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White River Reservoir Manager Sees Potential

By Hanaba Munn Welch

The best of times or the worst of times?

For Tom Fulton, new general manager of White River Reservoir, the driest year on record hasn't been all bad. Nothing beats a drought for underscoring the importance of a good water supply.

Fulton, who arrived in August from East Texas, is waiting to see some good rains put moisture in the ground and raise the level of the

lake. But he's not waiting to talk about what regional entities can do to develop the area's potential for developing more sources for drinking water.

Telephone service and electricity are important, Fulton said, setting the stage for his main point.

"You go without water for a week and see what you're doing," he said. "Water is life."

Fulton's expertise is in the

realm of developing water projects.

"I want the district to work together to explore funding opportunities with the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture)," he said Tuesday afternoon during a tour around the lake. "To keep our water rates low, I think our best opportunity is to go through the USDA."

Is funding guaranteed? "I wouldn't say anything is a sure thing," he said.

But Fulton speaks with a confident air about what can be done, mentioning the possibility of getting 50-percent funding from a grant.

"The buzzword is 'develop,' he said. "We need to develop not only the lake out here. We need to develop our water system."

Fulton specifically mentioned a new water plant, wells and new reservoirs.

"Our district has held a permit since 1970 to build a Post reservoir," he said.

When Fulton talks about the need to "work together," he doesn't mean just good cooperation between Post, Ralls, Crosbyton and Spur, the four cities that draw water from the lake. He also means Lubbock, a potential source of funding.

"What we want is water rights," he said. "For the benefit of the whole region. This is bigger than a city. This is bigger than a county."

If the Post Reservoir becomes a reality, it would be deeper than White River Lake and therefore less subject percentage-wise to losing water through evaporation.

"The longer we wait, our need is fast-approaching," he said, keen on the idea of building another reservoir. "We may need that reservoir sooner than later."

Despite the drought of 2011, things could be worse at White River Reservoir, a lake fed to a great extent by springs.

"Our lake and Alan Henry are really in pretty good shape compared to some other reservoirs in the state of Texas," he said.

Fulton sees potential everywhere he looks -- potential

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Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

Standing next to a circular pool of treated water Tuesday, an animated Tom Fulton, general manager of the plant, explains the operation of the system and how the lake water goes through various steps to become potable. Fulton would like to see an expansion of area water resources.

City of Post Considering 40-year Water Contract

The city's contract with White River Municipal Water District topped the agenda at a regular meeting of City Council Tuesday evening, but deliberations over buying new vehicles took more time to discuss.

Other agenda items ranged from emergency medical services and the Garza Theater building to a computer use policy for city employees.

A 40-year contract with the water district is under consideration by Post and the other three cities served by White River -- Crosbyton, Ralls and Spur.

"Spur has decided that they don't necessarily want to be with the other three in the negotiations," Slater Ezra, city attorney, reported to the council. "They want their three people appoint to the White River Board (a 12-member board with three representatives from each city) to tell them what to do. That put us right in the quicksand."

Spur's concerns seem to be over legal costs, Ezra said. "I don't think they had any problem with the items that were points of contention in the contract," he said. "It'll all come together in the end."

The report required no action from the council. "It's just an update," Ezra said.

After the council meeting, Ezra explained that the 40-year contract is under consideration to make it easier for the water district to get state funding for possible expansion.

"The Texas Department of Agriculture has up to 40-year notes," he said.

Meanwhile, the current operating agreement remains in effect, he said.

The council took no action on a tax number issue involving Post Garza County Emergency Medical Services, operated as an independent entity by Rodney Tidwell with support from the city, the county and the hospital district.

The city identification number being used by Tidwell to operate the EMS doesn't satisfy Medicare and Medicaid requirements, Arby Taylor, city administrator, said.

"It's not a department of the city and never has been," Taylor said.

"It was not set up correctly in the beginning," Mayor Thresa Harp said. "He needs to stay under our tax number until whatever amount of time we deem ... like a year to let him make those changes."

Tidwell is reportedly organizing Post Garza County EMS as a 501 (c) (3) entity.

"The articles of incorporation have been done," Harp said.

Councilman Mark Short expressed his concern for Tidwell and the service he offers.

"He can't even file for a lot of the Medicare," Short said. "Post doesn't have health care after five o'clock and on week-

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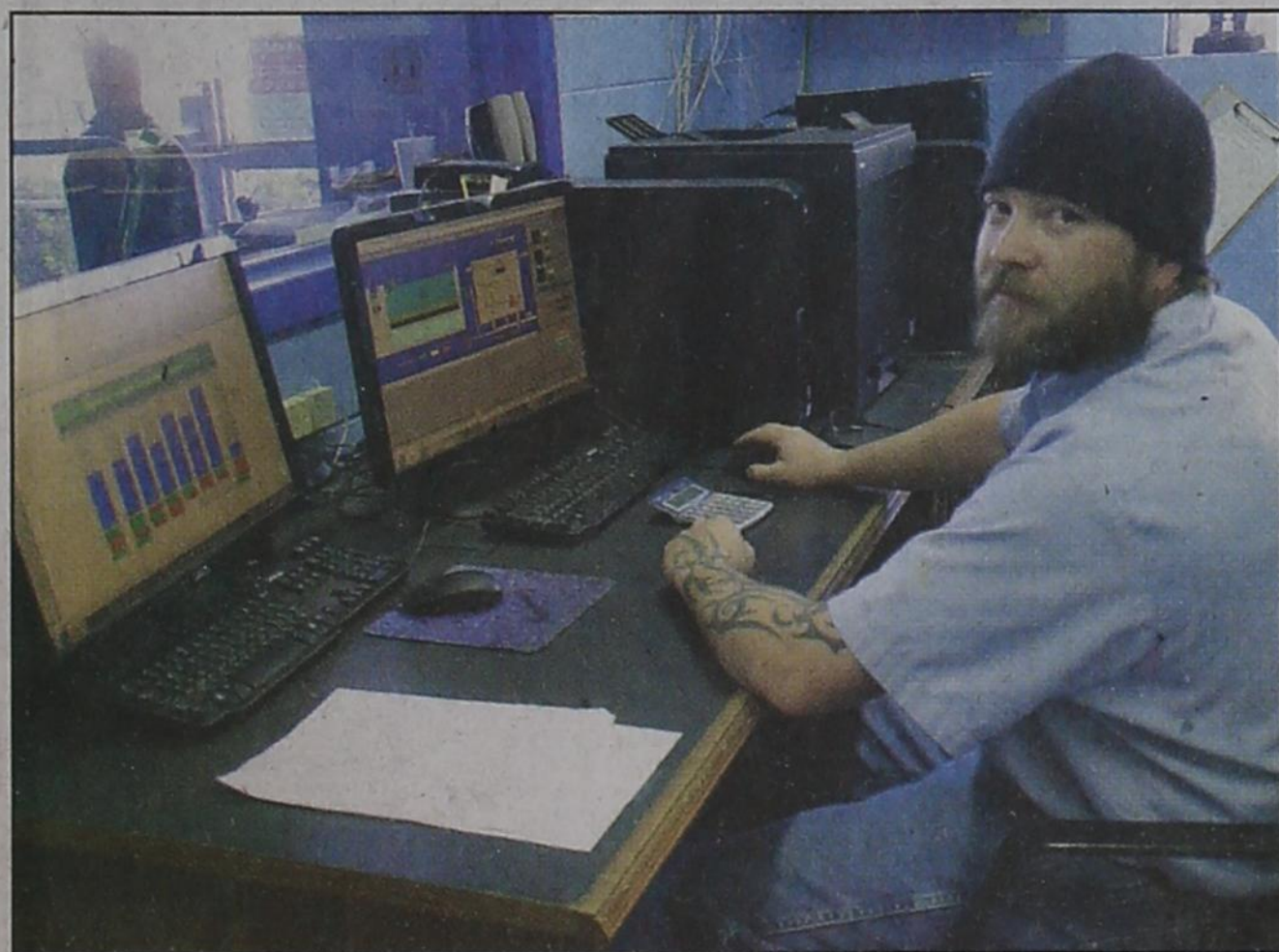


Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

Cody Kennedy keeps an eye on the quality of the water Tuesday at the treatment plant at White River Reservoir. Kennedy has Grade C water plant operator certification and is working on a B certification. The water flows from the plant to Post, Crosbyton, Ralls and Spur.

Change in the wind for Garza County?

By Hanaba Munn Welch

Change could be on the horizon for Garza County -- specifically the horizon south of Hwy. 380 west of Post.

In a public hearing Dec. 28 at Commissioners Court, commissioners and the public heard about a proposal from Venti Wind, made on behalf of Buffalo Point Wind, for a 60 megawatt project that could involve the erection of electricity-generating wind turbines on as much as 10,000 acres of land.

