architecture; even so, the impressive façade demands that the Algerita be taken as seriously as any building of the same day and age in Battle Creek, Michigan, where Post had made his fortune. In fact, by at least one account it was a Battle Creek architect who drew the plans for Post for the Algerita.

The design of the front of the building incorporates classical elements. Of particular significance is the stonework that defines the round arched entrance and gives an Italianate flavor to the architecture.

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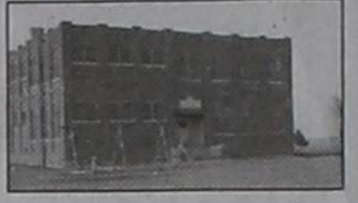
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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman



We had a White Christmas didn't we? It sure didn't stick around long but it was really nice while it lasted. I think, if I remember correctly that is 3 in a row??? Someone may correct me if I'm wrong, oh well.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas, mine was fantastic! We spent Saturday at Momma and Daddy's and Sunday at our house; Jim and Nedra had their crew in for the weekend, I told Jim I think this is the first time Alli, Abbi, Raul or TJ didn't

ride thru my drive way, I look forward to that! =) Must've been a little chilly for them. I did get to visit with Gomet and Dorthy Custer while they were here visiting with Lois and the rest of the family; it was nice to get to talk with them a while.

Mike, Dana and Laura Jean Carter were here for Christmas with Dana's family; they drove in Friday from Longview and headed home Tuesday.

I hear there is a new vehicle in the community,

good 'ol Santa Claus brought Rylan a jeep that is just his size!

I know more of you had family in so be sure and let me know about your holiday activities so that I can share them with everyone else.

This weekend is New Years... don't forget to eat your black eye'd peas!

Sympathies out this week to the Mason family for the loss of Dorthy and also the Moore family for the loss of Dr. Lewis Moore. Thoughts and prayers are with both

families.

Get your cookbooks and calenders at Caprock Heirloom downtown Post!

Visitors

Bullard, Lexi Gonzalez, Bobby Terry were are visitors this week. Ya'll come see us now.

Did you know...

In Texas the State animal is the Armadillo. An interesting bit of trivia about the armadillo is they always have four babies; they have one egg, which splits into four, and they either have four

males or four females

Quote of the week..... We have to embrace obstacles to reach the next stage of joy... Goldie Hawn Get Wells

Close City Birthdays

December 30th - Raegan Belongia

December 31st - Ayda Lopez

January 2nd - Rynn Norman

January 3rd - Zach Bush, Xavier Hernandez

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.

Have a safe and Happy New Year! See ya'll next week!

Weekly Inspirations

Storm and Calm

Read Psalm 106:1-12

Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest."

- 1 Corinthians 16:14 (NIV)

My mother taught us about God's love and often concluded our conversations with, "Take it to God in prayer."

I did not appreciate the wisdom of her counsel until my life was filled with storms. Day in and day out, I found myself saying one steady prayer: "God, I need your counsel. I need to hear from you. Guide me; teach me; talk to me." However, the storms kept coming. I struggled to reconcile my continuing troubles with my relationship with God.

One night while I was in the gym's pool, taking a break from swimming and saying again my prayer for God to speak to me, God finally got my attention. I heard God say, "Look how the water becomes calmer and clearer when your movement stops. Cast your burdens at my feet, and I will give you rest."

We want answers to our prayers here and now. God says to us, "If only you would stop moving around and making so much noise! Stay quiet in my presence, and I will open the gates of heaven and bless you until your cup runs over." (See Mal. 3:10.) I realized that even in prayer, we have to stop talking in order to listen.

Deborah Dimowo (Lagos, Nigeria)

Thought for the Day

We have to stop talking in order to hear God's response.

Prayer

Precious Lord, teach us to recognize that you are powerful and that we are not. We live not by our own power but only by your grace. 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."

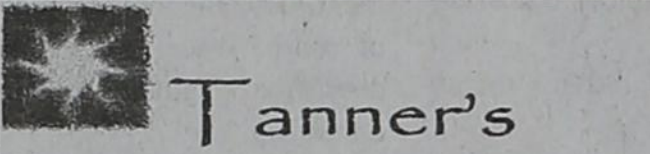
2 Timothy 3:16-17



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Deuteronomy 6:5

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COLUMNS

I've been thinking

By Leslie Tatum

I've Been Thinking... December 26th

With the New Year, 2012, quickly approaching, it behooves me to think of fresh starts. I love the idea of starting anew with a clean slate. I used to make numerous New Year's resolutions to eat better, lose weight, and work on a million different parts of my persona. I don't do that much anymore. I found that I didn't work well under pressure with specifics, but I was satisfactory at more un-specific things.

I've thought a bit about the year of 2011 and my resolutions for the past year. I determined last year to do be more organized, to spend more time in devotion and meditation, and to try to be more understanding of others. I can tell I've made some improvement in those areas.

Yes, I could still be more organized, especially at home, and I can always be more understanding, but the thing I have thoroughly enjoyed is my devotions and prayer time. I feel that it has impacted me and others in the most positive way of any of my previous resolutions.

This is the way it started: My daughter was taking a

leadership class a few years ago at LCU. In that class, she had to read the Psalms and then write her prayers immediately following. Well, last year we were discussing it and she told me what an impact it had been upon her, so I determined to try it. I started immediately in October and it has been one of the biggest blessings of my life.

I read a book at a time, one from the Old Testament then one from the New, alternating as I finish a book. Writing my prayers makes me more specific. It also gives me the opportunity to go back later and read over them and recount all that have been answered. It is amazing! When I start feeling down or overwhelmed, I love to go back and read my journal to see how wonderfully God has worked in my life and in the lives of those I pray for.

So if you still haven't come up with a resolution, you might try mine. Out of the many resolutions I've made, this is one that has brought peace and well being into my life. It's not hard; I do mine first thing in the morning and I just use a regular spiral, a pencil, and my bible. God bless you in the New Year.

Animal Movement

Did you know our animals require certain paper work or testing in order to move across county, state, or international lines? Over the past decade restrictions on animal movement have increased dramatically. Those involved in equine activities such as rodeo, roping, and showings have been the hardest hit with these limitations. However, it is not just horses that may have traveling restrictions enforced. Our small animals can also be included.

In most situations traveling by car with your dog or cat will be fine as long as you have their current rabies certificate with you. Flying by airplane is a different story since most of the time you will need a Health Certificate for that animal. Notice I said most of the time. Some situations don't call for a health certificate so always check with the airline you'll be

traveling with since they may have additional restrictions as well. If you are going to be taking your small pets out of country (or out of the continental 48 states), then you will need additional paper work and testing. Some of these tests take a few months to achieve if you do not have the required shots or if you are trying to move a puppy.

Our equine friends have a few more regulations on movement. By law moving a horse across a county line requires a Coggins test...yup, I said COUNTY! A Coggins test is for Equine Infectious Anemia which is a very contagious, non-treatable disease. In most situations, if you are traveling within Texas a Coggins test is all that is required. If you are caught traveling without a current Coggins test, it is a Class C misdemeanor. If you or going to a rodeo or horse show, they

may require a health certificate in addition to the Coggins. Taking your horse across state lines may require additional paper work or testing such as piroplasmosis. Piroplasmosis requirements have increased noticeably just in the past 2 years. This test is costly and takes awhile to get results back. Moving a horse into another country is very difficult and requires even more test and paper work.

