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Unique markers are points on historic trail



Photo By Hanaba Munn Welch

Wearing his headdress June 11 at Quannah Parker Celebration in Quannah, Baldwin Parker Jr., last living grandson of Chief Quannah Parker, repeats the blessing his famous grandfather pronounced on the town of Quannah in 1890. Holding the microphone is his daughter Ardith Parker-Leming. A resident of Cache, Okla., Baldwin Parker Jr. died Monday at age 93.

By Hanaba Munn Welch

Follow the arrows. It's the mantra of a tourism initiative that's seen a hail of tall steel arrows fall into place after place across the Texas Plains, all marking the Quannah Parker Trail. It's a connect-the-dots trail anyone can follow in any direction simply to be in places where Chief Quannah Parker and the nomadic Comanche once left their footprints.

A map, in last week's Dispatch showed the location of the arrow sculptures, all fabricated by sculptor-welder Charles Smith of New Home, in towns from Quannah and Benjamin to Seminole, Seagraves and Denver City. Post has two arrows -- one in town at the Garza County Museum and another east of town at

Terrace Cemetery, a scenic spot with an expansive view of the landscape below.

The intriguing story of Quannah Parker, son of white captive Cynthia Ann Parker and her Comanche husband Peta Nocona, has caught the interest of historians and romantics and people in general for over a century. From the 1836 capture of the 9-year-old Cynthia Ann in a Comanche raid on Fort Parker near present-day Groesbeck to her 1860 recapture from the tribe by U.S. Cavalry and Texas Rangers in a raid on a Comanche winter camp in present-day Foard County, the story has become the stuff of legend and many books and has lent itself to a blockbuster movie, "The Searchers" starring, among others, John Wayne. More

recently, S.C. Gwynne's noteworthy attempt to write a factual account of the saga in his book "Empire of the Summer Moon" earned him and his book a spot on the New York Times Best Sellers list. Such is the everlasting appeal of a tragic story that tells of both the clashing and the blending to two powerful cultures. It's a story that is part of the heritage of East Texas where it all began and West Texas where it played out, on and off the Caprock, and Oklahoma, where remnants of both the Comanche and the buffalo

they once hunted are now at home in the Wichita Mountains.

If anything, the Quannah Parker Trail is a Texas pilgrimage-route waiting to happen -- especially if Larry McMurtry follows through with his plans to turn Gwynne's book into a screenplay.

The arrows are just one aspect of the trail project. There's also a website: www.quannahparkertrail.com. But it's the arrows that are giving

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Dr. Edwards to debut in next week's Dispatch

The Post Dispatch is proud to announce that W. Benjamin Edwards, M.D. will begin an exclusive health column in The Dispatch beginning next week.

Dr. Edwards, Garza County's lone physician, practices at Garza County Health Clinic, 608 W 6th St.

"Dr. Edwards chose to come to Post and make a difference in the quality of life for the residents," said Chris Blackburn, publisher. "We are excited to have him contribute to this publication and as I'm sure his column will resonate with readers."

Dr. Edwards graduated from the University of Texas - Houston Medical School in May of 2002. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Biology



Courtesy Photo Dr. Ben Edwards

from Baylor University in May 1997.

Dr. Edwards came to Post in 2005 from Limestone County Medical Center in Groesbeck. He serves Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock.

2011 Brutal For Garza County Cotton

By Hanaba Munn Welch

There's not much to say about the Garza County dry land cotton crop of 2011 -- except that it just didn't happen.

"It's been pretty tough," said Ray Mason, local cotton

farmer who saw all his dry land cotton fail and didn't mind talking about it Monday in a phone interview.

Mason said it didn't take him long to realize his non-irrigated cotton wasn't going to do well.

"Once we planted and didn't see any rainfall," he said.

Laveta Norman, matriarch of a cotton farming family, also speaking by phone, had a similar story. No cotton.

"We just do dry land," she said. "We didn't have a stalk."

Norman said she'd never seen a year like 2011.

"I think it's the worst on record," she said.

But irrigated fields did produce a crop.

"Our center pivots were not as good, but the drip irrigated, it turned out pretty well," Mason said.

If the extreme heat and drought of the summer of 2011 put irrigation methods to the test, drip (sub-surface) won.

"We put in two new farms this year," Mason said. "We didn't get the drip installed until after we planted."

But the cotton came up and ended up in "pretty good shape," Mason said.

The lack of natural moisture and hot days called for aggressive irrigation.

"We never shut it off," he said.

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Photo By Rhonda Norman

2011 In Review Part II

Drought continues; Legend McCrary Dies

By Hanaba Munn Welch

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series covering the events of 2011 from the pages of The Post Dispatch. Part 2 covers July through December.

In the face of shorter funding, Post Independent School District Supt. Mike Comeaux said attrition would take care of staff cuts and that the district would maintain the quality of the curriculum on a tighter budget.

Over 100 dogs and one cat took dips for fleas and ticks on Saturday, July 9 at a Rotary Club-sponsored event at the Garza County Fire Department. Dr. Kerry Wink and his staff also gave vaccinations.

On the same day, a fundraiser at the Justiceburg Volunteer Fire Department raised over \$22,000. A 3,000-acre fire kept firefighters from attending the event.

In July, Garza County Theater staged "Over the River and Through the Woods."

Donations to fire departments in Post and Justiceburg totaled \$230,000 by mid-year, with much of the money coming from fundraisers.

City water customers boiled their water after a break in a water main caused water pressure drop below 20 pounds per square inch, the state-dictated threshold for cities to issue a precautionary "boil" order.

The Texas Plains Trail Region held its annual conference in Post on Aug. 15 and 16.

Marilyn Priddy and Carl Bernstein, musicians from New Mexico, performed folk, jazz and bluegrass music Aug. 15 at the Garza County Theater in a free concert sponsored by Post City Celebrations. The Post Chamber of Commerce hosted Bingo Night at the Post Community Center Aug. 4.

Rain was an added event on the opening night of the 71st Annual Stampede Rodeo.

United Supermarkets store on US 84 got a new look in August thanks to renovations, new equipment and an update of the store's interior design and display arrangements.

School started Aug. 23 with an enrollment of 818, up from a beginning enrollment of 730 in 2010.

Dicky Odom won grand champion honors Aug. 23 in the Cooks for the Cure Cookoff in Slaton. First in brisket and second in pork butt won him the top prize.

On Sept. 3, the Post Rotary Club sponsored a sanctioned "Smokin' in the Park" cookoff. Terry Roberts of Justiceburg was named grand champion, and Clay Hamm of Gail, reserve champion.

The City of Post and The Post Dispatch sponsored at

End of Summer Celebration at the city park on Monday Sept. 5, Labor Day.

The Garza Theater closed when the city condemned the building, acting on safety concerns. A building inspection had revealed structural deficits and a lack of compliance with safety codes and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

A Sept. 8 hearing on the proposed county budget served as a forum for residents to express their concerns about budget cuts and county job cuts, particularly in the area of law enforcement.

Also on Sept. 8, at the National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration in Lubbock, Linda Puckett, director of the Garza County Museum, received an award for the "Best Western Museum."

Garza County received an emergency mobile communications command center -- a truck unveiled Sept. 27 in Lubbock at the South Plains Association of Government center. The truck is equipped with a live weather station and other computerized equipment to coordinate handling all sorts of emergency situations, from wildfires to lost hikers and car accidents.

Steffi Scott took over the job of editor of The Post Dispatch, beginning with the Friday, Oct. 7 issue.

At Post High School



Courtesy Photo

The late Giles McCrary, right, is shown meeting the late Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. On the right of Mr. McCrary is Father Malcolm from Lubbock. McCrary, a local legend, died October 30, 2011.

Homecoming, Shirley Araiza was named Football Sweetheart, and Rebecca Fannon, Band Sweetheart.

The Pride of Post Marching Band performed Oct. 8 in the 8th Annual Lubbock High School Marching Festival, an event designed to prepare bands for University Interscholastic League competition later in the month.

Trent McKnight of Throckmorton announced his candidacy for State Representative, House District 68. The Tom Butler Memorial

Ranch Bronc Riding event drew 70 competitors and about 5,000 spectators.

Post's Bold Gold cheerleaders competed in the KCBD Cheer Championship.

The Pride of Post Marching Band advanced to Area Marching Competition.

The musical "Grease" played to a full crowd Saturday, Oct. 29 at Post Elementary School Auditorium.