Richard Amato, representing Venti, described the project as a process that likely would involve two phases of construction -- the initial installation of 30 to 40 turbines on a field of 5,000 to 6,000 acres and a subsequent expansion that would increase the size of the field to as much as 10,000 acres, with

transmission line availability dictating the ultimate size of the project.

Tahoka attorney Cal Huffaker recommended approval of Buffalo Point's request for tax abatement. Huffaker told commissioners that projects proposed for the area between Post and Tahoka could result in the generation of about 500 megawatts of electricity.

Both Bob Macy and Bobby Cowdrey registered their opposition to the project.

Following the public hearing, commissioners heard a report from Jim Plummer, district clerk, regarding re-districting issues which required postponement of the Texas Primary Election from March 6 to April 3.

Amid other reports and routine business, commissioners considered the estab-

lishment of a reinvestment zone for Buffalo Point Wind, a limited liability corporation. Precinct 2 Commissioner Charles Morris moved that the zone be approved. Precinct 1 Commissioner Gary McDaniel seconded the motion, which passed.

In similar fashion, commissioners approved Buffalo Point's application for tax abatement, with McDaniel making the motion and Precinct 2 Commissioner Jerry Benham seconding it.

Ted Brannon, Commissioner for Precinct 3, was not present.

Lee Norman, county judge, presided.

Information in this story was taken from the minutes of Jim Plummer, district-county clerk. Look for a story in next week's *Dispatch* about Buffalo Point.

Post Launches Mass Notification Service

City encourages residents to register contact information to receive Blackboard Connect messages

The City of Post announced today it has launched the Blackboard Connect™ mass notification platform to enhance communication and emergency preparedness. A community-wide data drive will be held to encourage residents to register their cell phones, private phone lines and email addresses into the system's secure database. Residents can expect to receive a community-wide call that will provide registration information on Monday, January 16, 2012.

Post has implemented the Blackboard Connect platform so town officials can notify, update and provide direction to the community in an efficient, timely manner. Using the Blackboard Connect service, officials can record and send an unlimited number of personalized voice messages to home phones, businesses, local agencies and mobile phones in just minutes. The service also sends email, text messages (SMS) to mobile phones, and messages to TTY/TDD devices for people who are hearing impaired.

"Communication plays an important role in safety, which is why it's critical that we have a way to pro-

vide residents with important safety notifications and instructions as quickly as possible," said Arbie Taylor, City Manager of Post. "With the Blackboard Connect service, we now have the power to quickly and efficiently reach residents through multiple communication channels, in just a matter of minutes, which will help to save valuable time and resources."

City officials can target each message to an unlim-

ited number of groups -- everything from mobilizing volunteers to coordinating efforts with relief agencies or emergency personnel. Authorized users can also contact residents based on specific geographical locations using a mapping feature, sending messages to those within select neighborhoods when

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Dispatch Drops Rates

The *Post Dispatch* is pleased to announce new, less-expensive advertising rates and subscription rates.

The local display advertising rate for *The Dispatch* is \$5 per column inch. The previous rate was \$6. The national rate is \$8 per column inch.

The subscription rate is now \$25 for Garza County residents and \$30 for those out of county. The previous rates were \$30 and \$52 respectively.

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Preprint insert rates are \$200 for 1-6 page inserts and \$300 for 7 pages and up. This is a price reduction of \$300 and \$400 respectively.

Color can be added to display ads for \$40 for a single run or \$30 for multiple runs.

"We continue to reach out to readers and businesses during difficult times for many," said Chris Blackburn, publisher. "*The Post Dispatch* is doing its part to encourage commerce in Post City."

OBITUARIES



MARJORIE CAFFEY

Marjorie Caffey went to be with her Lord and Savior on December 31, 2011, after a short illness. She was faithful and caring for others every step of the way. Marj was born in Water Valley, Coke County. The family moved to the little town of Justiceburg when she was about 2 years old. They were farm and ranch people and loved the country. Marj loved the Lord, and was happy to be working in the church. She taught Sunday School for about 15 years loving every minute of it. She then took care of the kitchen as the Social Chairman for about 10 years. It gave so many opportunities to help people. One of her greatest pleasures was having the young people in their home, when their daughter was in high school. Marj is survived by her son in law, Herb Germer, her grandson Jon Germer & wife Abby, granddaughter Erin Germer of Dallas, two great granddaughters, Trinity & Kamryn Germer of Dallas, niece Janis Mire and husband Rodney of Gulfport, Mississippi, nephews Danny Hill of Newark, Ohio, and Tom Caffey of Tennessee, sister in law Boo Caffey of

Breckenridge, as well as several cousins, and many, many loving friends. Marj was preceded in death by her husband Walter "Dub" Caffey, her precious daughter, Sammie Kay Germer, her parents Elmer and Maudie Pettigrew, her sister and her husband Wilma and Ennis Hill, of Phoenix, Az., brother, J.W. Pettigrew and wife Tommie Lee, of Slaton, and many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service was held 3:00 P.M Saturday January 7, 2012 at Granite Mesa Health Center, Marble Falls, Texas. A second Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday January 14, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Post. Arrangements are under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.



DOROTHY MASON

Services for Dorothy Mason, 90, of Post will be at 2 PM Friday, December 30, 2011 at the Graham Chapel Methodist Church with John Bill Hedrick officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery will be under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, December 27, 2011 in Post. She was born in Henryetta, Oklahoma on June 5, 1921 to Milton and

Josephine (Thomas) Hester. She married H. L. "Fuzz" Mason on

January 15, 1938. He preceded her in death on October 13, 1987.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Graham Chapel Methodist Church.

Survivors include 4 sons: Sonny Mason of Post, Harold Wayne Mason of McAllen, Tommy Mason of Wolfforth and Dennis Mason of Post, 1 Daughter: Cathy Clevenger of Andrews, 2

Sister: Billie Meeks of Slaton and Mary Lee of Crosbyton, 11 Grandchildren and 10 Great Grandchildren



DIANNA COLLIER

Services for Dianna Collier, 55, of Lubbock will be at 10 AM Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church in Post with Paul Jones of Wharton and Rev. Scott Richards of Post officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery will be under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Monday, Jan. 9, 2012 in Lubbock. She was born to Bob and Mattie Collier on May 6, 1956 in Ft. Worth. She lived in Post for many years prior to moving to Lubbock. She was a graduate of Post High School and

was recognized as the #1 Post Antelope Booster. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Post where she was active in the choir and in the Epiphany ministry at correctional facilities. She worked for many years at Collier Drug where she served as the Greyhound Bus Agent. She was preceded in death by her mother: Mattie Collier on June 11, 2006.

Survivors include her father: Bob Collier of Lubbock, 1 Brother: Don and his wife Jill Collier of Lubbock and by 3 nieces and nephews: Kate Collier of Lubbock, Will Collier of Orlando, Fla. and Tim Hartsuck of Lubbock.

Visitation will be from 6 until 7:30 Wednesday at the funeral home.



LILLIE HART

Lillie Hart of Post, Texas, died December 28 at her home, surrounded by her immediate family and friends, according to her wishes.

Born to Joy and Tom Cox of Happy, Texas, on Dec. 12 1949, she graduated from Happy High School and attended South Plains College. She was a cowgirl at heart, an active equestrienne and barrel racer in her youth. She married Richard Hart of Post on June 4, 1971, and they moved to Dodge City, Kan. They returned to Lubbock in 1977 and ultimately settled on their ranch in Post in 1987, where they were involved in the livestock and oil businesses. She returned to college while her sons, Ryan and Casey, were in high school, and earned a degree in Ag Communications from Texas Tech in 1990.

She was employed for the last five years at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility in Post as a case manager, where she greatly enjoyed

the company of her coworkers. Her family was always her highest priority, but she also enjoyed art, music, nature, and any new adventure. She was a sculptor, painter, photographer and an accomplished musician, playing piano, organ, guitar and fiddle. A favorite pastime was mentoring young fiddle players. One way she accomplished that was playing in the Ranch Dance Fiddle Band. She was blessed with her robust health throughout her life until May of this year, when she was diagnosed with cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; sons, Ryan Hart of Amarillo and Casey Hart of Abilene; daughter-in-law, Keely and granddaughter Kinsley of Abilene; and sisters, Gladene Swires of Canadian and Sherma Flowers of Happy.

Services were set for 1:30 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Post. For more information, contact Hudman Funeral Home in Post. Memorials may be sent to Joe Arrington Cancer Center or Hospice of Lubbock.



NITA MERLE MAXEY BOOTH

Memorial Services will be held Saturday, January 14th, for Nita Merle Maxey Booth of Roseville, Ca. at the Orangevale Church of Christ, of which she was a long time member.

Booth passed away Friday, December 30, 2011 in Roseville, Ca, after a long illness.

She was born March 25, 1931, in Garza County to the late Bryan and Bernita Maxey of Post. She attended school at Graham Chapel Grade School and Post High School through her junior year when she moved to Central Point, Or. with her family. She

graduated from Central Point High School and then moved to California where she met her husband, Johnnie Booth.