For cattle each state requires different information and paper work. Some states require just a simple health certificate, and some require special testing or paper work. Since Texas is Brucellosis and Tuberculosis free, the movement of cattle has become easier. Currently there is no paper work or test required to move within Texas.

A good rule of thumb is to check with your local



DR. WINK

veterinarian if you are traveling with your pet. This is especially important for those traveling with horses and cattle outside of Texas. Each state has their own requirements on animal movement from Texas, and these requirements can change from week to week. I personally call that state to find out what the restrictions are at that time (even if I sent an animal there two weeks prior). The last thing I want to happen is for my client to be stuck somewhere and not be able to cross a state line or get into a show or competition due to improper paper work.

To the kind people of Post, Tx:

My name is Betsy Renee Wilson, I am the daughter of O.L. Ferguson, better known as "Ferg." I am writing this letter to thank you all for helping save my dad's life. If it wasn't for your generous donations he would have not been able to travel to the Mayo Clinic and be treated. Without this treatment his life would have ended. I hope that one

day soon I can thank each and everyone of you in person. My father has been a great inspiration to me and I am sure to many of yall as well. You all gave him the chance to be around much longer. God Bless each and every one of you for your kindness. I will never be able to thank you all enough.

Sincerely,
Betsy



Remember When

10 Years Ago

Garza Theatre board members want to thank local volunteers, Giles McCrary, Jack Alexander, Christy Morris, Maxine Earl and Jay Young.

Post Middle School students completing Peer Mediation are Subani Bhakta, Tori Hampton, Allen Heckaman, Meagan Howard-Griffis,

Brenna Postell, Steven Short, Cass Tatum and Timothy Wilson.

Ruth Ann Young files for reelection for county treasurer.

The Post Dispatch column 'Remember When' reports

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Post Classifieds

PERSONAL

Post Group Alcoholics Anonymous 10th and Avenue K, behind United Supermarket Tuesday nights 8 p.m. Open meetings Thursday night, 8 p.m. Closed Meetings For more info: 806-781-1156 or 806-495-5371 Monday, 8 p.m. Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Ave. C. For more information about the Monday meeting, call 495-3173.

Post Al-Anon Family Group, Community Recovery Center 405 S. Ave. C, Post, TX. Mondays 7:00pm.

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AGRICULTURE

Drought: Some Remarkable Bright Spots in a Tough 2011

By Joe Parker Jr.

There is no denying that 2011 was a tough year for cattle raisers. Ranchers across the state are still facing an unprecedented drought and rebuilding from the crippling wildfires, but through all the dust and smoke, there were some definite bright spots of 2011. Because of the hard work of our members, TSCRA chalked up major victories at the Texas and U.S. Capitols. A few of the highlights are listed below.

Eminent Domain Reformed

After a decade of hard work from legislators and landowner groups including TSCRA, SB 18, the eminent domain bill was finally signed into law.

SB 18 secures stronger eminent domain laws that will protect landowners. Highlights of the new law include requiring condemning entities to make a bona fide offer in writing and compensate landowners for loss of access to their property. SB 18 goes further to require condemning entities to take a public and record vote to initiate eminent domain proceedings, keeping them more accountable. All entities with eminent domain authority must also register with the Comptroller by December 2012 or they lose their authority.

Additionally, SB 18 gives landowners the right to repurchase their condemned land at the original price if it is not used within 10 years. SB 18 also puts in statute that eminent domain can be used only to acquire property for public use, and that use has to be put in writing before the condemnation process can begin.

Groundwater Ownership Secured

Groundwater ownership rights were also secured in 2011, putting to rest any question of who owns the groundwater below the sur-

face of a landowner's land.

SB 332 makes clear that landowners own the groundwater below their land as real property, and clarifies that it is subject to the same legal protections as other private property. SB 332 also recognizes that groundwater may continue to be produced and conserved while ensuring fair and impartial regulation of landowners' groundwater ownership rights.

EPA Rural Dust Regulation Stopped

TSCRA and other agricultural groups successfully blocked the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from imposing regulations that would have allowed the federal government to regulate rural dust. This regulation would have had a devastating economic impact on ranchers at a time when our industry is battling an unprecedented drought and wildfires alongside a list of proposed burdensome and unnecessary government regulations.

Had this regulation been implemented, ranchers could have been fined for working in dusty environments. Ranchers could have been subject to expensive and burdensome compliance costs such as having to implement dust suppression practices on their ranch. Fines for non-compliance were estimated to reach up to \$37,500 per day.

Free Trade Agreements Passed

TSCRA worked to ensure passage of the long-stalled free trade agreements (FTA) with Panama, Colombia and South Korea. Passage of these FTAs will increase U.S. beef exports by an estimated \$3 billion at a time when Texas beef producers need it most.

According to the U.S. International Trade Commission, the implementation of these 3 FTAs will increase all U.S. exports by at least \$13 billion and add \$10 billion

to the U.S. Gross Domestic Product. Additionally, exports of U.S. goods generate more than 8,000 U.S. jobs for every billion dollars shipped overseas.

Passage of these agreements will not only add additional exports for Texas beef, but they will help speed up our industry's recovery from this unprecedented drought. When ranchers do see relief there will be a hungry market overseas eager for Texas beef.

Remaining Trans-Texas Corridor Provisions Repealed

TSCRA worked with the state house and senate to repeal all remaining provisions of the Trans-Texas Corridor, solidifying the end of the proposal.

Burdensome CDL Requirements Stopped

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) was considering a proposal that would have required tractors and loaded stock trailers weighing 26,000 pounds or more to obtain a commercial driver's license (CDL), but TSCRA was able to stop this from happening.

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

It was a good year on the legislative and regulatory front, but there is still work to be done in 2012. Thanks to each and every TSCRA member, ranchers and landowner who called their elected officials, wrote letters and emails, and made visits to the Capitol. Your contributions paid off tremendously.

Joe Parker Jr. is a third generation rancher from Clay County, Texas. He is president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. He is also chairman of the board and president of the First National Bank of Byers.

New publication helps land owners keep hogs out

Publication focuses on feral hog exclusion from wildlife feeding stations

By Paul Schattenberg

A team of experts has developed a new Texas AgriLife Extension Service publication focused on keeping feral hogs from raiding wildlife feeding stations.

The four-page "Using Fences to Exclude Feral Hogs from Wildlife Stations" publication was developed by Texas A&M University System and U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service wildlife experts. It provides advice and direction on how landowners can protect corn and protein pellets intended for wildlife from being eaten by feral hogs.

The new publication may be downloaded from the Texas AgriLife Bookstore website at <http://agrilifebookstore.org> or Plum Creek Watershed Partnership website at <http://pcwp.tamu.edu/feral-hogs>.

"We developed this resource primarily for residents of the Plum Creek watershed area, but it's applicable to landowners throughout the state," said Jared Timmons, an AgriLife Extension assistant who addresses feral hog issues in the Plum Creek watershed.