Main Street welcomed trick-or-treaters on Halloween with Garza County

Emergency Medical Services handing out candy from an ambulance.

Giles Connell McCrary Sr., 91, longtime mayor of Post, died Sunday, October 30, 2011 in Lubbock. McCrary, a World War II veteran, was Elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Post, mayor of Post from 1969-91, Citizen of the Year in 1985, a life member of Masonic Lodge #1058, member of the

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

I hope everyone had a good week and a great and safe New Year, the weather cooperated pretty good I'd say, hopefully it will for a while and get us off to a good start to this years crop. Some of the guys are already in the field beginning to get things moving along.

School is back on this week so watch out for the kids getting on and off busses as you are coming thru here.

Note to the peron or persons who came out this past weekend and took a joy ride on our golf cart.....If ya wanted to ride it fine, take it for a spin and then put it bac where you got it, but to put heavy blocks on the gas peddle and watch it take off by itself and run into a pole and then just leave it???? Really...did

your parents teach you absolutely no respect at all? I'd be glad to give you the name of the last person that pulled a little trick like this so you could talk to them, they are still paying for it!

For future reference.....we are a close knit bunch of folks out here and we have our eyes peeled so watch out! =)

We are thinking of doing another Close City Community Bingo night soon, I think everyone had a great time at the last one, many people have come up and asked us when we might do another one so keep reading the Post Dispatch as we will keep you updated. If anyone would like to help out in any way let us know and we will find something for you to do. FYI.....You don't have to

be a "Ragtownite" to help out, we welcome everybody!

Don't forget to visit Caprock Heirloom downtown and get your cookbooks and calendars.

Visitors

Cody Nowlain stopped in to visit on Wednesday Morning. Cody is the grandson of Mack and Jane Terry, he and his wife, Emily live in Lubbock. Good to see ya Cody!

Did you know...

Marine mammals do not actually drink. They get all the water they need from the fish that they eat.

Quote of the week....

A good name will shine forever.

Close City Birthdays



January 7th - Louis Abraham
January 9th - Cristina Lopez

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.

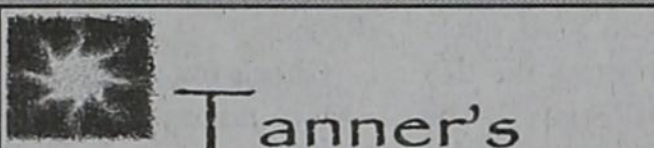
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Controlled by the Spirit Read Galatians 5:22-26

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

- Ephesians 4:31 (NIV)

After serving in the armed forces during World War II, I began working for a railroad company. My job was to start fires in the fireboxes of steam engines. Later I moved into the job of fireman, where I was responsible for maintaining the fire at the heat necessary for producing steam to power the engine. While shoveling coal I kept a wary eye on the boiler-water level, making certain it did not sink too low. If it did, that could cause the boiler to explode.

Occasionally, I reflect on that time, especially when I have a problem with my emotional "boiler." During stressful situations, my emotions can easily get out of hand. Because of my lack of self-control, my temper — my emotional boiler — sometimes explodes, damaging my dearest relationships.

I learned in those steam engines the importance of keeping a safe water level. Similarly, the safest way I know to keep my emotional boiler under control is not simply by using self-control but by placing myself under the control of the Holy Spirit.

John Eyberg (Oklahoma, USA)

Thought for the Day

Relying on the Holy Spirit can lower our boiling point.

Prayer

Scripture tells us, dear God, that you pour your love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5). What a gift you have given us, O God! Thank you.

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



The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

An open letter to readers, advertisers,

I'd like to thank you for your business in 2011 and wish you success in 2012. As a reader and/or advertising customer, I appreciate your business.

I'm not sure about you, but last year was a difficult one. Tremendous challenges were faced by many businesses across the spectrum and there is something to be said about survival.

As we continue to battle the obstacles around us and build lasting trust and relationships with clients, I hope you will keep in mind the fact that Blackburn Media Group newspapers reduced several of our rates in order to aid you business or service through the holidays.

Our small towns are important. What we do is important. In 2012, this publication must lead the way toward growth and prosperity. That means we have a lot of work to do. On a personal level, it means we need each other.

I wrote a column a few months back about making a list of what you need and getting the items you can in your city. I stand by the philosophy of shopping local. I was encouraged by the sales tax rebate numbers throughout 2011.

It appears there is marginal to good improvement in our local counties. Is that not great news in a year with a horrific drought?

Most of us are like-minded. We want a safe community to live in and opportunity. We have those things before us. They may not be easy to recognize sometimes, but I believe they are real. Look around your community and notice the worker bees delivering meals, serving on the chamber, working the concession stands... it takes a lot to make our communities hum.

Through organization, communication and hard work, we can have the kind of communities we all want to see. We should strive for excellence in 2012!

So much of our local economies are based on attitude. It can be argued that the chances of a thriving economy are related to optimism on what to expect. Nationally, we get a very pessimistic view of the economy. Either view can gain momentum.

I'm optimistic this year. I know too many people in the communities we serve and they are motivated and they are winners. They love their homes and they fight the good fight daily trying to make it better.

Small businesses are the backbone of this country. You take the risk, you provide jobs, you work your tail off to make ends meet... you are the lifeblood of your town and this country. Be proud of that!

Our communities can be what we make of them. You read your newspaper. You may love it or hate it, but odds are you are intelligent. The fact is smart people read newspapers - either print or online. Anyhow, as an intelligent person, you have a vision of what you'd like to see happen in your community. Odds are, that vision is very close to that of your neighbors.

Those visions need to be shared. Through communication we can develop long-term goals. This can begin now, or we can kick the can down the road another year. We should get together with our friends and discuss the possibilities and begin the network it will take to realize a common vision.

Thanks again for your readership and your business. It means more than I can express in a letter.

Regards,
Chris

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The 501 by Hanaba Munn Welch

In front of our house at the farm is an old John Deere tractor. All other yard ornaments pale in comparison. It looks really good when it snows.

Be careful where you park a tractor in case it never starts again.

By any other name, the tractor is an "objet trouvé," that famous French art term for a "found object."

Of course, it's not like we found the tractor somewhere. But when it comes to calling something a found object, the term means finding the object to be art rather than finding the object.

The longer you neglect a tractor, the more picturesque it gets, and the more it lends itself to being an objet trouvé. Still, much depends on who's looking at it and the going price for scrap.

Meanwhile, here's a story with an objet trouvé theme:

In New Orleans in the 1970s I babysat once for an artist who let dirty dishes stack up in and by the sink. Then she painted them, and

I don't mean she painted them instead of washing them, except that's exactly what she did. For still life compositions, dirty dishes trumped fruit and flowers. (She could've changed later, but she was in her dirty dishes period back then.) Whether her stuff sold or not, as long as she had a kitchen clutter painting in progress on her easel, who could fault her for letting the housework go? Art first.

I remember only her last name. Did she ever become famous?

Internet pause to search for an artist named d'arensbourg

Believe it or not, I just found a New York artist named Jane D'Arensbourg, who designs jewelry. One of her Facebook entries indicates she made the November 2010 issue of Martha Stewart Living Magazine. Somehow I don't think it's the same D'Arensbourg.

Another internet pause
Wow. A little more research, and I've unearthed two salient facts: Jane D'Arensbourg was born in,

of all places, New Orleans, and she puts a torch to Pyrex to make jewelry! There you have it. Another way to turn dirty dishes into art. Use a torch.

Looking at her picture I think she is at best a descendant of the artsy D'Arensbourg I met, perhaps a younger sister of the little boy I babysat in that rather quaint apartment off St. Charles Avenue. I like to think so.

It's enough to make me want to do a quick pen and ink study of our kitchen counter and then add calculated dashes of color. My artist's eye is looking at dishes to be washed, a bowl of fruit worthy of a Dutch master and some objets trouvés -- Folgers coffee containers, a potato atop a Dannon yogurt container, a jar lid, a cell phone case, a tractor bushing, a pill bottle and the potholder I made in the first grade.

Did I mention the fruit bowl is Pyrex? And me without a torch.

Better I go take a picture of the tractor.