She collected black and white cow replicas, loved flower gardening anything Texas.

Survivors include: her husband of 61 years; two sons, Mike Booth of Lincoln, Ca. and Randy Booth of San Francisco, Ca. three daughters; LeeAnn Seabugh of Los Angeles, Ca; Virginia Booth and Mary Booth of Roseville, Ca; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; two brothers, Franklin Maxey of Corpus Christi and Don Maxey of Lubbock and a sister, Kay Oakley of Carlsbad, N.M. First cousins of Post are Orabeth White, Jane Mason and Diane Graves.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Simeon, in 1964 and her parents. Burial will follow in Post at a later date.

Trailblazers Menu

Jan. 16-Jan. 20

Monday

Green Chili Chicken, Mexican Rice, Beans, Salad, Fruit

Tuesday

Chicken Fry Steak, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Roll, Pudding

Wednesday

Chicken Strips, Mash Potatoes, English Peas, Roll, Peaches

Thursday

Beef Enchiladas, Salad, Mexican Hominy, Lemon Jello Cake

Friday

Hamburger Steak, Au-gratin Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Roll, Fruit Salad

DID YOU KNOW?

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Fun By The Numbers
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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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ANSWER:

United Supermarkets

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LIFESTYLES

Wedding Announcement



White, Poterfield Wed

Cheyenne Nicole White became the bride of Kody Dane Porterfield in a double ring ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Levelland New Year's Eve. Christ-

mas greenery, white lights and poinsettia decorated the church.

White is the daughter of Steve and Jackie White of Renderbrook Spade Ranch

of Westbrook and the granddaughter of Noel and Orabeth White of Post. Porterfield is the son of Don and Kristy Porterfield of Levelland.

Joe Howard Williamson of Archer City performed the ceremony. Mothers of the couple lit the family candles as they entered.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a white fitted strapless dress which flared below the hipline. The bodice was adorned with lace, sequins and crystal beads. She wore a sequin edged fingertip veil attached to a white silk flower in her hair. Her bouquet was fresh pearl white roses each centered with a large square rhinestone.

Her blue garter was a gift, handmade by her great aunt, Jane Mason, from ribbon and pearls belonging to her great grandmother, the late Sue Maxey.

Bridal attendants were maid of honor, Schelli White, sister of the bride; Kelsi Arnold of Canyon; Karleigh Porterfield, sister of the bridegroom; Kassi and Kylee Martin and junior bridesmaid was Avery Wright of Matador. They wore long silver grey fitted strapless dresses with

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Lions Club Members Ring Salvation Army Bell



Courtesy Photo

Lions Chuck Ratliff & Shad Sturgeon, along with other members of Post Lions Club, 'rang the bell' for the Salvation Army this past holiday season. This was the third year Post Lions Club has participated in this program to assist in raising funds for the Post area - the funds are held by the Salvation Army to be used in our community when the need arises.



The holiday rush is over and activities for the New Year are picking up. Little Dribblers will be having their sign-up this week and this is also the week of the City's Curbside Pickup. The Garza County Junior Live-

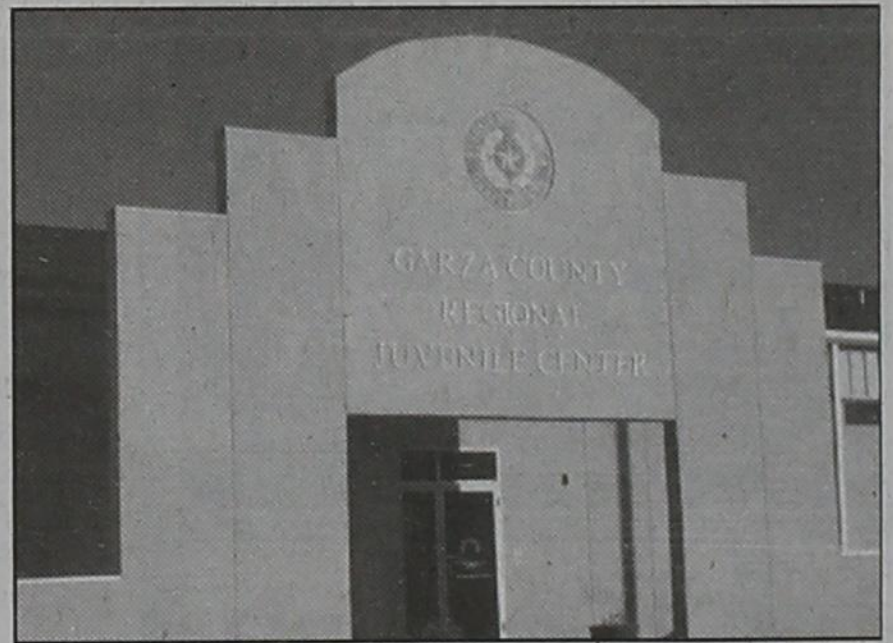
stock Show will start on Thursday, January 19. The first Post City Trade Day will be Saturday, February 4 and the Annual Chamber Awards Banquet is scheduled for February 25.

Silver Chamber Member PJ's Catering is offering a Casserole Special for the month of January. Call Tammi at 438-7995 to order one of their great dishes.

Congratulations to our Members of the Week:



Silver Member - DAIRY QUEEN



Silver Member - GARZA COUNTY REGIONAL JUVENILE CENTER

Frozen Music

by Hanaba Munn Welch

"Frozen Music," a poetic term for architecture borrowed from German philosopher Friedrich Wilhelm Joseph Schelling, is a regular column about buildings in our historic downtown. Post Dispatch writer Hanaba Munn Welch invites your comments about any of the buildings featured in her 200-word-long "Frozen Music." hanaba@copper.net



Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

The exterior of Caprock Heirlooms melds the original look of the building with a remodeled entrance and show windows. Older design elements are visible mostly in the upper area of the facade, including the row of 12 transom window panes.

Despite modernization of the entrance and show windows at 203 E. Main, the building retains much of its original character in its transom windows and parapet. Interesting decorative elements are the embellishments that accent both upper corners of the facade.

The projecting parapet area, designed for signage, carries the name of the business. In earlier years, the business name(s) likely would have been painted on the brick, and evidence of such signage is still visible beneath the current "Caprock Heirlooms" sign.

Telling clues of the building's earlier appearance are remnants of attachments for the original canopy that, doubtless, extended horizontally over the sidewalk. Still hanging from eyebolts set in escutcheons are the upper parts of suspension rods, their turnbuckle connections still attached to four of the five rods. Also, two areas where roofing material still clings to the brick, left and right of the transom

the building. Useless vestiges by some standards, these intact features -- especially the suspension hardware -- are, from an equally valid perspective, a valuable link to history. All are elements that outline the evolution of the building from its original appearance to how it looks today.

Note: Traditionally called the Collier Drug Building, 203 E. Main is one of Post's historic buildings with a "Dial Up History." To learn more, call (806) 553 5003, ext. 2. The phone-accessible thumbnail histories are a project of the Caprock Cultural Association of Post.

The Church of God of Prophecy would like to say "Thank-You" to all the great people in this wonderful community of Post for your great support in the year of 2011. For all who brought cakes, paper products, silverware and everything else needed to continue our efforts to provide service and other great deeds to our church, "you know who you are" may The Lord bless each and everyone of you. Many blessings to you all, and to the wonderful ladies who work diligently every week.

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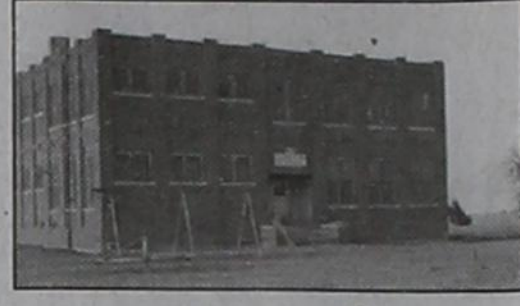
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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman



Can you believe January is here??? It definitely looked like winter time the other day, we received a little more moisture in the way of snow, wasn't much and didn't hang around for long but hey....we'll take what we can get right?

We got a new order of Cotton Seed Cooking Oil in this week, this stuff is great. Come out and get some and not only will you be using a healthier cooking oil you will be support-

ing your West Texas Farmers. =>

Billie Jean gotten to spend a little time with some family lately; The Longshores in Andrews and then Shirley Ann in Tahoka. Family time is always a good time.

Stock Shows coming up next week....ya'll be sure and go support the kiddos and their animals. Good luck to all!

We will be doing another Close City Commu-

nity 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 Cap-

rock Heirloom downtown and get your cookbooks and calendars.

Get Wells

Joe Abraham has been under the weather but it feeling better.

Visitors

We have not had any but the regulars out this week, and they hate it when I mention their names. HaHa Ya'll come out and see us.....cheapest drinks in the county!

Did you know...

Half the world's popula-

tion is under 25 years of age. 10% are over 60 years of age.

Quote of the week...