"In many parts of Texas, feral hogs damage landscapes, pollute the water, and hinder farming, ranching and wildlife management," said Dr. Billy Higgenbotham, AgriLife Extension wildlife and fisheries specialist. "Using fencing to exclude them from supplemental feed should be a part of every ranch-management plan."

He added that feral hogs are responsible for more than \$52 million in damage to the state's agriculture industry each year.

"Feral hogs not only damage crops and other property in the Plum Creek Watershed and other areas of the state,



Photo by Dan Klepper

they also have been identified as a possible source of nonpoint pollution to the water table in many locations," Higgenbotham said.

Hunters and wildlife managers often provide feed for white-tailed deer and other wildlife in Texas, using an estimated 150,000 tons of corn each year.

"In addition to corn, many deer managers also supply high-protein pellet feed, but research has shown much of this supplemental feed is consumed by non-target species such as feral hogs," Timmons said.

To meet management goals and reduce feed costs, Timmons said, deer managers should take steps to prevent feral hogs from accessing deer feed, and the new publication will provide "useful, practical information" toward reaching that end.

"Research conducted in South Texas brush country showed that fencing around feeding stations that excludes feral hogs is an effective way to keep them getting to and eating the corn and other supplemental feed landowners put out for wildlife," Timmons said. "And while enclosure fences are time and labor intensive, they will pay for themselves in feed savings."

Timmons said a result demonstration was conducted to determine appropriate fence

heights of enclosure fences around wildlife feeding stations, and that the publication provides results of this study. The publication also has photos, a list of materials, fence height recommendation and cost estimates related to building an enclosure fence.

Other materials on feral hogs and feral hog management also may be found on the Texas AgriLife Bookstore or Plum Creek Watershed Partnership websites. The partnership website has 12 additional feral hog-related publications as well as voice-over presentations and a feral hog reporting website. On that site's reporting portion, landowners may report feral hog activity, including removal, and non-landowners may report feral hog sightings.

Funding for the result demonstration was funded by the USDA Renewable Natural Resources Extension Act. Publication costs were funded through the Plum Creek Watershed Feral Hog Project with funding support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through a Clean Water Act §319(h) Nonpoint Source grant administered by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and from the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA and National Integrated Water Quality Program.

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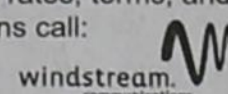
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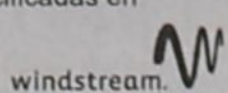
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Cowboys bound for work



Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

Bound for work on an area ranch, a club cab full of cowboys leaves Post early morning recently after jangling spurs through the lobby of the Best Western Post Inn. On the far side of the truck is T. J. Bohlender, a professional steer wrestler and roper with expertise in equine dentistry. The driver is Mike Johnson, a stock contractor who raises bucking bulls. The cowboy with coffee in hand is roper Quay Howard, a student at New Mexico Junior College at Hobbs and a contender on the college rodeo circuit. Not visible in the far corner of the cab is Dee Bland, who raises bucking bulls and works as a crop insurance adjuster.

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La Posta

Keitha (White) Hill is wearing a leopard print Krista Lee top with red accents, black leggings and black boots. Let us carry you through the new year with fashions for the Fashionista in your life. Happy New Year.



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LIFESTYLES

Wimmer, Cornwall to Wed Need a New Year's

Resolution? Take a Hike



Dale and Belinda Wimmer of Crosbyton and Wayne and Mary Edwards of Post are excited to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelsey Wimmer, to Jacob Cornwall, son of Jerry and Tracy Cornwall of Graham. The future bride received a Bachelor of Arts degree and her Masters in accounting from Texas Tech Uni-

versity. She is employed as the Chief Financial Officer for Red Oak Water Transfer in Fort Worth. Kelsey is a 2001 graduate of Post High School and the granddaughter of Alyce Mosser and the late Hugo Mosser and Valeria Wimmer and the late A.A. (Bus) Wimmer all of Slaton. The future groom received

a Bachelor of Arts degree from Sam Houston State University and his MBA from University of Texas at Arlington. He is employed as a Senior Auditor for XTO Energy in Fort Worth. Jacob is a 2001 graduate of Graford High School. A February 2012 wedding is planned and the couple will live in Fort Worth.

Committing to a healthier lifestyle continues to be one of the most popular New Year's resolutions for millions of Americans. And this year, Texas State Parks are providing more than 40 places where folks can do just that—many of which are located close to major metro areas.

As part of the national umbrella First Day Hikes program set forth by the National Association of State Parks Directors (NASPD), 48 state parks across Texas are scheduled to offer a wide variety of hikes and nature walks this New Year's Day.

"Hiking outdoors is great to do any time, and a novel way to ring in 2012, especially with a group or as a family," said Chris Holmes, director of interpretation for Texas State Parks. "Hiking not only gets people outdoors to experience nature, but it's also healthy. Participating in a First Day hike is a good opportunity to begin a New Year's resolution for healthier living right off the bat."

The concept of having an official "First Day Hike" in a park on New Year's Day originated more than 20 years ago at the Blue Hills Reservation, a state park in Milton, Massachusetts, with the intent to promote both wellness and year-round recreation at parks. Since then, other states have offered similar New Year's programs; however, this is the first time all 50 state park systems have joined together to officially sponsor First Day Hikes.

"What better way to kick off the New Year than with

a hike at a state park?" said Ruth Coleman, President of NASPD. "Think of it as the start of a new and healthy lifestyle for the whole family. Whether folks are staying close to home or traveling, they can join us at one of America's State Parks on New Year's Day, just about anywhere in the country."

First Day Hikes vary in difficulty and fitness levels, and range from short, leisurely nature walks through for-

est trails and along boardwalks, to special bird watching hikes, to climbs into the mountains of the Chihuahuan Desert. Most all hikes will be guided by state park staff and volunteers and feature an interpretive message about native plants, animals or park history. The walks average one to two miles in length, but many also offer shorter or longer trek options as well.

Participants will want to make some modest advance preparations. Some hikes warrant call-ahead reservations, and in most instances, folks will want to wear sturdy shoes, and bring drinking water and a hiking stick. Park entrance fees apply in most places, and many parks are leading the First Day Hike at no extra cost.

Recent on-site visitor surveys in Texas parks revealed that hiking and trails were the No. 1 most sought-after amenity by park visitors. And according to State Parks Director Brent Leisure, hikers in the Lone Star State have even more incentives to be outside come year's end.

"Outdoor recreation during the holidays has been a popular activity for a long time, and here in Texas, it makes even more sense because the weather is often mild enough to do most anything. And many of our parks have either just completed or are in the process of renovating and improving their hike and bike trails. We're proud to offer folks a lot of choices with an organized network of First Day Hikes, and proud that we have so many wonderful places in our state park system for people to enjoy them."

For more information about First Day Hikes in Texas State Parks, visit the Web site at www.texasstateparks.org/firstdayhikes, where you'll find detailed hike locations, descriptions, and park contact information. Or, visit the NASPD Web site at www.americasstateparks.org for nationwide information on First Day Hikes.