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Boys Basketball Scores

Campell Kirkpatrick	12
Jacob Perez	1
Tavish Soto	3
Pake Jones	3
Vance Blair	3
Parker Loftus	9
Taylor Soto	7
Corbin McDonald	7
Dakota McDonald	7
Bryan Smith	7

Post Record:	8	9
District Record:	0	2
Team:	Post	Varsity Boys

BOYS BASKETBALL SCORES

Final Score:	Post 34	Forsan 40		
Score by Quarter				
Team	1	2	3	4
Post	10	9	5	10
Forsan	10	9	8	13
Team Free Throws	2 out 5	Forsan 12 out 16		
Team Fouls 1st Half	7	4		
Team Fouls 2nd Half	11	4		

Post Players Scoring

Dalton Holly	7
Campell Kirkpatrick	7
Jacob Perez	7
Tavish Soto	2
Pake Jones	3
Vance Blair	3
Parker Loftus	9
Taylor Soto	5
Corbin McDonald	8
Dakota McDonald	8

Next Game Friday 1-6-12 vs, Stanton in Post Games start at 5:00

Post Record:	8	8
District Record:	0	1
Team:	Post	Varsity Boys

Final Score:	Post 21	Vega 68		
Score by Quarter				
Team	1	2	3	4
Post	2	7	6	6
Vega	12	21	31	4
Team Free Throws	3 out 13	Vega 28 out 40		
Team Fouls 1st Half	8	7		
Team Fouls 2nd Half	19	6		

Post Players Scoring

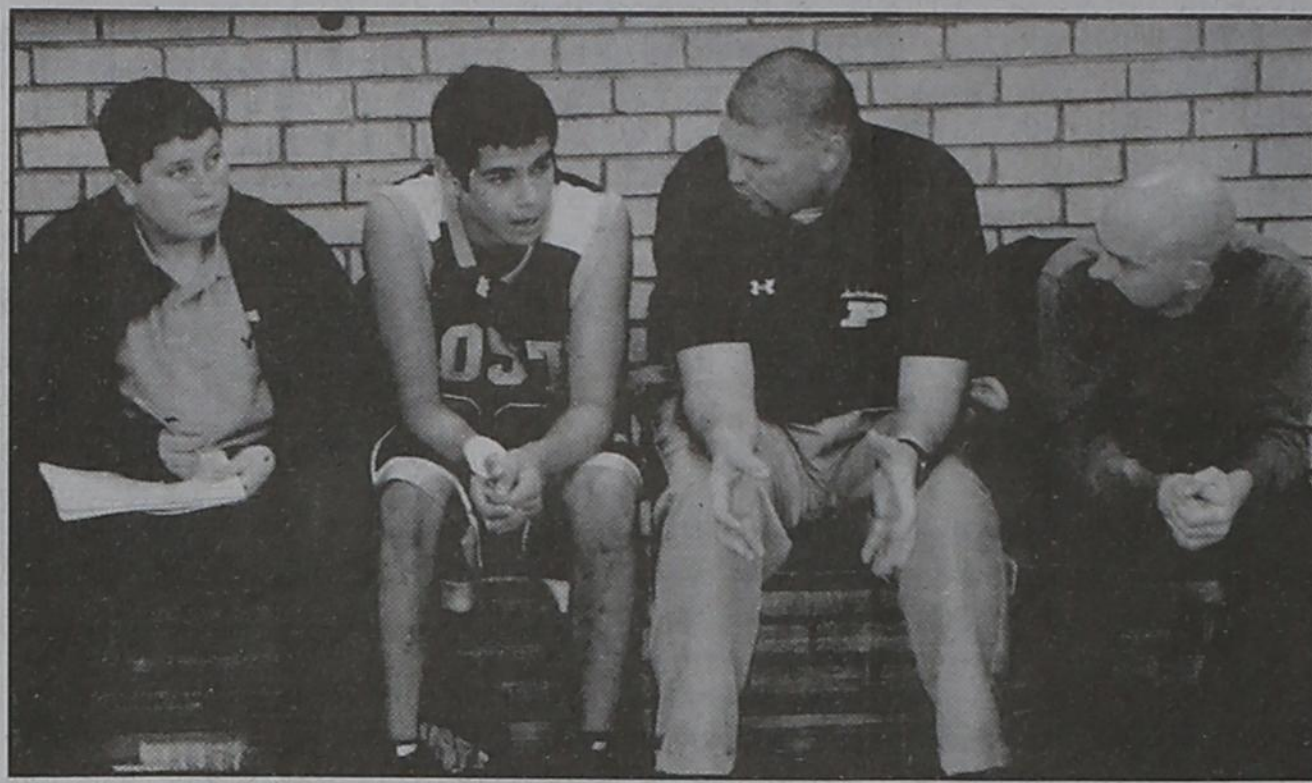
Dalton Holly	7
Campell Kirkpatrick	2
Jacob Perez	2
Tavish Soto	1
Pake Jones	3
Vance Blair	2
Parker Loftus	2
Taylor Soto	4
Corbin McDonald	4
Dakota McDonald	4
Bryan Smith	2

Post Record:	8	8
District Record:	0	1
Team:	Post	Varsity Boys

Final Score:	Post 48	Seagraves 60		
Score by Quarter				
Team	1	2	3	4
Post	13	16	5	14
Seagraves	10	10	17	23
Team Free Throws	11 out 20	Seagraves 19 out 33		
Team Fouls 1st Half	5	7		
Team Fouls 2nd Half	17	10		

Post Players Scoring

Dalton Holly	9
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Photos By Nancy McDonald
Danny Fontenont (SF),
Freddy Araiza, JV boys
Coach Quinn, Coach
Toney (Varsity boys coach)



JV boys: Bryan, Smith, Freddie Araiza (22) and Carson Kirkpatrick (12)



Haily Berry and Kelbie oden



Jake Perez getting rebound along with Taylor Sots. Also shown 00, Dalton Holly and 24 Corbin McDonald



Madison Cash #14 Varsity game



Taylor Soto, Tavish Soto and Jake Perez



Skylar Jones #12, Shirley Araiza #10, Sara Greer #23, Matti Smith #11 Varsity Game



Coaches Corner

Personal Freedom And Responsibility

by Steve Smith

"We, and all others who believe in freedom as deeply as we do, would rather die on our feet than live on our knees." -Franklin Delano Roosevelt

What makes greatness? What drives individuals, teams, or countries to greatness? It is a question that has sparked many feuds, conflicts and even wars. From the movie: Braveheart **William Wallace:** I am William Wallace. And, I see a whole army

of my country men, here in defiance of tyranny.

You've come to fight as freemen, and freemen you are. What will you do without freedom?! Will you fight?

Man: No... we will run... and we will live.

William Wallace: Aye. Fight and you may die. Run and you'll live, at least a while. And, dying in your beds, many years from now, would you be willing to trade all the days from this day to that for one chance -- just one chance -- to come back here and tell our enemies, that they may take our lives, but they'll never take our freedom!

We as Americans more than any other country in the world hold true that freedom, above

all else, is what makes greatness. It is the rallying cry for every soldier, patriot, and honest man, who understands what freedom really means. Alan Keyes said, "Freedom is first of all a responsibility before the God from whom we come." This means that we as free men and women must take complete responsibility for yourself. The day you stop making excuses that, is the day you start to really be in control of your life, your destiny, and is the key to being a person of integrity, courage and the guide to your own personal success and happiness.

"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it" states Thomas Paine. Responsibility is the

great secret. We fight and die for freedom, but what we say and do must reflect the responsibility that comes with the great power of freedom. As Spiderman's Uncle would say, "With power come great responsibilities."

"The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender, or submission." The words of John Fitzgerald Kennedy are true. This price we have paid since the first pilgrim died on the soil of this continent. The founding pioneers that come to this country to escape tyranny and willing to take the responsibility of their future and their lives into their own hands.

More and more in American we clamor about our "rights", our "due", or what someone else "owes" us, and if we don't get it we sue. There is an entire industry in our society that feeds off people who instead of taking responsibility for

themselves would choose to give up personal freedoms because someone else is to blame for their current state. "Good people do not need laws to tell them to act responsibly, while bad people will find a way around the laws." stated Plato. A quote that says it all about the lobbies that want more and more control over our lives, and the personal claims lawsuits that flood our courts.

Lawsuits on tobacco companies, gun manufacturers, car manufacturers, and the list go on and on. Where do we as a people hold ourselves accountable for our own actions? When we blame McDonalds because we are fat what we are saying is, "I can't handle the freedom of choice to choose what I eat, I need the government to regulate what they put in the food."

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS ...