By the time a woman realizes her Mother was right, she has a daughter who thinks she's wrong.....borrowed from Annette Riggs'FB page.

Close City Birthdays

January 16th - Amy Morris

January 17th - Melanie Osborn

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.

Everyone have a safe week.... Keep rain, the crops and our country in your daily prayers.

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Weekly Inspirations

A Tiny Prayer Read 1 Kings 3:5-12

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

— Matthew 7:7 (NIV)

I grew up going to church, repeating memorized prayers, and trying to do right. But it wasn't until I started studying the Bible that I admitted to myself that I didn't really have faith in God. I felt a desire for genuine trust in God. One day in Bible study someone asked, "How do you get faith?" Our leader said that we get faith by asking God for it. She quoted Jesus from Matthew 7:7: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

That sounded simple, but would it work? On the way home from Bible study I decided that I would ask for faith. "What do I have to lose?" I thought. I felt strange not praying a memorized prayer, but I didn't know any prayers for this. That day I prayed for the first time in my life in my own words. I prayed a tiny, simple prayer: "God, I want to believe. Give me the faith to believe in you."

God loves to hear us pray. God doesn't require fancy words or elaborate poetry. There is no minimum word requirement. God wants to hear about our needs and desires. One tiny, simple prayer from us is huge and meaningful to God, who loves to answer our prayers. I know that God answered mine. Go ahead; try it. Just ask. Only good can come of it.

Deborah A. Potts (Michigan, USA)

Thought for the Day

Ask God. What do you have to lose?

Prayer

Dear God, we need you. Please give us faith. 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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And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deuteronomy 6:5

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Taylor Receives Credentialed Manager Designation

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Mr. Arbie Taylor, CPM, ICMA-CM, City Manager of The City of Post, recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from ICMA, the premier local government leadership and management organization. Mr. Taylor is one of over 1,200 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program.

To receive the prestigious ICMA credential, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government, have earned a degree, preferably in public administration or a related field, and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

Mr. Taylor is qualified by over 13 years of professional local government executive experience. Prior to his appointment

in Post as City Manager, he served as Assistant City Manager for the City of Lamesa, TX for six and one half years, and the Director of Public Works/Assistant City Manager for the City of Perryton, TX for three years.

Mr. Taylor is the recent past president of the Texas City Manager's Association Region Two, and now serves on the TCMA State Ethics Committee.

Mr. Taylor is also a member of a number of other organizations, including: The American Society for Public Administration, The Texas Government Finance Officers Association, The Texas Public Works Association, The Texas Municipal Utilities Association, The Texas Water utilities Association, The Texas Pest Control Association, and The Texas Mosquito Control Association, and has several State Licenses through the Texas Commission on Environmental

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The paradox of an elected official

By Maria Martinez

Nearly 40,000 people die each year in alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents. Almost ten percent of those deaths (around 3,400 annually) occur in Texas, leaving Texas second only to California (approximately 3,500 annually) for the highest percentage of DWI/DUI deaths. Recent statistics show that nearly half of all traffic-related deaths in Texas involved alcohol. FindLaw KnowledgeBase, "Texas Has Dubious Title of High Drunk Driving Fatality Rate, 6/7/10." According to MADD, in 2011, 1,259 people have already died in DWI related fatalities in Texas, according to the figures available at the time this article was written which were not complete. In the State of Texas, you are presumed intoxicated if your breath or blood alcohol content is .08 or more. In 2011, our elected District Attorney, Brian Kingston was arrested for DWI while having a breath specimen of .203 as measured by a preliminary breath testing device, according to the Gaines County Sheriff's Office. If most people were arrested for DWI, they would probably lose their job. Brian Kingston still has his job. In fact, he has filed to run for another four year term so he can prosecute you and your loved ones for doing just what he has done. Know your rights as citizens:

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January 9, 2012

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#24 Corbin McDonald grabs the rebounds against Slaton



Going in for the rebound are #00 Dalton Holly, #4 Campbell Kirkpatrick, #5 Jake Perez and #14 Vance Blair



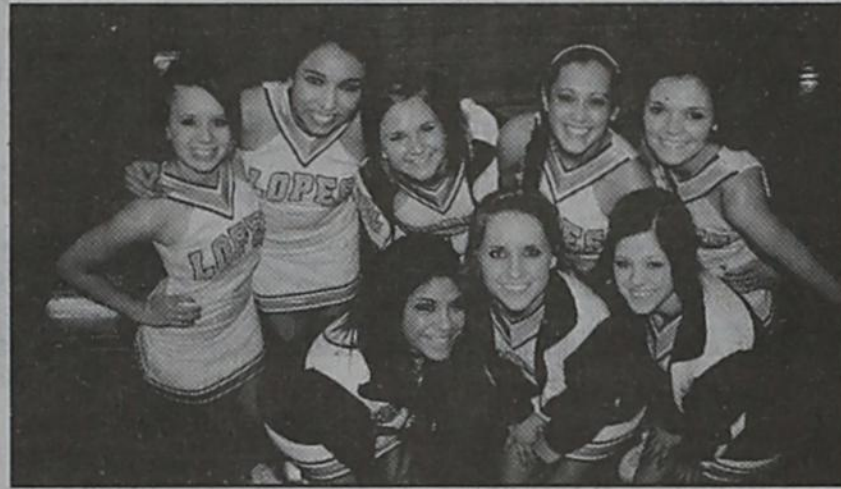
Lady Lope Senior Shirley Araiza goes up for a rebound against Slaton with #13 Katelyn Elmore



Sara Greer #23 defends the ball for the Lady Lopes along with Haily Berry #4



Sklar Jones of the Post Lady Lope Basketball Team was awarded All Tournament in Slaton's basketball tournament.



PHS cheerleaders from back left to right Julie Boren, Shirley Araiza, Kambry Mason, Sklyar Jones, Chelsea Nolan Front row Kimberly Rivera, Madison Cash, and Macie Merritt

Photos By Nancy McDonald

Former Idalou Wildcat Overcomes Everyday Obstacles

Residents Helped Support Cause

By Steffi Scott

December 6, 2008 started out as an exciting night for the fans and players of the Idalou Wildcat football team. They had made it to the playoffs and were facing their opponents, the Cisco Lobos.

Sometime during the midst of that game one of Idalou's star players was injured. Tanner Cook suffered a traumatic brain injury.

Cook was transported from Snyder to UMC in Lubbock, Texas by helicopter. Tests from that night compared with tests the next morning gave Tanner's parents hope that he would soon make a full recovery.

Nobody was prepared for the events that happened next.

Cook suffered from three different strokes in the next three days. Two of those were located in his brainstem and the third was located within his occipital lobe. Cook was unconscious for the next six days.

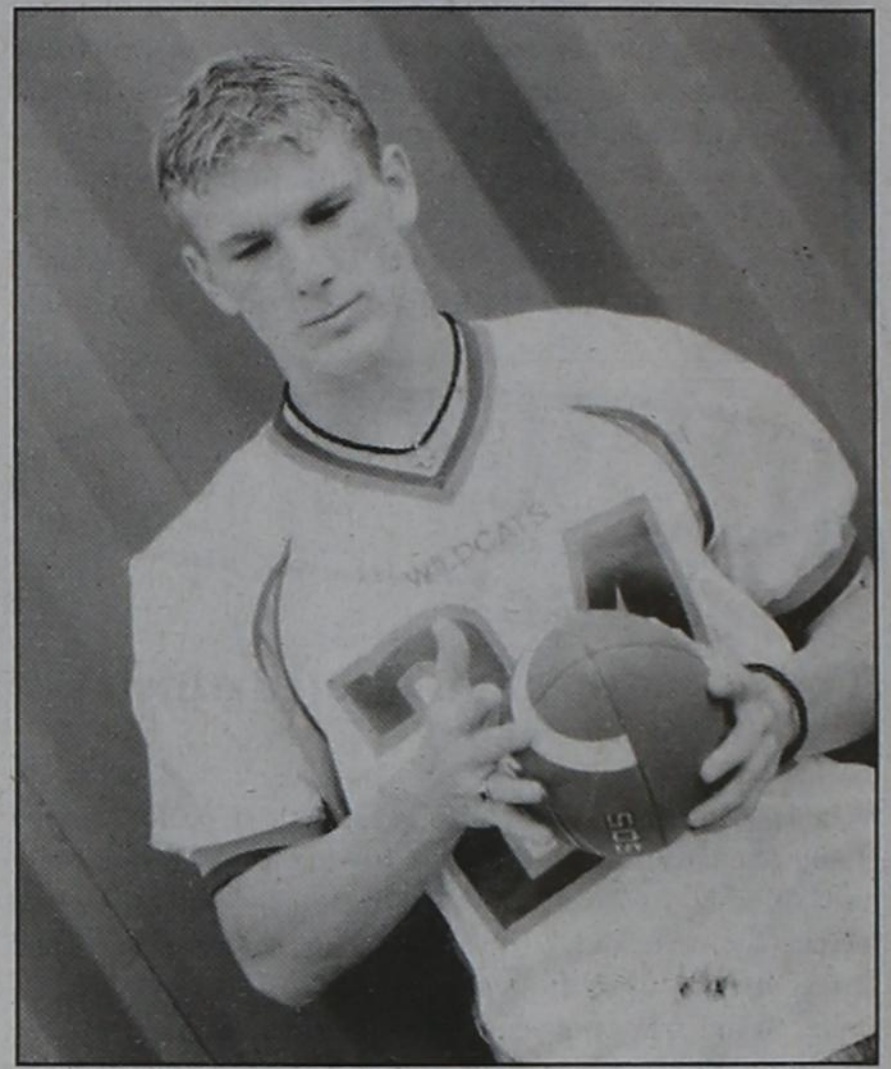
Two weeks after Tanner's injury he was transported to Baylor Rehab Hospital in Dallas, Texas. While he was there, Cook tried to make the best out of his experience. He worked hard to overcome the effects of his injury and strokes.