Trailblazers

Menu

January 2nd-
January 6th

Monday

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Tuesday

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Wednesday

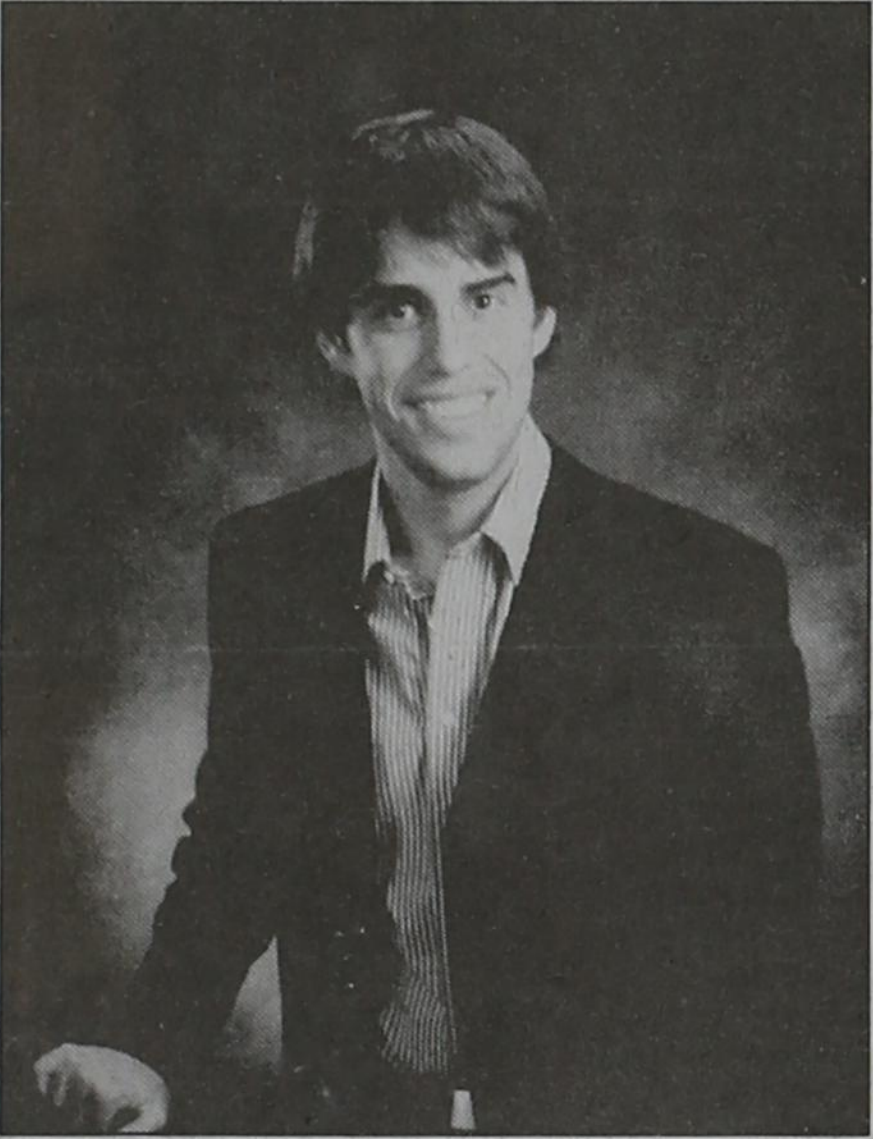
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Thursday

King Ranch Chicken, Black Eye Peas, Salad, Roll, Pineapple Cake

Friday

Swiss Steak, Ranch Style Beans, Squash, Roll, Ambrosia



Robert Allen Heckaman graduated from San Angelo State University with his Bachelor of Business Administration December 10th in San Angelo. Heckaman is the son of Bobby and the late Nita Jo Heckaman. He is the grandson of the late Clarence Gunn and Oneita Gunn and the late Marty Heckaman and Margaret Heckaman. Heckaman resides in San Angelo with his wife Jessica and their daughter Riley.

Courtesy photo

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that back in 1951 winners of the lighting contest were, Hudman Funeral Home, 1st place. John Jones 2nd and L.W. Webb 3rd.

20 Years Ago

Winner of the \$500 gift certificate from Danish Imports was presented by Patty Kirkpatrick to Marge Tannehill.

Cole Easterling writes to Santa, I want a remote control monster truck, a remote control pickup, a remote control airplane and a popper gun that has 3 balls to go in it. I have been nice because my Mom and Dad lets me do what I want to. I want to ask you if you really have a reindeer named Rudolph the red nosed reindeer. Your friend

The Fun Time Club held their Christmas party with 18 members present. Serving as hostesses for the event were Hooter Terry and Jewel White.

Pam Humble qualified for the merit list at Western Texas College.

30 Years Ago

Crude oil and natural gas from Garza County wells in 1980 boosted the county economy and accounted for \$163.3 million of the \$31.2 billion value placed on Texas

production. Keith Peel writes to Santa, 1. I want an electronic train. 2. A live trap. 3. A pair of gloves. 4. A 20 gauge. Sincerely

Gin check up to this date now estimated at 31,000 bales. Post Gin w/2,400 bales, Graham Gin w/5,566 bales, Storie Gin w/ 1,812 bales, Close City Gin w/ 5,500 bales, Grassland Gin w/5,430 bales, Hackberry Gin w/9,255 bales and Producers Gin w/4,885.

George R. Brown announces \$200 million CO2 flood to replace the current water flood of it Garza field flood unit.

Garza county to be the 'host county' to receive evacuees in case of a nuclear attack.

Frances L. Camp sells Texaco distributorship to Griffin Oil Co.

Jess Knight of Justiceburg wins the saddle bronc riding in circuit finals at Ft.Worth.

Mrs. Iva Hudman retires after 22 years with Sentry Savings.

40 Years Ago

Nancy Kay Basinger and Dicky Wallace exchange wedding vows in Slaton church.

Donald Ray Windham Jr., a 1967 grad of PISD, is among the 262 tentative candidates for bachelors degrees at the University of Texas.

Mrs. C.K. Pierce, more commonly known as 'Pee Wee', has been named as the first salaried librarian at the Post Public Library.

50 Years Ago

New Garza Co Ag agent, Syd Conner, will assume his duties on Jan. 15.

Teenagers present a live 'Nativity'. Benny Owen, Melinda Newby, Tom Campbell, Lynn Edwards, James Mitchell, Meredith Newby, and Chris Cornish helped in making this a special Christmas.

Grassland farmers will still be pulling cotton over the Christmas holidays.

Groceries at the Piggly Wiggly grocery are - Lettuce - 2 heads for 29 cents. Pot Pies - 12 1/2 cents - Flour - 5 lbs. for 29 cents - Soup - 10 cents a can.