Post Notes

Holy Cross Catholic Church
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 Wednesday 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:

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.



By Dr. Wink

As we begin the new year many of us make new year resolutions. It seems most of them have a common denominator...either to lose weight or to become better in shape. Some of these new year's resolutions may help out our four legged family members as well. Just as in the human medical field, veterinarians have seen a tremendous increase in the number of obese animals. Some studies show up to 60% of pets are overweight. This problem rest

solely on the owners.

Our pets are truly members of our families. They can act like us, look like us, and follow our directions willing. We spoil our animals way too much. We leave our TV on when are at work for our pets can watch their favorite show, like Animal Planet. Some pets spend the majority of the day in a crate, pen or the house waiting on us to get home. Then when we get home we are ready to sit down and relax or cook supper so our animals are not getting any exercise. By this time we feel sorry for them and we give them treats, table scraps, or high caloric foods.

Overfeeding our pets is the most common reason for obesity, and is the most common problem seen in veterinary medicine. Obesity is a very serious disease. Fat is consid-

ered to act like an organ which secretes large amounts of hormones which affects the entire body. Obesity can lead to heart, breathing, and circulatory problems. This adds stress on the limbs, joints and spine which increases the chance of arthritis and exercise intolerance. Excess weight also contributes to diabetes, liver disease, urinary problems and cancer. These animals are more susceptible to infection and have a shorter life expectancy. Overweight animals are less tolerant to anesthesia, have slower healing abilities, and are subject to post-operative infections.

However don't worry, we can help many of these animals by just changing a few simple things. I have several patients locally that have responded great to a weight

loss program. This is a very slow process and it takes lots of dedication and hard loving on the owners part. There are special diet foods available over the counter and also prescription diets as well, depending on how overweight your pet is. Just by shedding a few pounds off your pet can make a huge difference in the way they act and their activity level.

So if you want to make your four legged family member a new year's resolution to this year, we can help. You can schedule an appointment and we can get started on a weight loss program. How knows... if we have enough contestants, we can have a "Biggest Loser Contest-Pet edition." Involving biweekly weigh ins as well for them. Let me your pet's Bob or Julian.

I've been thinking

 By Leslie Tatum

Looking forward to a fresh new start in the New Year makes the world seem all rosy and hopeful, and it is. It is a clean slate with no mistakes or catastrophes to mar the year. It is shiny and clean and full of hopes and dreams that this could be the year. You know, that year, the one that makes all the stars align and it happens, whatever it is for you.

I love the movie Hope Floats for many reasons: I love a good love story with a good plot, I like to watch Harry Connick Jr. and San-

dra Bullock, and I love the title. Hope does float. It's that little niggling feeling of optimism mixed with faith that keeps us going on and looking forward. It keeps us thinking that it is possible.

I love to write more than just about anything, and believe me, I have plenty of hobbies! I love to create a story out of a blank piece of paper and my imagination. I've written quite a bit and I would love to have something published. That's my it every year. I have that hope in my heart that maybe this is the year,

my year, when a publisher says, "Yes!" instead of "it doesn't fit our house right now," which is what I've gotten most of the time. Despite rejection, I just can't rid myself of that hope.

Having faith in a wonderful Savior gives us a hope that will not be denied. Hope that we have something even better than this life waiting for us one day. Now that's hope! Real hope. It is so reassuring that our father is so concerned for us that he wants us to have hope and not only in salvation.

In Psalms, David says to the faithful, "Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart." It has always made me feel so secure to know that the Father loves me and wants for me just as I want for my children, not wealth, but the real desires of our hearts.

I challenge you right now. Take a little time and really think for a while and figure out what you are truly hopeful for in this New Year. This year I wish for you hope to obtain the desires of your heart.



Members of the Week

Silver Member
Garza County Health Care District
&
Silver Member
Two Draw Lake

Annual chamber awards banquet

Our chamber banquet is scheduled for February 25, 2012. As always, awards will be presented awards for citizen and business of the year. Ballots will be sent out the first part of february.

Job opening

There is a full-time position open at higinbotham bartlett in post. Must have clean driving record. Apply in person.

If you have news or information for the newsletter, please contact the chamber office - chamberofcommerce@postcitytx.com or 495-3461.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We would like to express our gratitude and thanks for the many wonderful people of Post, the folks at Ragtown Gospel Theatre and the wonderful churches in Post and Lubbock that so kindly, generously and thoughtfully helped us out after our house burned.

We got out with nothing

but ourselves and our pajamas, so we had nothing left, not even our dogs.

During and after this terrible time and awful tragedy we came to realize that God is indeed still in the miracle business through the kindness, goodness and generosity of so many people.

It has certainly renewed

our faith in God and the goodness of people.

We can never thank you enough.

Also, a special thanks to the volunteer fire department, E.M.S. and the Garza County Sheriff Department.

With humbleness and gratitude to you all, Jan Cook and Cindy Polk

Trailblazers Menu

January 9th-January 13th

Monday Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Spinach Roll, Jello Salad	Potatoes, Broccoli, Roll, Peach Cake Wednesday Chili, Salad, Cornbread, Jello	Roast Beef, Oven Potatoes, Carrots, Roll, Cobbler
Tuesday Bake Round Steak;	Thursday	Friday Fish, Beans, Potato Salad, Hushpuppies, Fruit

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CLUES ACROSS

- Handrail support
- Chin indentation
- "A Nightmare on ___ Street"
- Resident of Orissa, India
- Personnel director
- Formerly known as
- Decay
- "___ fallen ..."
- Parkinson's drug
- Aim
- Sows again
- Burger bun topping
- Wing case
- Jupiter moon
- Flipper
- Cook, as clams
- Fertilizer ingredient
- Carve in stone
- "Enigma Variations" composer
- Ten cents
- Therapy
- Coffee order
- Atlantic catch
- One causing disturbance of peace
- Enlarge
- One more
- Ground corn and mesquite beans (pl.)
- More clownlike
- Diana ___, Canadian jazz singer
- "___ bad!"
- Insignificant
- Flightless Australian bird
- Going to the dogs, e.g.
- Sayings of Jesus
- Alliance that includes Ukr. (acronym)
- Main blood carrier
- Adhesive

CLUES DOWN

- Affirmative head motion
- "___ he drove out of sight"
- Humor
- Small hole with stitched edges
- Pantries
- Whacks
- 100 kurus
- Victorian, for one
- Shackle
- Betrayal of one's country
- Puzzling
- Embankment to prevent flooding
- Athletic events
- Halogen salt
- Quick

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Post ISD School Menu: January 9th-January 13th

BREAKFAST:	Tomatoes, Pickles, Tater Tots,
MONDAY	Baby Carrots, Rice Crispy Treats, Milk
TUESDAY	Pizza, Salad, Corn Cobbette, Peaches Milk
WEDNESDAY	Beef & Bean Burritos, Spanish Rice, Seasoned Corn, Sparkly Apple, Milk
THURSDAY	Chicken Alfredo, Green Beans, Peaches, Garlic Bread,
FRIDAY	Royal Brownie, Milk
LUNCH:	BBQ on Bun, Pickle Spears, Ships Corn Cobbette, Pineapple, Cherry Delight, Milk
MONDAY	Hamburger, Lettuce,
TUESDAY	Churros, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk
WEDNESDAY	Oatmeal, Bacon, Toast, Fruit, Milk
THURSDAY	Cowboy Bread, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk
FRIDAY	Cereal, Graham Cracker, Fruit, Juice, Milk