Cook had a long road ahead of him, with partial paralysis of his entire left side, he was faced with the task of re learning many simple day to day activities. His therapy included many things such as learning how to dress himself, brush his teeth and hair, walk, improve his speech which was affected by a stroke, and work on cognitive issues including his short term memory.

All of these issues proved to be tough on Tanner because traumatic brain injuries significantly reduce a person's energy level.

Cook was scheduled for release from Baylor on January 29th, 2009.

On January 28th, en route to Dallas, Cook's dad, Johnny,



along with a couple of friends made a stop in Post to watch the Wildcats face the Antelopes in a basketball game. At that very game Johnny was presented with a generous monetary donation from the wonderful and generous citizens of our Post community.

On the 29th, Tanner was transported to Transitional Learning Center in Lubbock, Texas, where he continued to work hard on his recovery. After several months at TLC, Tanner was released. Cook took a couple months off for a much needed break and then begin work again for his therapy at TLC. After a few more months Cook was released.

Since Tanner's release from TLC he has been quite the active young man. He got to experience work as a coaches aid at Idalou for two semesters. He also worked at TLC for a summer as an aid.

Cook has also attended classes at LCU for two semesters and done really well.

Currently, Tanner and his family are on the search for a post-acute brain trauma rehab.

After his time at rehab, Tanner has realized there are some areas in his life that need improvement, so he is going to try and do all that he can to make that happen.

Although his life has changed drastically due to his unfortunate injury and strokes, Cook has an optimistic attitude and outlook on life. He loves and enjoys life to the best of his ability every single day, never taking one for granted and is so thankful for all the blessings he has.

Cook knows there are many people out there praying for him and lifting him up daily. He believes those prayers have helped him make such great improvements in the past three years.

Tanner would like to personally extend his gratitude to everyone in the Post community for their continued prayers and their thoughtful monetary donations.

"Thanks for everything you've done for me and my family," Cook said. "And thank you for proving there are many wonderful Christian people in the world."

Varsity Boys Basketball Scores

Post vs. Stanton
 Post Record: 8-10
 Post District Record: 0-3
 Final Score: 32-27
 Score by Quarter
 Team 1 2 3 4
 Post 5 7 11 4
 Stanton 14 6 6 6
Post Players Scoring
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 Pake Jones

Vance Blair 3
 Parker Loftus
 Taylor Soto 6
 Corbin McDonald 9
 Dakota McDonald
Post vs. Slaton
 Post Record: 8-11
 Post District Record: 0-4
 Team: Post Varsity Boys
 Final Score: 63-45
 Score by Quarter
 Team 1 2 3 4
 Post 10 12 11 12
 Slaton 12 18 23 10

Post Players Scoring
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Coach's Corner

by Steve Smith

It's a Choice to be Mediocre

"Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds" - Albert Einstein As I was thinking about what to share this week I glanced at one of the two pictures of Einstein that hang on my office wall.

As I began to think about this incredible truth that I have read so many times, I once again realized how important it is to fully understand.

Most of us surround ourselves with individuals who support us in staying the way we are. The unfortunate truth is that when you decide to become a great spirit -- to pursue a great adventure -- many of the people around you will not support you.

Often with good intention they will tell you familiar things like "be realistic," "slow down -- take your time," "be careful," or "don't do anything rash."

I have found that, "When you pursue greatness, you represent the courage that others don't have." (That sentence is important -- please read it again until you FULLY understand it.)

Consequently, when you succeed, they can no longer tell themselves and others their own "good stories" about why they don't succeed. You break through their excuses for staying in an unfulfilled or dissatisfied life.

For this reason, it is absolutely imperative that you surround yourself with great spirits -- continually! Like-minded individuals who have the same vision and are going the same places you are going. People who believe in you, support you, sometimes even push you.

One of the greatest decisions I made several years ago was that "I would no longer spend quantity time with people that I did not want to become." This is one of the most difficult decisions I have ever made -- and also one of the most powerful.

I looked at the crowd I was spending time with and they were great people; and yet, they were not going in the same direction as me. They did not have the same goals for their life. The same passion.

I realized that they were holding me back.

I still love them, care for them, communicate with them, but no longer spend a major portion of my time with them.

Who do you have in your life that may be holding you back? Who can you begin to spend more quality and quantity time with that is going in the same direction as you? Who do you know that is passionate? Who do you know that is committed to greatness?

It has been said that 5 years from today you will be the same person as today...with 2 exceptions:

1. The books you read, tapes you listen to, seminars you attend.
2. The people that you spend the majority of your time with.

This is no dress rehearsal -- this is your life -- the real deal! Remember that. And as you do, be outstanding -- live with passion -- and make your life magnificent!

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Jan. 16-Jan. 20

<p>Breakfast:</p> <p>Monday Student Holiday</p> <p>Tuesday Muffins, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Wednesday Malt-O-Meal, Sausage, Toast, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Thursday Cinnamon, Toast, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Friday Cereal, Graham Cracker, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p>Lunch:</p> <p>Monday Student Holiday</p>	<p>Tuesday Pizza, Salad, Orange Smiles, Gingerbread, Milk</p> <p>Wednesday Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Strawberries & Bananas, Hot Roll, Milk</p> <p>Thursday Spaghetti W/Meat Sauce, Salad, Green Beans, Bread Stick, Apple Crisp, Milk</p> <p>Friday Grilled Chesses Sandwich, Tortilla Soup, Celery & Peanut Butter, Fresh Apple Crackers, Milk</p>
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30. Wood sorrels
31. Lash out at
34. Floor coverings
35. Deserving rebuke
39. Atlantic City attraction
40. Statues with no head and hands
41. One who mimics
42. Chester White's home
43. Energize
48. Links rental
49. Film material
51. Bee colony
52. Wrist bones (pl.)
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58. Eat an evening meal

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3. Make less dense
4. Inspection Test Date (acronym)
5. Thickening agent (pl.)
6. Backbend dance
7. Blunt-edged fencing sword
8. Alexander Hamilton bills
9. Locale
10. Preset explosive (2 wds)
11. Unambiguous
12. Put up with
13. Disrobe
18. "American ___"
24. Not far
27. Pixie
28. Discordant noises
29. In addition

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The occurrence of each act alleged as a ground for removal with as much certainty as the nature of the case permits.

Texas Local Government Code Sec. 87.015.

Mr. Kingston may be removed through this petition process during this term, or should he be re-elected, during his subsequent term. If a petition were filed he could be temporarily replaced by a temporary appointee made by the District Judge, and subsequently replaced by the Governor should he be permanently removed. Voting for Mr. Kingston would only provide more instability in the Office of District Attorney, and in our democratic form of government, as it would lead to a situation where he may be replaced by someone chosen by one or two individuals, rather than having someone elected by the people of our district. Voting for Brian Kingston would be throwing your vote away!

Thank you so very much - Maria Martinez

DID YOU KNOW?

Garza County was named for a pioneer Bexar County family of which José Antonio de la Garza was a well-known member.

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LEGENDS... GARZA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

By Linda Puckett

Part two of the Death of Marshall (Monk) Gibson continues with Ruth Noles testifying, "Earlier in the evening, before the shooting, Earl and Freddie came up to my house. Monk came up there and was talking to my sister, telling her not to let me leave. He was warning her that I better not leave. Well I didn't figure it was his place to be telling me what to do. After all, I wasn't married to him. Before we started to leave, Monk began to act like a wild man, or something. I never had seen anyone like that. My sister and brother-in-law tried to get him to go away."

District Attorney Cayton asked, "What is your sister and brother-in-law's name?" "Ethel and Lent Ingram," she replied. "They tried to get him to go away and leave us alone, but they couldn't tell him anything. So Lent went and called Fay (Claborn). Fay came up there and talked to him and Monk left, but as he left he started hollering back, and said, 'I warned you, you better not leave.'"