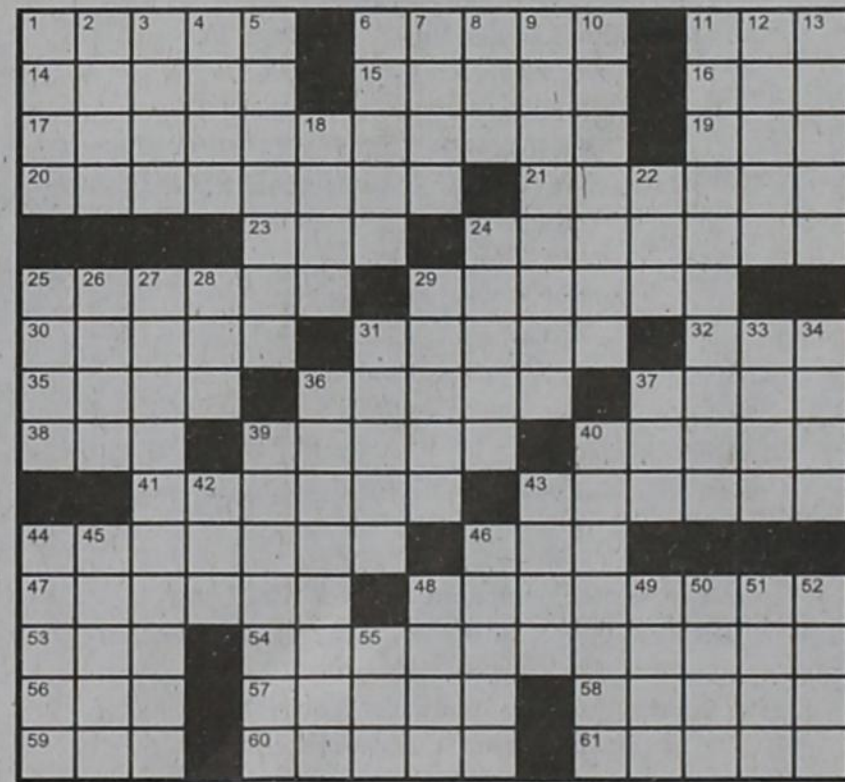
The Clark Cowdrey family spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Cowdrey.

Mrs. Mary Helen Baxter was chosen as the Teacher of the Week at Post High School.

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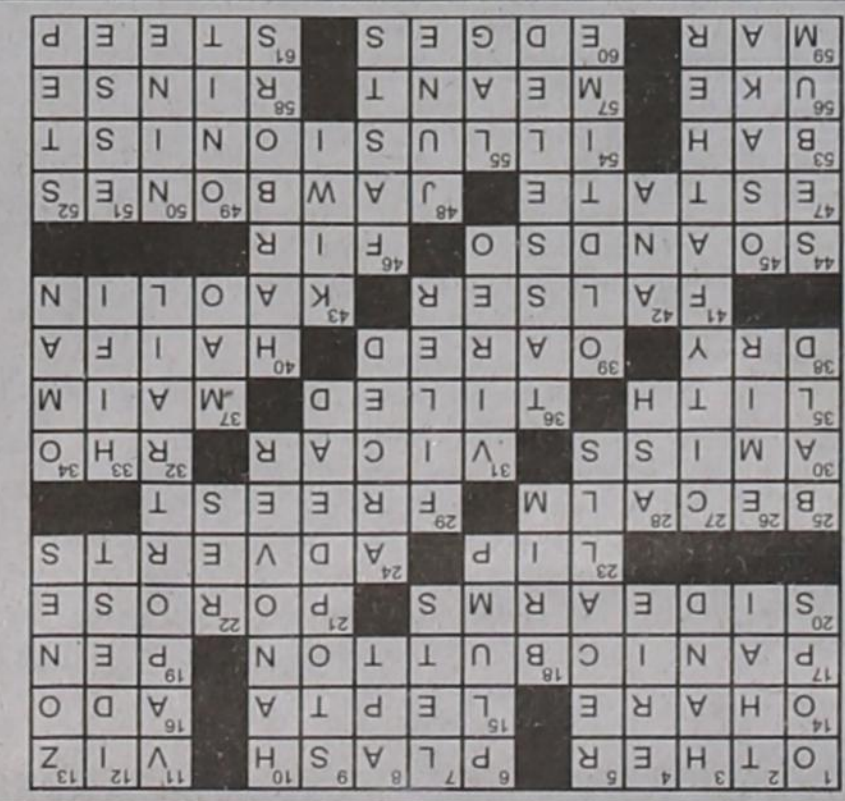
- CLUES ACROSS**
- "One or the ___"
 - Spatter liquid
 - As follows (abbrev.)
 - Chicago airport
 - 1/100 of a drachma (pl.)
 - "Much ___ About Nothing"
 - Summons help in an emergency (2 wds)
 - Ballpoint, e.g.
 - Weapons in holsters
 - Full of holes
 - Back talk
 - Draw attention (to)
 - Make still
 - Most unrestricted
 - Awry
 - "The ___ of Wakefield"
 - Density symbol
 - Printing process using grease and water
 - Like some floors
 - Disable
 - Arid
 - Propelled a boat
 - Israeli port
 - Less real
 - White clay used in ceramics
 - Unspecified person (3 wds)
 - ___ Wednesday
 - Type of evergreen tree
 - Heir's concern
 - Moveable section of skull (pl.)
 - "___, humbug!"
 - Magician
 - Arthur Godfrey played it (shortened)
 - Destined
 - "___ and spit"
 - ___ and mutilate
 - Beats by a small margin
 - Prepare, as tea



- Alderman
- New Zealander
- Secretary, at times
- Am. Songbird with olive-grey back
- LP player
- Arab League member
- Adorned, in a way
- ___ jacket with high collar
- Antiquated
- Sheltered ports
- "___ Ng" (They Might Be Giants song)
- Opening time, maybe
- "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
- Increase, with "up"
- Fall behind

PUZZLE SOLUTION

- CLUES DOWN**
- "My bad!"
 - Asian tongue
 - Full house, e.g.
 - PA city on lake of same name
 - Defective products returned
 - Chubby
 - "___ go!"
 - Appropriate
 - Abruptly become motionless (2 wds)
 - Eng. royal house of George I
 - Streaks in wake of aircraft
 - That is, in Latin (2 wds)
 - Becomes inattentive, with "out"
 - Cup part
 - ___ gestae, things done
 - Like a rainbow
 - Shiny on top?
 - Arabic for "commander"