NOTABLE PASSINGS... continued from page 2

- 93. • "Grease" and "Taxi" actor Jeff Conaway died on May 27 in Encino, California. He was 60.
- Former professional wrestler 'Macho Man' Randy Savage died after losing control of his car due to a heart attack on May 20. He was 58.
- Minnesota Twins great Harmon Killebrew died May 17 following a long battle with cancer. The hall of famer played for three teams over 22 seasons and is regarded by many as one of the best to ever play the game. Killebrew was 74.
- Bob Flanigan, a founding member and original lead singer of the innovative vocal group the Four Freshmen, died May 15, at his home in Las Vegas of congestive heart failure. He retired as singer of the band in 1992 but would remain as manager until his death. The band had a series of hits in the '50s, including "Graduation Day" and "It's a Blue World." Flanigan was 84.
- Former Dallas Cowboys running back Ron Springs died May 12, of a heart attack. Battling diabetes and other health issues much of his life, Springs had been in a coma since 2007. Drafted by the Cowboys in 1979 out of Ohio State, he spent his last two seasons in Tampa Bay. Springs was 54.
- Former NBA player Robert "Tractor" Traylor was found dead of an apparent heart attack in his apartment in Puerto Rico, May 11. Known for his size, Traylor was the number six pick in the 1998 draft. His size contributed to health problems leading to heart surgery in 2005. Traylor was 36.
- Actress Mary Murphy died at her home May 4, from heart disease. Probably best remembered for playing the small-town girl opposite Marlon Brando's rebellious motorcycle gang leader in "The Wild One," she would go on to do numerous movies and television shows. Murphy was 80.
- Jackie Cooper, who came to prominence as a child star in the 1930s and went on to develop a long career as a director and character actor, died on May 3 in Beverly Hills. He was 88.
- Sol Saks, a comedy writer who created the classic sitcom "Bewitched," died in Los Angeles on April 16. He was 100.
- Newsweek owner Sidney Harman died of complications from leukemia April 12. He was also a pioneer in home and car audio as the Harman in Harman/Kardon Inc. Harman was 92.
- Sidney Lumet, the American film director known for inspiring top-notch performances from actors in a stream of classic films including "12 Angry Men," "Dog Day Afternoon," "Network" and "Fail-Safe," died on April 9 at age 86.
- Geraldine Ferraro, the Democratic congresswoman who became the first woman on a major party presidential ticket as Walter Mondale's running mate in 1984, died on March 26 at the age of 75.
- American Film Institute "Female Legend" and three-time Academy Award-winning actress Elizabeth Taylor died March 23. She was 79.
- Former Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who helped bring peace to Bosnia and negotiated the release of American hostages in Iran, died in California on March 18 at age 85.
- British actor Michael Gough, probably most well known for his role as butler Alfred Pennyworth in the Batman movies of the late '80s and early '90s, died on March 17. He was 94.
- Rapper Nate Dogg (Nathaniel Dwayne Hale) died at the age of 41 of unknown causes. He's best known for his 1990s rap hit "Regulate" and working with rappers like Eminem, Snoop Dogg and Dr. Dre.
- Mike Starr, the former bassist for the band "Alice in Chains," in Salt Lake City on March 8. He was 44.
- Leading home run hitter and Hall of Fame baseball player Duke Snider died Feb. 27 at the age of 84. Snider played for the Brooklyn Dodger teams in the 1940s and '50s.
- Justin Tension, a crew member on the "Deadliest Catch" boat F/V Time Bandit, was found dead in a motel room in Homer, Ala., on Feb. 22. The cause of death is unknown. Tension was 33.
- Former NFL defenseman Dave Duerson died Feb. 17 from a self-inflicted gun shot. The four-time Pro Bowl safety won Super Bowls with the 1985-1986 Chicago Bears and the 1990-1991 New York Giants. Duerson was 50.
- Character actor Len Lesser, probably best know as Uncle Leo on "Seinfeld," died Feb. 16. He was 88.

POST SPORTS ASSOCIATION

(football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball, and summer track)

A newly established Post community youth sports organization aimed at teaching kids the fundamentals of sports and sportsmanship, and providing the children of Post the opportunity to learn skills and teamwork while having fun playing sports for Post teams.

Also providing coordination of all sports and calendar so ALL the students of Post will have equal opportunity to play all sports and will provide a plan to keep from overlapping and conflicting with other sports.

Please contact Coach Steve Smith @ Post ISD for more information.

Post Sports Association is announcing that Post Little Dribblers will be beginning this month and registration and tryouts will be conducted and teams drafted for league play.

POST LITTLE DRIBBLERS

2012
REGISTRATION FORM

Child Name Last: _____ First: _____ Boy / Girl _____ Grade: 3rd / 4th / 5th / 6th

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Parents(guardian) Father: _____ Cell _____ Mother _____ Cell _____

Parent e-mails: _____

Form due January 10th FEE: \$25.00 due January 12th T-Shirt Size: . YS YM YL S M L XL

Turn in forms to Mrs. James and Coach Allen in PE class, by Tuesday January 10th. Money is due Thursday January 12th at the parent, coach, and volunteer meeting at 6:30 in the Arena. Fees will be used for team shirts, end of year awards and officials. Players need to provide their own shoes, and black shorts. The purpose of this league is to teach kids basketball fundamentals, learn to put the team first, and to have fun learning the game. The goal is to help the students of Post ISD gain skills and motivation for the game so they can transition into competitive, interscholastic sports with success and represent our school and community very well when they reach junior high.

Volunteers and coaches will be needed for the good of all our kids to have an opportunity to play and benefit. The school coaches will help direct and clinic coaches and volunteers to help with drills, and basic skills of the game. Remember that our young students need the direction and opportunity that organized sports provide. A good foundation and experience now will keep them involved and interested in sports and school achievement.

Money issues will never prevent a child from participating; every child in Post ISD will be able to play regardless.

January 4th Registration Begins
January 10th Forms due

January 12th Fee due @ Parent, volunteer, coaches meeting
January 12th Organizational meeting @ the Antelope Arena @ 6:30 pm
January 14th teams selected and players notified by coaches

Practice times and league schedule will be announced on or after January 14th

Little Dribblers 2012

Commissioner: Carey Bridgeman 806-252-1848
Treasurer: Becky Justice
Board: Coach Smith, Coach Holson, Coach Toney, Coach Gutierrez

Extension Extras



County Stock Show Exhibitors

Entry forms are now available at the Extension office for the Garza County Livestock Show. Entries are due by January 13, 2012 by 5:00 p.m. For questions are more information please contact the extension office.

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" Benefiting 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.

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Paxton Blair says, "There has been in recent years excessive emphasis on a citizen's rights and inadequate stress put upon his duties and responsibilities." I find this to be true. The only right we have is the right to make our own choices. The right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, as endowed by their Creator. Gerald W. Johnson once stated, "No man was ever endowed with a right without being at the same time saddled with a responsibility."

The power to fulfill our dreams is within each of us. Les Brown said, "If you take responsibility for yourself you will develop a hunger to accomplish your dreams." Albert Einstein said, "Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom." We alone have the responsibility to shape our lives. When we understand this, we know that nothing and no one can deny us success.

"Self-reliance is the only road to true freedom, and being one's own person is its ultimate reward" says Patricia Sampson. We are the ones pushing ourselves forward or holding ourselves back. The power to succeed or fail is ours alone. "Responsibility is the thing people dread most of all. Yet it is the one thing in the world that develops us, gives us manhood or womanhood fiber." said Frank Crane.

Accept responsibility for yourself. If you are wrong, admit it, take the consequences, and get on with life. Do not dwell on the past, blame others,

and expect others to bail you out. You can only change the present. Remember, it is not what happens to you in life that counts, it is how you take it and what you make of it that measures us.

The Bible says, "As you sow, so also shall you reap." The Chinese have the saying, "If a man plants melons, he will reap melons; if he sows beans, he will reap beans." Good begets good, and evil begets evil. This is one of the eternal fundamental truths of the universe known as the law of cause and effect.

What it means is that for every cause, there will be a consequence nearly equal in intensity. If we make good use of our minds, actions, skill, and talents, it will result in positive rewards in our lives. And if we take the personal responsibility to make the best use of our God-given talents in the time we have, the effect will be an enormous gain in personal happiness and success. This is true in everyone's life, the life of a community, and the life of a nation.

Success on any major scale requires you to accept responsibility. In the final analysis, the individual person is responsible for living his own life. If he persists in shifting his responsibility to someone else, he will never grow as a person. A tobacco user must face his own weakness to be cured, not sue a tobacco company. The first step in AA's 21 steps to sobriety is to admit that the individual as a problem. Only then can he begin to recover. Sophocles once said, "It is a painful thing to look at your own trouble and

know that you yourself and no one else has made it."

The men and women of West Point, have a motto, "No excuses, Sir!" When you make a mistake or fail at an assignment, avoid whining, making excuses or blaming others. Accept a failure as a part of your learning process. Successful people live up to a mistake as simply and easily as they accept praise. Plan and prepare a way to do better.

Responsibility liberates. Responsibility liberates! RESPONSIBILITY LIBERATES! Sometimes it takes a 40lb sledge to drive a point home, but there is no message that is more important to a free society than this. It is the source of our success. If an athlete takes the responsibility of his own training, preparation, and conditioning, he or she will be more successful. It is easy to blame a coach. We are conditioned to do so in this society.