Cayton asked if any more difficulty had taken place in her (Ruth) presence. She

replied, "Yes. I know on a Monday night about two weeks ago, I guess, Norma and I were down in town, and we were talking to Earl and Monk drove up and started trying to make me go home, and I told him I wasn't ready to go home just yet. We had come to town for a coke. And so he would drive off and in a minute he would drive back. He drove back and said, 'I thought I told you to go home.' When he came back the third time, we got kind of irritable fooling with him, so Norma drove off and when she did, he wheeled around in front of us, and stopped us. I talked to him a little while and I left. We went on home. Then last Monday night, I believe it was, I went up to Earl's house to apologize to him and his mother, but Earl was asleep. His mother came out to the car. We had no more than driven up there when Monk drove in, just real fast like. I got down on the floorboard to hide because I didn't want any trouble up there. Norma told him I wasn't there, and he said, well he just didn't want Earl fooling with me. Mrs. Davis told us that Earl had gone to sleep when he came in from

work." Ruth explained that she wanted to apologize to Earl for more or less getting him into this mess up with Monk; he kept wanting to fight him over her. She said, 'I certainly wanted him to know that I wasn't the type to condone things like that.'

Later, they went to town and as they drove down the street, they met Monk going the opposite direction. He turned around, stopping them and asked, "if I was up there (at Earl's)?" I said, "what do you care?" And he said, "Well I want you to know that the whole bunch is going to get it." So he took off toward Snyder and I thought he had gone to get a gun, so I told Fay. Fay said he would be on the watch out for him, and if he came back to town he would have to lock him up.

Cayton asked Ruth, "Did you ever file a complaint against him?" She said "no." Cayton asked her if she had ever gone with Monk prior to this occurrence and she said, "yes, for about four years, off and on". He asked, "was

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The Doctor Is In By Dr. Benjamine Edwards

Today we'll be talking about healthcare! Over that past couple of years, when one hears the word "healthcare," I'm sure we all sort of cringe because of the fierce political battles over the subject. But today I'm not writing from the political perspective, although I do have a strong opinion about that! Maybe I'll write about that later.

Today I want to talk about "healthcare" versus "sickcare." I'm into my sixth year of private practice, almost 10 years since I graduated from medical school, and I am just now coming to the realization that much of what I and most other physicians do is actually provide "sickcare" instead of "healthcare."

When it comes to chronic diseases (like hypertension, diabetes, congestive heart failure, etc), we simply treat the symptoms, we rarely if ever actually cure chronic disease. The goal of this column is to try and educate the reader on root causes of disease and how to treat those root causes in order to reverse the disease process.

Our modern healthcare system has created an environment where the physician is forced to see one patient every 10-15 minutes in order to make financial ends meet. Reimbursement rates from third party payers (that would be insurance companies, medicare

and medicaid) are routinely being cut, including a planned 23% cut in medicare payments to physicians unless congress intervenes and postpones the cut for six months or so, which they usually do.

In this type of environment the patient is transformed into a number and each patient is ushered through quickly, like cattle at a auction, the primary result is that the patient's healthcare suffers! The physician is left with very little if anytime for counseling on lifestyle and dietary changes that could have real meaningful impact the patient's health.

It takes a lot of time to review, explain and teach patients exactly why and how to eat right, offer advise on the most effective exercise regimens, convince patients why sleep, fresh air and sunlight are extremely important for optimal health, and how living a low stress life or learning how to properly handle stress is exceedingly important if one wishes to stay healthy.

Explaining how one's spiritual health is vital to one's physical health also takes longer than 15 minutes. It is easier and faster to get a quick list of the primary symptoms, make a quick diagnosis and write a prescription and then run off to the next patient.

As I see a society, not just in

Garza county, but throughout the state and nation get sicker and sicker because of poor nutrition and lifestyle choices, I am turning toward education and prevention in my practice more and more in order to try and stem the tide of chronic disease. Unfortunately, I only received one hour of nutrition education in medical school, which is par for the course in most U.S. medical schools.

So, as I am actively learning more and more about nutrition and prevention I invite you to join me on this journey from sickcare to true healthcare! God's intricately and amazingly designed creation, the human body, is so fascinating, complex, and wonderfully made but the maintenance of this amazing creation really is quite simple ... give your body what it needs and avoid what it doesn't need.

Of course, the lawyers would like me to say the information in this column is not intended to replace the advise of a licensed medical provider. Please consult your physician regarding your individual case!

Dr. Edwards practices at Garza County Health Clinic, 1104 N Ave. S St. Dr. Edwards graduated from the University of Texas - Houston Medical School in May of 2002. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Baylor University in May 1997.

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Please run the following advertisement in the professional section on Friday, January 13, 2012. Please see how it will fit in a 3 x 4, with a border around the ad. Send me an estimate and a proof please before running the ad. If you have any questions please contact me at 806/495-2175 ext. 233.

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10 Years Ago

Texas Sports Hall of Fame recognizes Post's Norm Cash Southland 4-H Club Members Clint McDaniel and Haley McDaniel were busy at the 4-H Barns getting their animals ready.

Thousand of cars and trucks a day roam up and down the caprock through Post during

big holiday weekends. It's a sign of the times.

Post Team cheer consisting of 17 girls coached by Steffi Norman and Sunnie Martinez perform at the GCJLA banquet.

Lopes handle Coahoma 30-27 with Jarrett Vickers leading the pack.

VFW Ladies Auxillary members sewing at Christmas party for children are Lana Yoder, Ruth Walls and Melis Taylor

20 Years Ago

Cynthia Poole Black graduated with honors from the University of Texas School of Pharmacy

SGT. James Lee was captured by the photographer in Saudi Arabia with General Norman Schwarzhopf before Lees unit returned to Germany following operation Desert Storm.

Humorist Ellis Posey will be the guest speaker at the Post Chamber of Commerce

Blanch Stewart was honored last week for her retirement following almost 18 years of service with Dr. Charles McCook.

Garrett and Clint Chapman welcome home their baby brother Tyler Flynn, born January 2nd, 1992.

30 Years Ago

Todd Wilson, Jimmy Ticer, Cindy Basquez and Raenell Rogers won places in the all region band contest.

Jack Rylant was named to the All Region Choir. He is a Senior.

Snow blanket covers Garza County with the 1st snow storm of 1982.

Mrs. Sheila Melton announces her candidacy for precinct 1 Justice of the Peace.

The Junior Class of Post High School will present a play Frankenstein slept here by Tim Kelley, January 25th.

7th Grade girls win on the road with Kim Smith 11 points and Angie Holleman 7.



Remember When

40 Years Ago 1972

Sheriff Jimmy Holleman and city patrolman Jerry Jolly along with the Tahoka police arrest three men, shortly after they had broken into eight service stations in the area.

Dick R. Kennedy has been named a distinguished student in veterinary medicine at Texas A & M University.

Post 7th and 8th grade boys win two over Cooper. Leading in the scoring for 7th grade were; Dan Sawyers, Jimmy Dorland, Mike Waldrip and Buddy Britton. Scoring for the 8th grade were; Rodney King, Bryan Davis, Mike Hair, Edward Price and Mike Shephard.

Garza Mental Health Clinic is moving in new office quarters to the Mason Memorial Building with Marianne Hart keeping the clinic open on week days and Dr. John Miller seeing patients on Wednesday.

50 Years Ago 1962

Bryan J. Williams is announcing a new restricted residential addition. The housing addition is to be named Ridgefield.

Garza Co. rainfall for the last year was 2.20 inches above the normal which is 20.43 inches total for a year.

Two men die in a shootout in East Post during a poker game.

Commissioners accept a bid of \$2,970.00 from Guy Floyd Motor Co. for a new 1962 GMC two-ton truck.

Norm Cash was named as the Texas professional athlete of the year. This was a close race with George Blanda, Houston Oilers great quarterback.

Mystic Sewing Club elect new officers; Estella Moreland, president; Henrietta Nichols, vice president; Lillie D. Short, secretary; and Jimmie Hudman, reporter.

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black elbow length gloves and pearls. Each carried a single pearl white long stemmed rose entwined with black and silver ribbon.

Serving as flower girls were Haven and Harbor Hill of Matador. They wore black velveteen dresses with black net tutus accented at the waist with a band of silver sequins. MaKaylee Butler of Post lit the candles to begin the ceremony. All three are cousins of the bride.

Best man was Kwail Brock of Levelland, cousin of the bridegroom. Groomsmen were Byron Walker, Carson Yates, Dawson Burns, Klay Bob Harris, and Coby Wood. Ushers included Kane Brock, Laramie White, Klay Brock, Jeremy Nix and Stuart Bozeman. Ring bearer was Hadley White, brother of the bride.

All of the male attendants wore black jackets, white shirts, levis, black hats and grey wild rags.

Preceding the ceremony, a video of the couple growing up was shown. Special wedding music was the singing of "I Will Stand by You" by soloist, Karleigh Porterfield, the sister of the bridegroom. Also, a memorial candle was lit by the groom in memory of his best friend, Regan Walker, who was killed in a wreck recently.