Happy New Year from the Amity Study Club

- Willie, Susie, & Jordan Barboza
Stephanie Garcia & Avery
Joe, Adelmira & Joseph Sanchez
Ruth Reno Anchorage, AK
Chris, Nancy, Hillary & Britt Wyatt Anchorage, AK
Jason & Paden Wyatt Austin, TX
Scott & Ally Wyatt Dallas, TX
Terry & Kenda Bartlett
Teri Jo Franke & Bryce
Eric, Keri Ann, Joseph and Ana Thompson
Porter Hardware
Jason, Donna, Michael, Drew, & Aubree Porter
Charles Elmore
Jim, Juanetta, Stacy & John Bocko
Walton McQueen
David, Karen, Blake & Jackie Nichols
Rockin' K Outfitters
Alton and Darla Frazier
Plum Crazy
Stanley & Donna Degan
J Cruise's Christmas Gallery
Jackie Cruse
Marie Davis
Roy and Loveta Josey
Caprock Heirloom
Steve and Mary Norman
Texas Treasures
Jack and Sue Trammell
R C Trading Post
Eric Eller
Lakeasha Jones
The Lord's Vineyard
Chuck and Michele Gibson
Brenda Shrum and Colter
Howard, Serena and Herston Alford
Louise McCrary
Robert, Janie, Marcus, Yvonne, Anthony, Zachrey Lopez
Rod, Donna, Traven, Callie, and Ethan Smith
Eric, Jayta, Ericka, Kaitlin, Luke and Clair Cravy
Dr. Charles and Dorothy McCook
Bradley, Cha'la, Stetson and Cloie Cimental
Hometown Pharmacy
Alisa Peters
Lisa Gonzales
Jessie Raben, Tammy, Shane and Jamie Martel
Jon, Stephanie, Jaten and Josh Hataway
Gene and Betty Posey
Larry and Linda Waldrip
Preston and Charlene Leake Ed Sims
Alex, Marysue and Emily Hadderton
Michael and Rachel Schoppa
Mike and Martha Hadderton
Mack and Jane Terry
Jibber and Cindy Herridge
Cody and Emily Nowlin
Ray Don, Jana and Raylea Underwood
Marion and Pat Cruse and Family
R.L. and Jimella Simpson
Chris and JoAnn Stelzer
Sue Davis
Christy and Brice Nix, Lubbock
Stacy, Christa and Cole Edwards Wantagua, TX
Kelley, Kay, Samantha and Cody Edwards Wantagua, TX
Dewayne, Wendy, Keelee and Allen Trague, Wantagua, TX
Rocky, Katrina, Kyra, Kyndal, Kyle Browning Rising Star, TX
Julius Stelzer
Walter & Willa Didway
Donny & Diann Windham
A.J. & Judy McAlister
Bob, Sherri & Melissa Brown El Paso, TX
T.J. & Jess Brown Orange, CA
Tina, Callie & Mattie Bradshaw Richmond, TX
Donna Renfro Phoenix, AZ
Tracy, Twana, & Tucker McAlister Lubbock, TX
Weldon & Maritta Reed
Djanna Poe
South Plains Answering Service
Tommy & Linda Puckett
Golden Plains Care Center
Roberta & David Clark
Les & Christy Rutherford and Family
Phil & Windy Mathews
Renee & Dusty Clary
Monk & Vena Palmer
Deb & Gina, Heather, Keatha, Jon and Tobe Palmer
Jody, Bart, Josie, Beadley, Shyne, Bryson and Caden Whisenhunt
Carey and Wade Bridgeman
Uncle Red's Ice Cream Parlor & Soda Shop
Richard, Shawnette, & Zach Hinkle
Sassy Sunflower
Shawnette, Lana, Christy and Julie
Ray & Earline Bagby
Lance, Gina, & Jacob Bagby
Darrell, Raeline, Blaine & Jadin Reece
Kelly, Donna, Klent, Kam, Whitney & Kye Baker
Charles and Kay Wallace
Jimmy and Hildegard Martin
Jerry, Kay and Kelsey Hays
Barry & Amy Morris and Family
Dana Babb
Metta Tyler
Glen and Teresa Williams
Family Cleaners and Employees
Mistie Day Insurance Agency
Head To Toe Salon, Tamara Reed
Pat and Susan Pennell
Ila Workman
Will & LaGayluah McReynolds Randeli, Jamie, Baylee, Bella, &
Bristol
Alexa and Christin Collier
Cody, Angeline, Emmett and Wesley Collier
Jered, Kelli, Yates and Weldon Dunn
Gale and Glenda Shobe
Curt, Kim, Sara and Landon Greer
Lanny and Doyleene Willborn
Ferge Ferguson
Edd, Dylan & Shayne Friese .. Lelind Harris
Lauren & Payton Campbell
Joe, Chris, Jamie & Rachel Seabourn & McKenzie
Steve Sawyers family
Dan Sawyers family
Mark Spradley family
Tracy McAlister family
Bobby Josey
Jaynie Dickson
Terry & Linda Huestis
Randy, Patricia, Tyler and Trent Josey
Robby, Ali, Jason and Parker Huestis
Halea and Daniel Newcomb
Torre Josey and Wesley Warren
Bill & Donna Aten
Cres, Cynthia & Anthony Merell
Rosa Gonzales Rosa Raul & Gracie
Benny & Sherry Owen
Marc & Debbie Owen and Kagean & Bailey
Re-J Pool, Spa & Deck Services
Legacy Oil
Rodney & Julie, Pierce & Piper Owen
Fred, Kay, Brenna & Chess Postell
Kathy Fluit & family
Ollie & Irene Abraham & family
Chili and Carolyn Black
Carol Williams
Charles and Barbara Hardin
Santi and Kasey Hardin Toivola and Simo .. San Antonio
Matt and Holly Hardin Hoel, Parker and Hailey ... Houghton, LA
Curtis and Julie Hudman
Richard, Lichele Kohen and Kyna Hudman
John and Jana Mundine
Gene and Velta King
Mildred Sentell
Preston and Shari Poole
Virginia Babb
Mathel & Rosene Green
Will & Joan Sean
Jim & BeBe Boren
Scott Smith
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Dennis & Nancy McDonald, Trent, Melissa, & Dakota
Curtis & Tommie Williams
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Doyle & Jan Nichols, Jessica, Jennifer, Mark, Landan & Ava Woods
K.W. & Patty Kirkpatrick
Ronnie & Voda Beth, Vondi & Addi Gradine
Dean & Arimya Beasley, Gray, Garon & Guner
Seth, Tara & Kinlee Redman
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Justin & Heather Hoffner
Ted & Carmen Brannon
John Strubhart
Allen & Pixie Grisham
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Jana Middleton
Opal Ray
Troy & Carolyn Willis
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Coby, Mande & Paxton Jones
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Buzz & Tince Thacker
Justin, Amanda, Everest & Sawyer Terry
Mandy & Cambelle Terry
Todd Terry
Dicky & Nancy Wallace, Shayla & Hayden
Jerry & Judy Bush
Jeanette Hodges
Lina Rodriguez & family
Joey, Rebecca, Parker, Katie & Nicolas Quintana
David & Melinda Quincey & Andrew Quintana
Gerg & Terri Lawrence, Trent & Traven
Lamar & Karen Jones .. Mara & Ashlee York
Lane, Christina & Sydnee Jones
Annie Laura Francis
Kevin, Donna, Kelci, Kyle, Karah & Katie Craig ... Mansfield, TX
Rodney, Susan, Ben & Gage George ... Lubbock, TX
Keith, Morgan, Hanna Beth Hamond ... Hilo, Hawaii
Jr. & Sue Foster
David, Carla, Jace, Brock, Zack & Luke Foster ... Lubbock, TX
Daryl Foster & Susan Little
Neal & Jenny Francis
Robbie, Beverly & Ashley Francis Lubbock, TX
Rick, Courtney, Ricky, Darci & Sierra Fontenot
Alyne Clanton & family
Sandra Claborn, Monique, Morgan & Payson Hendrix
Charles & Dedra Adams
Harold & Francis Craig
Fern Jones
Royce & Marianne Hart
Theona Josey
Kyle & Diane Josey
Kohen, Patti & Jay Josey
Delores Redman
Jerry & Melanie Windham
Kenda, John, Sunny & Mallory Baskins ... San Antonio, TX
Corby, Katelyn & Ashley Windham ... San Antonio
Billy & Wilma Williams
Kurt, Renea & Danica Williams
Bill & Gina Rankin, Madison, Emily & Carter
Rex, Terri, Wilson & Madison Cash
Scooter, Bunny, Lauren & Morgan Lynch
George Reece
Melonie & Brit Osborn .. Russ & Jake
Eric, Jacqueline, Jacey & Jansen Reece .. Florida
Becky Phifer & family Amarillo, TX
Jana Arant & family Vernon, TX
Odee Kemp
Dr. Jim Kemp & Kelsey
Ragtown Gospel Theater
Glenn & Twila Polk
Chip & Robin Polk
Robert Heckaman, Breann & Dion
Allen, Jessica & Riley Heckman
Oneita Gunn
Reba Probst
The Bowman family ... Dolph, Nedi & Kiki
Clara Rolan
Bo & Marita Jackson
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Giles & Nelda Dalby
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Lea Mock
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James, Andrea, Cade and Maci Mock
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Dr. and Mrs. Ted Scott ... El Campo, TX
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Patsy Humble
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Post Basketball