Blame a gun maker instead of a criminal, blame the beer instead of the people who let their children drink, blame McDonalds for being fat, blame the referee for costing us a game, blame the tobacco makers for our lung cancer, blame the coach because you don't win, blame the teacher for failing, blame the school for lack of discipline, blame someone, it sure can't be my fault.

Responsibility liberates us as individuals. It means making the best of what we have with our minds, talents, skill and abilities. Taking responsibility gives us the power to control the direction and outcome of

our lives. You are responsible for you, or as Harry S. Truman said, "The Buck Stops Here." The following is the personal philosophy of Henry Bartell Zachary, a man who understood what it meant to take responsibility for one's self.

"I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon if I can. I seek opportunity not security. I will refuse to be a kept citizen, to be humbled and dulled by having my state and nation look after me. I want to dream and to build, to fail and to succeed and never to be numbered among those weak, timid souls, who have known neither victory nor defeat. I know that happiness can come only from the inside through hard, constructive work and sincere, positive thinking. I know that the so-called pleasures of the moment should not be confused with a state of happiness. I know that I can get a measure of inner satisfaction from any job if I intelligently plan and courageously execute it. I know that if I put forth every iota of strength that I possess, physical, mental, spiritual toward the accomplishment of a worthwhile task ere I fall exhausted by the wayside, the unseen hand, will reach out and pull me through. Yes, I want to live dangerously, plan my procedures on the basis of calculated risks, to resolve the problems of everyday living into a measure of inner peace. I know if I know how to do all this, I will know how to live and, if I know how to live, I will know how to die."

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LEGENDS...

GARZA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

By Linda Puckett

Since I began writing Legends in November of 2010, it has become apparent that our sleepy little town (duh) had become a place where frequent murders are committed. Shoot now and ask questions later seemed to be the pattern, however, this case was a little different.

The Death of Marshall "Monk" Gibson

It appears that Monk Gibson was a hot headed bully who didn't like the fact that his ex-girlfriend was dating a new guy by the name of Earl Smith. Apparently Earl Smith had no intentions of taking a whipping from Monk Gibson who was hell bent on causing him some bodily harm.

Carl Raines was the Sheriff of Garza County in 1951. This is his testimony as recorded at the inquest held before Justice of the Peace J.D. King-City of Post County of Garza, Texas October 20, 1951. Karl Cayton was the District Attorney, and defense council was Carlton P. Webb and Nigle C. Outlaw.

The Judge asked Mr. Raines, "Did you have a call sometime last night on a shooting?" The Sheriff replied that he had, estimating the call to be about ten thirty. He then was asked to tell the court in his own words what happened.

"Well, my wife and I sat in the picture show about ten thirty when a boy came running in and said, "Mr. Raines is wanted at the drive-in right quick. They are having a shooting up there." So I rushed out and went up there. When I drove up there were eight or ten people gathered around. When I drove up far enough, I could see a man lying there by the back wheel of a car. I stopped and got out and asked who it was, and someone told me, "Monk", and I looked around to see if it was Monk and asked who done it and they said, "The man sitting over there in the

Mercury." I went over there to him after looking around to see who was there. Well, I stayed there with the body a moment and went over to the man sitting on the right hand side of the front seat, and I asked him, "Are you the man that done this?" and he said, "Yes sir." He turned around to Ruth and said, "Well, I guess this is it." And I said, "Well, have you got a gun?" He said, "Yes, do you want it?" I said, "Let me have your gun." He handed me the gun. He stood there a moment and talked to Ruth about how to get his car home. I think they finally decided to let Billy Jack Baker drive the car home for him. I brought him on down and lodged him here at the jail.

Dr. D.C. Williams testified that he had examined the body of Marshall "Monk" Gibson, determining that he did indeed die of gunshot wounds.

The court then called Ruth Noles, asking that she to make a statement in her own words as to what occurred.

Ruth testified that they (Ruth and Earl) drove up in front of the drive-in, directly in front, and Monk, Dan Altman, and J.D. Walls came up to the car. It seemed that Dan and this guy were trying to hold Monk back. He just came up there and - I don't know - with the expectations I guess, of either killing someone or something. I don't know. Anyway, he made all these threatening remarks that he was going to kill Earl before morning, that he wouldn't see the sun rise. He started cursing and sort of acted like a wild man, I don't know. The Judge asked what happened then, and Ruth replied saying, "Well, Earl shot him." She was then asked if Earl Smith and Monk Gibson had been having trouble before. "Yes, I have."

"You saw it personally?" "Yes, I did." "Where was this?"

Ruth told the story of how she and Earl along with another

couple (Norma and Freddie) "had an encounter with Monk on the Lubbock highway on Thursday night a week ago. We were in Freddie's car; we had been down to Norma's. She had spent the night with me. We had gone with her to take her car home and had started back through town after we picked her up." I saw Monk, Prod Williams, and Rufus Gerner running for his car. He got in his car and came in after us. I was scared because I thought he would try to kill me, and I told Freddie, I said, "Freddie don't let him catch us, because he will probably kill me." "So Freddie was driving about 70, and Monk crowded us off the highway. We didn't have a wheel on the pavement. We were in the gravel going up the cap just past where the drive-in was. He crowded us off and we had to stop. So he stopped his car, still in the highway, just right where it was, and he and these guys jumped out and ran back there and -Freddie was driving, and he didn't even get out of the car when Monk beat his face all in."

All right, the D.A. said, "so there was a fist fight." Ruth said, "well no one fought but Monk. Freddie never hit him."

"Was Earl Smith there?" "Yes." "Did he get out?" "Yes, he was in the back seat. I heard Monk say to these other guys," "Go around and get the other one on the other side." They started around there and Norma jumped out. So Earl jumped out, and he had his gun. He told them to stand back, and they ran and got in the car then.

The D.A. tried to get Ruth to describe the gun, but she stated that "she knew nothing about guns." She said "they (Monk and friends) got back into their car and went to town and she and her friends went on home." Part two continues next week.



Remember When



10 YEARS AGO

Glenda Mae Young Childs and Harold Thomas Childs celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in San Angelo hosted by their children and grandchildren.

Moms In Touch International led by Kellie Macy and Debby Brownlow hold an informational meeting focusing on praying for a specific child and schools.

Three Lady Lopes and two Antelope basketball players were named to the All Tournament Team following last weeks Bold Gold Holiday Tournament. Emily Smith, Manuela Hernandez and Kelly Moore were seated on the girls roster. Mitchell Mills and Jarrett Vickers were named to the boys.

20 Years Ago

Ron Graves, son of Ronnie and Diane Graves of Post, was one of four outstanding graduates recognized during December commencement exercises held at Tarleton State University.

Sharla Cruse and Laura Tobias present Gies McCrary with girl scout cookies in preparation of this years sale. Cruse and Tobias were last years top cookie sellers and were at McCrary's office in recognition of his long time support of the girl scout program.

Chris Wyatt announces candidacy for county attorney.

Michelle McGehee and Keith Craig exchange wedding vows Saturday December 28 at The First Baptist Church.

Kenneth Ratke files as Sheriff Candidate.

30 Years Ago

Jack King is named new President of the First National Bank of Post.

John Kocurek has been promoted to Sales Manager of Garza Auto Parts.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy McCallister announce the birth of their son Matthew Tait born January 3rd.

Coach Postell's 8th grade boys basketball team scoring were Greg Storie with 9 points and Tracy Price with 8.

Coach Curry's Lady Lopes scoring in Holiday Tournament were Doris Pringler 12 points, Jean Price 9 points, Rhonda Storie 7 points, Trushell Marts 6 points and Darla Jackson 2 points.

40 Years Ago

Marie Neff is injured in a collision at the intersection of Broadway and US Hwy 380.

Visiting in the home of Jack and Ruth Dale over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Green, Terry and Dianna of Las Vegas, Nev.

Attendance figures for PISD is 1,105 students, Southland is at 125 students and Borden Co. at 225 students.

Dee Justice, a student at the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Justice.

FFA sweethearts are Melanie King, for the Greenhand chapter, and Jackie Moore, for the senior chapter.

50 Years Ago

L.E. (Fay) Claborn Jr. serves his first year as the sheriff of Garza Co. with deputies Elton Corely and Oscar Gray.