Following the rites, the couple lit the unity candle.

Approximately 450 people were registered by Jenny Karson of California, also a cousin of the bride. Wedding programs were passed out by Jake and Colton Walters of Westbrook, cousins of the bride.

A reception followed at the Science Spectrum Social Room in Lubbock. A fajita meal was prepared and served by the mother of the bride and friends. The round serving tables were covered in black and white cloths topped by a crystal cylinder holding black, red, silver ball ornaments and crystal beads surrounded by four votive

candles on metallic squares.

The bride's table was covered with a floor length lace edged polyester cloth. The crystal punch bowl sat atop glass bricks entwined with tiny white lights and a silver lame' cloth. The table was centered with a three tiered silver and crystal stand which held the bride's bouquet and white candles and was flanked by an 8 x 10 picture of the bride and a tall silver champagne bucket and stems. The wedding cake was layers of Italian creme and red velvet iced in white and each layer was edged in a band of rhinestones. It was topped with the couple's initials. White wedding bell mints made by Jennie Cowdrey were served.

The couple cut the wedding cake with the silver cake knife used by her grandparents 54 years ago and by her parents 27 years ago.

The groom's table was covered with a caramel cloth and featured brown round ball candles and a brown leather looking chocolate cake topped with his brand. A coffee service was used.

A DJ, Robert Spera, acted as master of ceremony and introduced the wedding party before a large tulle and tiny white lights display surrounding a video screen. The couple danced the first dance followed by the bride and her father while a father/daughter video was shown. Then the bridegroom and his mother danced while a mother/son video was shown.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the parents of the bridegroom at the Rafter Room at Cagles Steak House. Western decor was used. The bride's grandfather, Noel White, sang three songs to the couple.

The couple will be at home in Brock, where Porterfield trains horses and the bride teaches school at Santo. She taught in Post ID in 2009-2010.

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that fairly steady?" She said, "I thought I was going steady, but he wasn't going steady."

Cayton asked, "When did you start having dates with Earl Smith?" She replied, "I guess I have known him three weeks or a month." When asked how often they dated, she said "about six times." "Did you see him at night?" "Uh-huh." Cayton said, "Of course you would see him in the daytime occasionally too." She said "no, he worked in the daytime." "On the night that the shooting took

place, you hadn't had anything to drink, had you?" Ruth said, "no I don't drink."

At the end of the inquest, J.P. J.D. King ruled that Marshall Gibson, known as Monk, has died of gunshot wound inflicted by Earl Smith.

As we read this accounting of what lead up to the shooting death of Monk, you have to wonder, what else could Earl Smith have done? Monk certainly didn't have any intentions of letting go, so a bad ending was inevitable.

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60 Years Ago 1952
Jack Kirkpatrick, PISD football player, is named to the second team on the Texas all-state roster.

A fall from her horse has Nita Wilson recovering from a broken leg.

65 Years Ago 1947
The honor of the first baby

being born in Post for the year 1947 goes to Miss Yvonne Moreland. Buster and Estella Moreland are the proud parents.

It is reported to the Post Dispatch that there are no vacant houses or apartments to rent due to the boom in the oil field business.

The 501
by Hanaba Munn Welch

Need an excuse for a lifetime of atypical behavior? Fall out of your highchair. I did.

It happened in San Antonio at Casa Rio, back when it was the only place to eat on the river. I like to think I landed on 200-year-old old stone paving. Maybe I did.

Anyway, all these years later my highchair spill still serves me well whenever I need a conversation-stopping sentence: "Well, you know I fell out of my high chair at Casa Rio." Works every time.

Incidentally, it's proof Mexican restaurants and I go way back. From our house, you just about had to drive 300-plus miles to San Antonio to find a Mexican restaurant back then. Otherwise, it was Gebhardt's tamales out of a can. If a local greasy spoon had Mexican food on the menu, it was Gebhardt's tamales under chili.

However, we did have one other notable tamale source. "Harvey Dean, the Tamale King" sold tamales from a red and white pushcart parked across from the courthouse square. Whatever you bought he'd wrap in a page from the local paper.

Cars had bench seats. You'd set H. D.'s tasty tamales in the middle of the front seat and unwrap the newspaper. At each red light, you ate one.

Three red lights in a row and my grandmother and I had eaten our half-dozen. Yum.

If the name "Harvey Dean" doesn't sound Hispanic, you're right. He was a black guy. Who knows why he decided circa 1950 to sell homemade tamales in a black

and white town? H. D. was ahead of the curve.

Speaking of Mexican food showing up in unlikely ways in unlikely places, consider New Orleans. Last week my husband and I dined at a Tex-Mex restaurant right on St. Charles Avenue.

I ordered taco de brisket, but I could have chosen either crawfish or shrimp enchiladas. Shades of my 1994 trip to Santa Fe when I could have had burritos with cucumber sauce but didn't.

But who am I to put restrictions on what qualifies as authentic Mexican cuisine and whether it matters? We've come a long way since Gebhardt's.

All told, in New Orleans, where there's always room for more kind of food, Mexican fare seems to have arrived. Maybe it's thanks to Hurricane Katrina.

My husband and I heard it "for true" (a New Orleans term that underlines veracity) that the city would still be in ruins if hard-working Hispanic construction workers hadn't moved in to build things back. Maybe those workers reported a dearth of Mexican restaurants to relatives in the restaurant business, who seized the opportunity to fill the vacuum. That's my theory.

If we go to Jackson Square tomorrow, we'll see sidewalk artists, street entertainers and food vendors. If someone like H. D. is there selling tamales from a pushcart, it won't surprise me. I'll be surprised only if they're H. D.'s price - 50 cents a dozen. Or maybe it was a dollar. I forget. I just know they were worth it.

Post Notes

Holy Cross Catholic Church will be held every Wednesday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Snacks will be served at 5:00pm. Parents are encouraged to send children's grades pre-k-5th. Youth classes will also be held on Wednesday's following C.C.E at 6:45-7:45pm. All Jr. High-High School Students are encouraged to attend.

Post Community Youth
We are ready to start another thrilling year with the Post Community Youth. All youth are invited. As a community youth group many different churches are involved and you do not have to be active in any particular church to attend. We have been praying that the youth would have a blessed summer and are ready for a great year. We do ask that the adults of our community would be in constant prayer for the Youth group.

The Senior High Youth will meet this year on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Dinner is available as usual at about 6:45pm. We are looking forward to a great time.

The Junior High Youth begins at 5:45pm. We will be using "The Story" as our basic curriculum this year and we will be hitting the high points of the Bible throughout our time together. Dinner is being provided. We want to remind the parents that the youth will be ready to be picked up by 7:00pm. A new item this year is that the doors of the church will be locked and there will be no adult supervision until 5:15pm. This is going to be a great year!

Post Elementary Notes:
January 16th- Monday-Teacher work day. No school for students.
January 18th- Wednesday-

Report cards go home with students.

January 20th- Friday- 100th Day of School

If you are still needing to purchase a copy of the 2010-2011 Post Elementary Yearbook, this is your last chance to do so before the 2011-2012 books go on sale. Please come visit Mandi Criswell in the school nurse's office or for questions you may call 495-3414. Info coming soon for the new 2011-2012 Post Elementary Yearbooks!

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.

Marriage on the ROCK seminar February 10-11, 2012. Free admission Free childcare! Register at www.brynnessmiles.org

It's a reception for Marietta Pruitt's 90th Birthday! Sunday January 15th, 2012 in the Wells Fargo Reception Room. No gifts! Come and go!

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday January 21st from 7 p.m. till 10 p.m. at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles south on FM 399. There is no admission charge; hat will be passed for donations to help with upkeep on the center. Concession stand with drinks and snacks will be available. For more info contact Noel White @ 806-495-3261

The Church of God of Prophecy will be selling enchilada plates Friday Jan. 13th 11a.m.-12p.m. \$7 a plate. Call for pickup or we can deliver-806-632-1915



DR. WINK

Last week I talked about New Year's resolutions regarding your pet. With weight loss being at the top of the list, I'd like to recommend another important health issue be added to your pet's 2012 resolutions. Ever had a dog lick you in the face just to knock you over with bad breath? No, I'm not talking about cute puppy breath.

I'm referring to the foul smelling, gag you fumes which radiate out each time your pet opens its mouth. From bad breath to a change in eating habits, oral care plays a vital part in your pet's health.

Oral disease is the most commonly diagnosed problem in dogs & cats. Did you know these problems can start developing as early as 2 years old? According to the American Veterinary Dental Society, 80 percent of dogs and 70 percent of cats are diagnosed with oral disease by the age of 3. Just like us humans, it is very common for dogs and cats to get painful dental abscess, cavities or

Doggie Dental ...

toothaches causing pain, eating changes, and more serious issues such as organ problems.