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Dakota McDonald #33 defending the ball also shown are #14 Vance Blair & #10 Tavish Soto



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4 Haley Berry, #14 Madison Cash, #10 Shirley Araiza, #11 Matti Smith, #31 Kelby Oden, #12 Skylar Jones, #13 Kaitlin Elmore, #23 Sara Greer



Photo By Nancy McDonald

Matti Smith #11 rushing the ball. Also shown Skylar Jones, #12, Haley Berry #4 and Sara Greer



Photo By Nancy McDonald

Jake Perez #5 and Corbin McDonald and Vance Blair, #14 putting defensive pressure on the Denver City player Photo By Nancy McDonald



Coaches Corner by Steve Smith

The King with Four Wives

Once upon a time there was a rich king who had four wives. He loved the fourth wife the most and adorned her with rich robes and treated her to the finest delicacies. He gave her nothing but the best.

He also loved the third wife very much and showed her off to neighboring kingdoms. However, he feared that one day she would leave him for another.

He also loved his second wife. She was his confidante and she was always kind, considerate and patient with him. Whenever the king faced a problem, he could confide in her to help him get through the difficult times.

The king's first wife was a very loyal partner and had made great contributions in maintaining his wealth and kingdom. However, he did not love the first wife but although she loved him deeply, he hardly took notice of her.

One day, the King fell ill and he knew that his time was short. Thus, he asked the 4th wife, "I have loved you the most endowed you with the finest clothing and show-

ered great care over you. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?"

"No way!" replied the 4th wife and she walked away without another word.

Her answer cut like a sharp knife right into his heart.

The sad king asked the third wife, "I have loved you all my life. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?"

"No!" replied the 3rd wife. "Life is too good! When you die, I am going to remarry!"

His heart sank and turned cold.

He then asked the 2nd wife, "I have always turned to you for help and you've always been there for me. When I die, will you follow me and keep me company?"

"I'm sorry, I can't help you out of this time!" replied the 2nd wife. "The very most, I can only send you to your grave."

Her answer came like a bolt of thunder and the King was devastated.

Then a voice called out: "I'll leave with you and fol-

low you no matter where you go."

The king looked up and there was his first wife. She was so skinny, because she suffered from malnutrition. Greatly grieved the King said, "I should have taken better care of you when I had a chance!"

Our 4th wife is our BODY. No matter how much time and effort we lavish in making it look great, it'll leave us when we die.

Our 3rd wife is our POSSESSIONS, STATUS and WEALTH. When we die, it will all go to others.

Our 2nd wife is our FAMILY and friends. No matter how much they have been there for us, the furthest they can stay by us is up to the grave.

Our 1st wife is our SOUL, often neglected in pursuit of wealth, power and pleasures of the ego. However, our Soul is the only thing that will follow us wherever we go. So cultivate, strengthen and cherish it now! It is your greatest gift to offer the world.

— Author Unknown

Post ISD School Menu:

January 2nd – January 6th

Breakfast:
Monday
Holiday

Tuesday
Holiday

Thursday
Pizza, Salad, Corn,
Peaches, Milk

Tuesday
Holiday

Wednesday
Chicken Nuggets, Mashed
Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot
Roll,
Gravy, Pudding, Milk

Friday
Chicken Fajitas, Refried
Beans, Onions & Peppers,
Oranges,
Sherbet, Milk

Wednesday
Pop Tarts, Sausage Link,
Fruit, Milk

Thursday
Waffles, Sausage, Fruit,
Milk

Friday
Cereal, Graham Cracker,
Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch:
Monday
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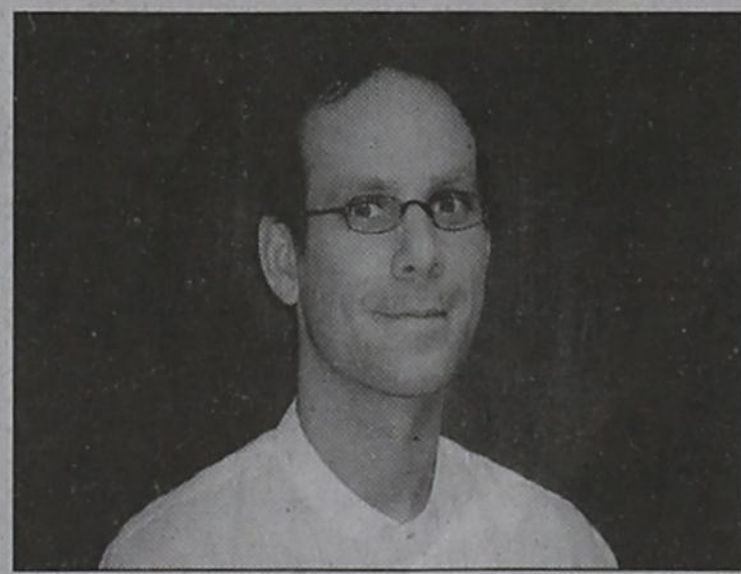
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Dr. Ben Edwards and Garza County Health Clinic

are pleased to announce the addition of

Shane Frankl, FNP Family Nurse Practitioner



Shane Frankl, FNP, is pleased to be part of the healthcare team at Garza County Health Clinic. As a Family Nurse Practitioner, he has extensive healthcare experience in heart and lung transplant surgery, and is pleased to get back to the clinic setting working alongside Dr. Ben Edwards and Physician Assistant Angela Hannaway. Shane also specializes in Chronic Disease Management and Weight Loss. Whether he sees patients in the clinic setting or he is making house calls for those established patients unable to travel, Shane ensures that his patients will get the medical attention they need.

And, Shane is no stranger to farmland and ranching. Growing up on a cattle and horse ranch in Montana, he now resides in O'Donnell, just a stone's throw away from Post, with his wife and two children.

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his pickup truck at a crossing. Gunn was in San Antonio in support of Idalou students who were participating in the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo.

Post High School softball player Sydney Jones, a senior, signed Feb. 16 to play softball for Lubbock Christian University.

A huge range fire brought February to a close -- an

omen, as it turned out, of fires that would scorch much more of the countryside before the end of what would turn out to be a long, withering drought. The fire on Sunday, Feb. 27, raged across about 20,000 acres of land east of Post, necessitating the closure of parts of US 380. The wind-whipped fire began around 4 p.m. near the airport.