Post League Bowling Tournament concludes with win-

ners as follows. Bob Collier first with a high game of 244, John Schmidt with a 243, Sexton Huntley and Durward Bartlett with 236 each.

Advertisers in the Post Dispatch reporting a fine year in 1961. Among those satisfied costumers were, Lobban's Gulf, Tom Power Ford, Dr. L.J. Morrison Chiropractic Clinic, Hudman Furniture, Short Hardware, Mason Furniture, Maxine's. Hundley's Men's Wear, D.C. Hill Butane, Parish Grocery, Dodson's Jewelry, Wackers, and Piggly Wiggly.

Beulah K Bird wishes to remind folks that there is no hunting, fishing or trespassing on her ranch.

60 Years Ago

Post citizens are asked to clean up their town to prevent a polio epidemic.

Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd are in Post to thank the local residents for their gifts to the Operation Santa Claus Project. The Post Dispatch sponsored the gift drive that netted enough presents to supply an entire hospital.

Haden Johnson has been killed in an oil field mishap south of Post.

A son, Randell (Randy), was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hansford Hudman. Weighing in at 7 pounds 6 ounces, he joins brother Bobby in the home.

Not to be outdone, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Windham announce the birth of their twin daughters, Mary Sharon and Elizabeth Karon. They have one older brother, Donnie

Texas Has Record Year for Conservation

While 2011 will most likely be remembered by Texans for the drought and wildfires that ravaged the landscape, it was also a record year for efforts to conserve land and water resources in the state.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provided a record level of technical and financial assistance to Texas landowners during the year to help them implement conservation practices on nearly 6,000 square miles.

"In 2011, we helped Texas land managers use a variety of stewardship programs, easements and technical and financial assistance which made it an especially successful year for conservation," says NRCS Texas State Conservationist Salvador Salinas.

The NRCS worked with thousands of Texas farmers and ranchers, investing \$121.4 million in conservation programs authorized by the federal Farm Bill to help

protect water, soil and air resources, wildlife, forests, and rangelands throughout the state. These program dollars were distributed in counties across the entire state to help producers offset the cost of implementing the conservation practices, with producers paying approximately 50 percent of the costs out of their own pockets, doubling the investment in our environment.

In 2011, Texas producers implemented conservation practices on 3.8 million acres through 7,052 Farm Bill program contracts. This compares to 2.9 million acres and 6,742 contracts in 2010. The funding was distributed through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) and NRCS' easement programs.

Science and technology

are critical to good conservation, and NRCS is staffed with technical experts from many disciplines to help landowners conserve natural resources in sustainable ways. While some landowners are interested in our Farm Bill programs, many more are seeking our expertise. With offices located in nearly every county in the state, over 100,000 farmers and ranchers sought our technical assistance to help them with their conservation planning needs on their land in 2011. The conservation plans provide a road map to help land managers realize their landscape goals for better production and environmental quality.

In 2011, conservation plans were written on 9.9 million acres in Texas to improve water and soil quality, increase irrigation efficiency, enhance wildlife habitat, develop agriculture waste management plans and to create, protect or restore wetlands.

Baylor Study: Humble People are More Likely to Lend a Helping Hand

Humble people are more likely to offer time to someone in need than arrogant people are, according to findings by Baylor University researchers published online in The Journal of Positive Psychology.



"The findings are surprising because in nearly 30 years of research on helping behavior, very few studies have shown any effect of personality variables on helping," said lead author Jordan LaBouff, Ph.D., a lecturer in psychology at the University of Maine, who collaborated on the research while a doctoral candidate at Baylor. "The only other personality trait that has shown any effect is agreeableness, but we found that humility predicted helping over and above that."

In most cases, a person's decision to help someone in need is influenced by temporary personal or situational factors such as time pressure, number of bystanders, momentary feelings of empathy or a person's own distress, said Wade C. Rowatt, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology and neuroscience in Baylor's College of Arts & Sciences, who led the study and co-authored the article.

"The research indicates that humility is a positive quality with potential benefits," Rowatt said. "While several factors influence whether people will volunteer to help a fellow human in need, it appears that humble people, on average, are more helpful than individuals who are egotistical or conceited."

The research involved three studies of college students:

In Study 1, participants who reported themselves as humble also generally reported that they were helpful, even when other important personality factors, such as agreeableness, were statistically controlled. Because people can easily under-report or exaggerate their humility to create a desired impression, the subsequent studies used an implicit measure of humility.

In Study 2, students evaluated a recording they were told might be broadcast later on the campus radio station. The recording described a fellow student who had in-

jured a leg and could not attend class regularly. Each participant was asked how many hours over the next three weeks they would be willing to meet with the injured student to provide aid. Humble persons offered more time to help than less humble ones.

In Study 3, both implicit and self-report measures of humility were used. Students were asked to associate as quickly as possible traits that applied to themselves. Among stimulus words in the humility association test were humble, modest, tolerant, down to earth, respectful and open-minded. Stimulus words in the arrogance portion included arrogant, immodest, egotistical and conceited. Again, humility was associated with amount of time offered to help a student in need, especially when pressure to help was low.

"Our discovery here is that the understudied trait of humility predicts helpfulness," Rowatt said. "Important next steps will be to figure out whether humility can be cultivated and if humility is beneficial in other contexts, such as scientific and medical advancements or leadership development."

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Post Rotary Club, member of the VFW, and was currently president of the OS Museum in Post, which he founded. McCrary is regarded as one of the most influential people in this part of Texas.

The Borden County Coyotes won their district in football.

Donna Degan of Plum Crazy and Mary Norman of Caprock Heirloom participated as vendors in Lubbock Junior League's fundraiser Holiday Happening.

A San Antonio Federal Court issued a map that put Garza County in District 83, represented by Charles Perry, R-Lubbock, subject to possible changes by the U. S. Supreme Court. Previously, a redistricting based on the 2010 Census had moved Garza County from District 88 to District 68. In any case, Garza County's State Senator would remain Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, represent-

ing Senate District 28.

McMurry University football standout D. J. Baiza, a 2007 Post High School graduate, earned the title All Conference Player for 2011. A junior, he was a starting right corner and punt returner for the McMurry Warhawks.

The Post Rotary Club presented dictionaries to Post Elementary School for distribution to students.

Santa Claus and floats rolled through downtown Post on Dec. 3 in a lighted Christmas parade.

Borden County Coyotes advanced to the state finals in football.

The local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post, named for John David Miller, honored the memory of the World War II sailor with a ceremony at the courthouse on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Day. Miller died on the USS Battleship Arizona. Local VFW member J. W. Jolly, a Viet-

nam veteran, researched the story of Miller, and Miller's niece, Claudette Miller of Lubbock, attended the ceremony to represent the family.

CoCaRa's Diner announced it would close at the end of 2011, ending a nine-year presence on downtown Main Street.

The Throckmorton Greyhounds beat Borden County to take the state title in Six-Man Division I football in a hard-fought 48-36 victory in Abilene on Dec. 10.

The OS Ranch Museum displayed nativity scenes from around the world and other objects of art to celebrate the Christmas season, a tradition at the downtown fine arts museum.

An oil rig accident in Lynn County on Dec. 17 took the life of an Odessa man, Francis Howard Pratt, and seriously injured Jeffrey Mayfield, also of Odessa.

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the trail a distinct visibility. They're the sort of roadside attractions people drive miles to see and capture in a photograph and check off a list, the same way some travelers visit Texas courthouses.

"It's an amazing project," said Deborah Sue McDonald, director of the Texas Plains Trail Region (TPTR), one of the state's ten official heritage tourism regions.

McDonald, on the road herself Monday, spoke by phone about ways the TPTR hopes to enhance the grassroots initiative.

"From a tourism aspect, we try to do anything and everything we can to get visitors from within and from outside the region to visit," she said. "In the future, in 2012, we plan on having a traveling Quanah Parker exhibit."

The arrows have found their

way onto the website www.roadsideamerica.com, McDonald said, proof to her that their notoriety is growing on its own.

Besides the traveling exhibit, other plans are in the works to enhance the trail, McDonald said, mentioning geocaching (a "treasure hunt" sort of activity that is designed for people to find caches by using global positioning devices) and bus tours.

"We see bus tours that will go from one arrow to the other," McDonald said. "We hope this project jumpstarts road trips within the region. There are other things to do besides the Quanah Parker Trail. Travelers can stop at the many museums, stop, read about history, visit the community, get something to eat, buy gas, something to drink, stay over."

In her job, McDonald looks

at the big picture — tourism possibilities everywhere across the 52-county TPTR, which stretches from the top of the Panhandle as far south as Big Spring.

At the Garza County Museum, where a Quanah Parker Trail arrow graces the side yard, Linda Puckett, museum director, also believes in the power of the arrows.

"I think it's going to be really significant... similar to the trail of tears or other routes," Puckett said. "I think it will be really good for tourism. People seek out something like this to follow."

Regarding native cultures, visitors who come to the Garza County Museum to see the arrow soon will find even more objects of interest.

"We are replicating the petroglyphs in the county — those we think were generated by the

Comanche," Pucket said, referring to sandstone engravings that depict images from the era before Anglo settlement of the area.

In Quanah, namesake town of the chief, a trail arrow stands in a space between the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Museum and State Highway 6. The arrow is a point of interest that has the potential to draw travelers off U. S. 287 to see historic downtown Quanah.

In Benjamin, the trail arrow draws attention to the new museum. In Paducah, the arrow is near the old jail, a building destined to become a tourist information center.

In other towns and other places, the arrows stand just as tall, all at the same angle, all marking significant sites and a significant story from America's past.

Holle Humphries of Lub-

bock, a member of the Quanah Parker Trail steering committee, has written a three-point explanation of the meaning of a trail arrow, explaining an arrow's significance within the context of the entire project:

1. It physically marks a community's connection to the Quanah Parker Trail.

2. It connotes a past history shared by all 52 counties of our Texas Plains Trail Region, whose lands were once known as the 'Comancheria' — the territory of the Comanches.

3. It restores through the use of a physical symbol the nearly forgotten presence and history of the Comanche people, who of all Native Americans, last lived free where we live now -- the one significant historical fact that makes our region unique from all others of Texas.

Where the arrows stand, dedication ceremonies conducted by members of the Quanah Parker family either have occurred or will happen on future dates. On the Quanah Parker Family website, pictures of the arrows are tagged with the words "Good Will."

"Each town has a story to share we are happy to hear," said Ardith Parker-Leming of Sulphur, Okla., a great-granddaughter of Quanah Parker, speaking at one of the dedication ceremonies. "He (Quanah Parker) never let go of his culture, but he did well living with the White Man. It's nice to know you're a part of carrying along the legacy."

For more information, see www.quanahparker-trail.com.



Photo By Hanaba Munn Welch

A Quanah Parker Trail arrow at the Terrace Cemetery catches the last rays of sunlight on a day in December.

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Distinguished by the hardhats of their trade, a Lyntegar Electric Cooperative crew lends equipment and expertise last Friday morning to the Pioneer Museum in Tahoka for the installation of a giant stylized steel Comanche arrow in Pioneer Ranch Park adjacent to the museum. The arrow is one of several tall arrows marking the Quanah Parker Trail across the Texas Plains, a project of the Texas Plains Trail Region, one of the state's ten official heritage tourism. Holding the arrow tip are Ricky Meeks, left, and Paul Bernal. Operating hydraulic controls on the truck is Charlie Engle. Walking toward the arrow is Charles Smith, the New Home artist-welder responsible for the design, fabrication and transport of all the arrows. Smith supervises the installation of each arrow. Standing next to the truck is Joe Don Nevill, president of the Pioneer Museum board. Post has two arrows -- one at Terrace Cemetery and the other at the Garza County Historical Museum.

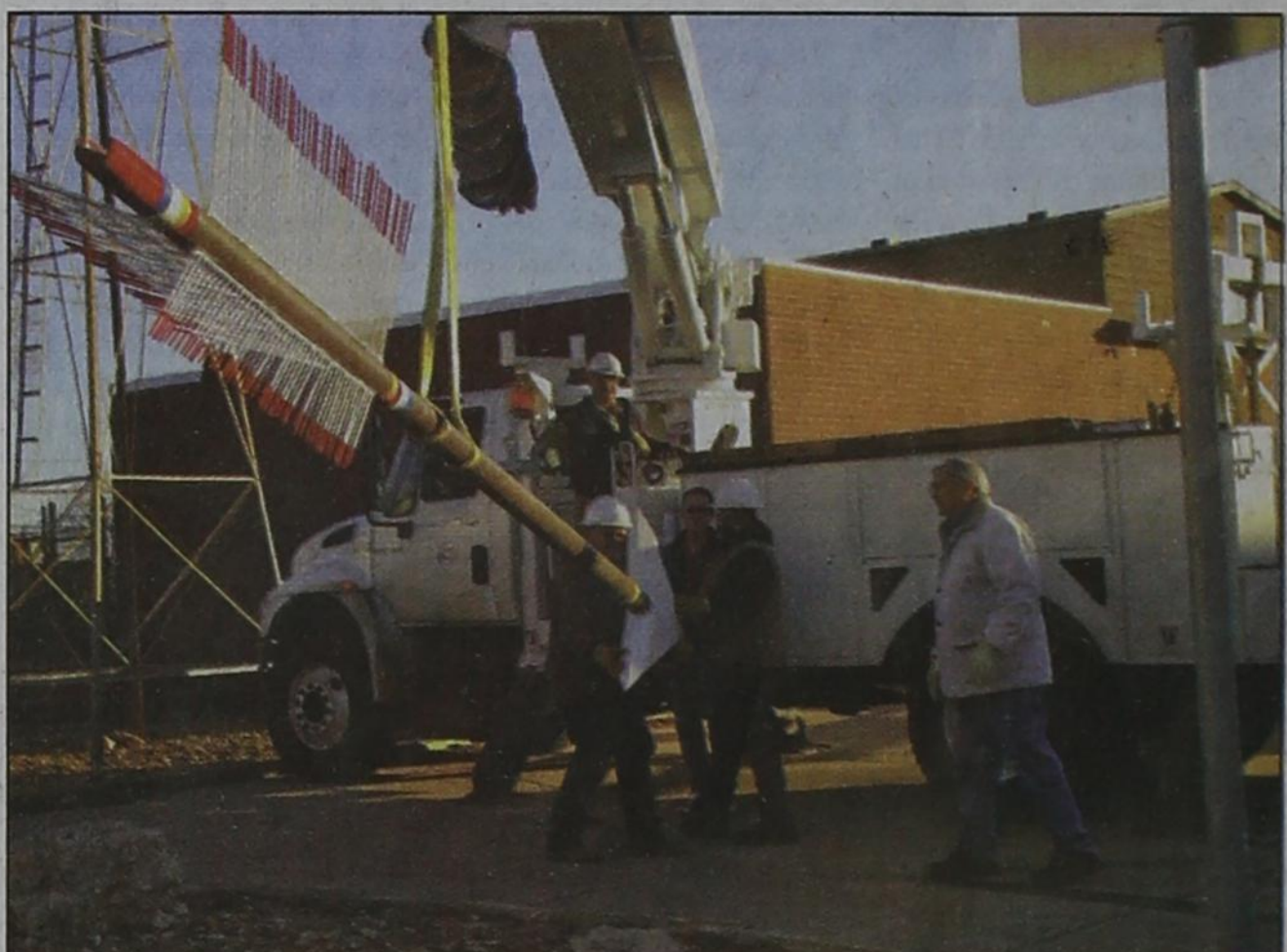


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Bound for O'Donnell, a steel arrow lies strapped in a custom-built carrier on New Home welder-artist Charles Smith's open trailer, parked last Friday morning in Tahoka. In the background is a freshly installed arrow gracing Pioneer Ranch Park next to Tahoka Pioneer Museum. The O'Donnell arrow ended up before noon on Loop 76 (Doak Street) in an open space just south of the O'Donnell Museum and across from a park where a Glenna Goodacre bust of the late Dan Blocker honors him as the town's most famous native son. (Blocker played Hoss Cartwright on the classic long-running television series "Bonanza.") A Texas Plains Trail project, the tall arrows mark places on the Texas Plains with historic ties to Chief Quanah Parker and the Comanche, the people who once dominated a large part of the Southern Great Plains, including both present day Lynn County and Garza County. Post boasts two arrows -- both recently installed -- honoring the area's Comanche heritage. Signs will eventually go up near all of Smith's arrows, including two in Post, to explain their significance. More information is posted at www.quanahparkertrail.com.



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A tall steel arrow adds a touch of the Quanah Parker Trail to the Garza County Museum. The arrow signifies Post's historic connections to the Comanche in the area.

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