A race on Saturday, March

5, held in memory of Jonathan McDonald, fallen DPS trooper, drew 275 participants and raised a little over \$8,000 to help Brynne Bigham, a child with a rare digestive disorder, who is the daughter of friends of McDonald and his wife. Ultimately, the Bigham family used the money to create a foundation to help all children with the condition. The race featured both one-mile and five-kilometer routes and was billed as the first of what is expected to be an annual event.

At the annual Taba'na Yuan'e (Sunrise Wind) ceremony on March 22 in the city park, a long-held ritual, Head Man Ken LeBlanc predicted conditions would be below average for crops and the range across the area. The basis for the unfavorable forecast for 2011-- which has proved to be quite true -- was the direction of the wind at sunrise, coming from the southwest. Early settlers adopted the forecast ceremony from the nomadic Comanche, who dominated the area before the arrival of settlers.

Post Masonic Lodge 1058

honored two members with pins on March 22 -- Giles McCrary for 60 years of service and Jim Boren for 50 years.

The Corvette Club of Amarillo showed up in force downtown for a Murder Mystery event at the Hotel Garza.

In April, wildfires continued to plague Garza County. The outbreak of three fires at different locations on April 10 followed by two more fires on April 11 prompted the Texas Forest Service to call in Texas Rangers to help investigate the fires, with arson suspected as the cause.

Law officers on patrol on April 19 turned two separate late-afternoon routine traffic stops into drug busts. With help from drug dog Nikka, officers found and confiscated cocaine, marijuana and illegally-possessioned Loritab pain tablets, impounding both vehicles and arresting four people in the process.

The Post FFA horse judging team experienced a successful season, finishing in the top ten at five out of six contests and placing second at the state contest.

Fundraisers held by various groups raised well over \$100,000 to help fund fire-fighting efforts as volunteer firefighters continued to deal with range fires across the area.

Police arrested a disorderly gun-wielding man in the 200 block of S. Avenue E, charging him with deadly conduct, a third-degree felony.

Rodney, Marcie and Kelbie Oden, a Garza County farm family, accepted a \$2,500 donation from Monsanto Corp. to, in turn, give the money to a non-profit organization of their choice. The Odens designated Garza 4-H to receive the donation, part of a Monsanto plan to help deserving organizations in 69 Texas counties.

The fifth grade band earned two Division I ratings and the Sweepstakes Award at the Abernathy Band Festival on

May 13.

A May 17 traffic stop ended in the arrest of both driver and passenger for cocaine possession.

Mayor Thressa Harp and Ward 1 Councilwoman Melba Cimental, both incumbents, took oaths of office for new terms on May 31, leaving the city council with one vacancy yet to fill -- the Ward 2 place on the council, vacated by Dickie Odom and not sought by anyone. The city government asked residents interested in taking the vacant position to submit their names for consideration for appointment, the legal process required to fill such a vacancy.

Downtown merchants and vendors reported a profitable experience from Post City Trade Day on Saturday, June 4.

Answering a medical emergency call on June 1, Sheriff's Deputy Kelly Clay saved the life of a Post resident by administering chest compressions until medical personnel could take over

and the stricken person could be taken by helicopter to the hospital.

In June, heat, wind and a lack of rain prompted Arbie Taylor, city manager, to ask Post residents to voluntarily conserve water, although the White River Municipal Water District remained in good condition with the White River Lake levels still adequate to meet the needs of Post, Spur, Ralls and Crosbyton.

The third weekend in June saw "Abraham and Isaac" open at Ragtown Gospel Theater, with the production set to run through July 23.

On June 24, a range fire swept across open country between US 84 and FM 211, gobbling up dry grass, mesquite trees and scrub cedar. The Garza County Fire Department and Justiceburg Volunteer Fire Department both fought the blaze.

Management & Training Corporation named Capt. Susan Little "Correctional Officer of the Year" at Dalby Correctional Facility.

Extension Extras

December 27, 2011

4-Hers Help Needed - 4-H will be providing the concession stand at the GCJLA Stock Show Jan-19th-21st. This money will benefit all 4-Hers for camp entries, contest entries and scholarship fund. We need all volunteers to contact the Extension office @ 806-495-4400 to set up times to work.

4-H Quilt Raffle - "Texas Pride" Benefitting the Syd Conner Memorial 4-H Scholarship

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 available at the Garza County Extension Office, Family Cleaners, or

from Audree Williams or Kelbie Oden

4-H Scholarship Information - If you are a graduating senior and interested in applying for a 4-H scholarship. Please contact the Extension Office.

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

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Photo By Hanaba Munn Welch

Under the oversight of Lupe Perez, county jailer, inmates work on a sunny day before Christmas to prepare ground on a vacant lot for a community garden. If rain and snow continue to fall, the garden stands a chance. Dry weather hurt this year's community gardening effort.

AgriLIFE EXTENSION

Texas A&M System

AgriLife Extension disaster recovery guide now available in e-book format

By Paul Schattenberg

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service disaster recovery guide on how individuals, families and businesses can recover from a disaster such as a hurricane, fire or flood, is now available free in e-book format.

"Now you can download this guide to your mobile device or tablet before a disaster happens, so you'll have it available in the event you're ever affected by one," said Dr. Andy Vestal, AgriLife Extension director of homeland security and emergency management in College Station.

The "After a Disaster: Information to Help You and Your Family Recover" e-book contains details on various recovery-related topics, including keeping safe, assessing structural damage, debris removal, basic first aid, obtaining assistance, removing odors, controlling mold and insects, salvaging important documents and helping family members cope.

Vestal said the guide was developed by experts from AgriLife Extension and other entities of the Texas A&M University System in conjunction with input from state and national disaster mitigation and recovery organizations.

"This guide is a comprehensive but easy-to-understand publication with lists, worksheets, contacts and other useful material covering a preponderance of those issues and challenges people face in recovering from a disaster," he said.

Treye Rice, AgriLife Extension web usability and design specialist, said the guide was made available in e-book format in large part due to In-



ternet search data from people affected by the many wildfires experienced throughout the state this year.

"The Texas EDEN website statistic and usage data collected during and after the Bastrop wildfires indicated that a large number of people were searching for disaster recovery information," Rice said. "They were doing this using a mobile device, such as an Apple iPhone or Google Android Phone."

Rice said the guide may be downloaded in its entirety using almost any generally available mobile device. He added the new e-book is currently only available in English, but a Spanish-language version will be available soon. A PDF version is already available for download in English and Spanish.

"While the guide has been converted to e-book format to be downloaded and read on iPhone, Android, Kindle and similar devices, the mobile device being used will determine the format and any additional app that may be needed to allow reading it," he added.

Rice said in addition to downloading the entire guide in the e-book format, users may also download the complete guide or specific sections in PDF format. Download options can be found at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu/disaster-recovery-guide-and-ebook.php>.

Additional information on disaster preparation, mitigation and recovery may be downloaded free from the Texas Extension Disaster Education Network website, <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>. Free disaster- and emergency-related publications may also be found online at the Texas AgriLife Bookstore, <http://agrilifebookstore.org>.

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