How can a tooth problem turn into kidney or liver failure? A dental abscess releases Endotoxins and Bacteria. Both Bacteria and Endotoxins can pass through the blood stream and permanently damage vital organs like heart, heart valves, lungs, liver and kidneys. Delaying, postponing dental cleaning now could lead to advanced dental disease and higher treatment costs for heart, lungs, liver and kidney diseases. Dental disease WILL reduce the life expectancy of your pet! However, with a routine plan established,

including annual professional dental cleaning and home dental care, dental disease is a preventable disease!

In other words...oral disease in pets is a serious matter! So serious of an issue, the American Veterinary Dental Society has declared the month of February as "National Pet Dental Health Month". To coordinate with this, Garza County Animal Hospital is offering 20% OFF of professional dental cleaning procedures from now through the end of February. Call us at 806-495-3726 to make your pet's dental appointment today! Give your pet a beautiful smile and a healthy start to 2012!

Public Notice to be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and posted on the County Public Notice for three (3) consecutive weeks:

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGES IN ELECTION PRECINCTS

Pursuant to §42.035, Texas Election Code, the Commissioners court of Garza County, Texas, herein provides notice of changes in County political boundaries as adopted by the Commissioners Court, and as precleared by the United States Department of Justice on the 22nd day of December, 2011.

Interested individuals may review the adopted changes in the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.

The changes in county election precincts were necessitated by redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts in compliance with the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. §1973, also known as the Voting Rights Act, following the release of 2010 census data. Changes in county election precincts were designed to achieve numerical balance between the four commissioners court precincts, and to insure the voting rights of all citizens of Garza County, Texas.

Jim Plummer
County Clerk

AVISO PUBLICO DE CAMBIOS EN ELECCION RECINTOS

Conforme a §42.035, Tejas Eleccion Codigo, la Corte de Comisario, Condado Garza, Tejas, avisa cambio en las fronteras politicas de condados segun se adopto por la corte de comisario y aprobado por Estado Unidos Ministerio Justicia el 22nd de diciembre 2011.

Los individuos interesados pueden repasar los cambios adoptados en la oficina del official Condado durante horas de ofician regulares.

Los cambios en recintos de la eleccion del condado fueron hechos necesario por cambios de los recintos de comisiones del condado en conformidad con la constitucion de Estados Unidos y 42 U.S.C. §1973, tambien sabido como Derechos Al Voto, despues del desbloquear do los datos 2000 de censo. Cambios en eleccion recintos del condado fueron disenados para alcanzar el equilibrio numerico entre los cuatro recintos de la corte de las comisiones, y para asegurar los derechos al voto de todos los ciudadanos del condado Garza de Tejas.

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for improving not only water resources but also recreational uses of water resources like White River Reservoir.

For one thing, he'd like to see an improved beach near one of the picnic areas -- a place where parents and grandparents could easily keep an eye on their children. He also envisions paved trails to accommodate everyone, handicapped included.

Even as he looks ahead, Fulton admits to being a history buff. He's spent time in the files in his office learning the history of the White River Reservoir. It's with a measure of reverence that he pulls out the Western Union telegram signed by Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, Sen. Ralph Yarborough and Rep. George Mahon. He's also spent time reading about the drought of the 1950s that spurred development of White River Reservoir in the first place.

If ever there were a time for history to repeat itself, it could be now -- "deja vu all

over again," Fulton said, comparing 2011 to the 1950s and seeing the current dry times as a situation that could foster the further development of water resources.

The next meeting of the board of the White River Municipal Water District will be Thursday, Jan. 19. Engineers are slated to discuss some aspects of the potential for developing water resources in the area and also recreational enhancement. A clearer picture of all possibilities promises to take shape as participating entities consider water options for the future.

Meanwhile, Fulton appreciates White River Reservoir for what it is right now -- a minimal frills place with plenty of good fishing, a boat ramp that almost reaches the water, a wealth of shaded picnic tables, a marina that serves down-home food, white-tailed deer in abundance, birds of many feathers and lots of stars at night. "It's so peaceful out here," Fulton said, describing life on the lake. "It's unbelievable. I never thought that I'd be a country fellow, a bird-

watcher. Have you seen the stars out here? The stars are brighter."

Fulton's wife is also enamored of the area, he said, although she's remaining in East Texas for now with their youngest son, a high school sophomore who doesn't want to change schools.

All it took was a trip to Grand Canyon for her to shift her vacation preferences from the beach to the grandeur of the American West, Fulton said. She likes taking pictures of the wildlife at White River Reservoir and even just their tracks.

And who knows? Someday there might even be a very nice beach.

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needed.

"We plan to use the Blackboard Connect system to send a variety of messages beyond emergency alerts, including notifications of inclement weather and other important community updates," Taylor said. "We are encouraging all

residents to take note of this new service and register their contact information so they are prepared to receive essential safety and community information at any given time."

Publicly available primary residential and business phones in Post have been automatically added in the system. However, to ensure that the city has the most up-to-date contact information, residents should either call (806) 495-2811, or fill out a preferred contact form at City Hall or the City Library, to provide their complete information (up to three phone numbers and two email addresses) and indicate if they have a TTY/TDD. Residents with call blocking services should add (806) 495-2811 to their approved number list to ensure they receive important notifications from the City.

"The best way to keep residents informed and, therefore, help to keep them safe is through communication, and the Blackboard Connect platform makes it easy," said Ed Miller, President of Blackboard Connect. "With the

Blackboard Connect platform, leaders can easily send critical information through multiple communication channels to their entire communities, from any given location, and even under even the most extreme circumstances."

For more information on the Blackboard Connect platform please visit <http://www.blackboard.com/connect> or contact the company at (818) 808-1462.

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ends. This is health care for a lot of people. It's one of the most viable services we've got."

Short suggested that the EMS could become a department of the city.

"If we do that, we're really limiting them," Taylor said, explaining that Post Garza County EMS will have more flexible options for funding if the 501 (c) (3) status can be achieved. "We're going to stand behind them as long as we know they're trying to get it fixed."

Taylor next addressed the city's responsibility relative to the city-owned Garza Theater building, now condemned as unsafe. At his request, the council authorized Taylor to pay a structural engineer to determine what the city must do to make the building safe.

"Bottom line, in order to make it safe for people to go in there ... rebuilding it and making it what we all want it to be, which is the Garza Theater, it's a structural engineer's call," Taylor said. "That's not something you throw together."

The council next considered the best disposition for two small buildings constructed by the correctional facility and given to the city for festival use.

"We don't have the moral right to sell them," Ezra said.

The council agreed that Ezra should draw up a lease agreement to allow Post City Festivals to lease both buildings for a nominal fee.

"They become responsible for storage and upkeep," Ezra said. "They're obligating themselves to more than just a nominal payment."

Taylor told the council that the city needs to sell some vehicles and equipment, specifically mentioning a non-running chipper, a flatbed truck that needs an engine, a derelict trash truck and a nondescript non-running truck.

"If the council will authorize me, I can come up with a list of all the vehicles we need to get rid of," he said.

Even if some of the items are worthless, putting them up for bids is the proper procedure, Ezra said.

"This is a step you have to take before you start throwing away stuff," Ezra said, noting that the "paper trail" will prove things were done right.

The city also needs new vehicles, Taylor said, mentioning the capital replacement fund for making such purchases.

"We desperately need a new flatbed," he said. "We did buy a new one last year, but we bought a small one."

Taylor also mentioned the need for a dump truck and a pickup truck with an extended cab and long bed -- vehicles that would replace a small dump truck and a similar pickup in use now.

Anita Morris expressed reservations at the thought of the vehicle expenditures.

"Just in the back of my mind ... I keep thinking of this building we're going to have to shore up and then dump trucks?"

Taylor reiterated that the money for vehicles will come from the capital replacement fund, and Mark Short said the money for the theater project can come from last year's fund balance.

"I'm going to have about half a million in the unreserved fund balance from last year," he said. "Money we did not spend."

Ultimately the council gave its approval for the purchase of a flatbed truck and an extended-cab pickup.

Mayor Harp expressed her concern for the need for a policy regarding the use of city computers.

"As technology progresses, so do our liabilities," she said. "I just thought we needed to update everything."

Deana Watson, city secretary, addressed the mayor's concerns by asking other cities to share their policies with Post.

"She got a really good one from the city administrator of Ransom Canyon," Taylor said, describing the document as succinct and to the point.

The council approved adoption of the policy with enforcement to be a topic on next month's agenda.

The council agreed to meet on Thursday, Feb. 23, rather than on the customary second Tuesday of the month, to accommodate Taylor, who will be attending classes on Tuesdays for the next several weeks. They made no decision regarding a March meeting date.

No residents spoke during the open forum except the Mayor, who congratulated Taylor on achieving the Credentialed Manager designation from the International City-County Management Association, and Les Looney, who announced Saturday, Feb. 11, as the date for the volunteer fire department's annual chili supper at the fire station.

Also, Saturday, Feb. 25, was mentioned as the date for the chamber of commerce banquet.

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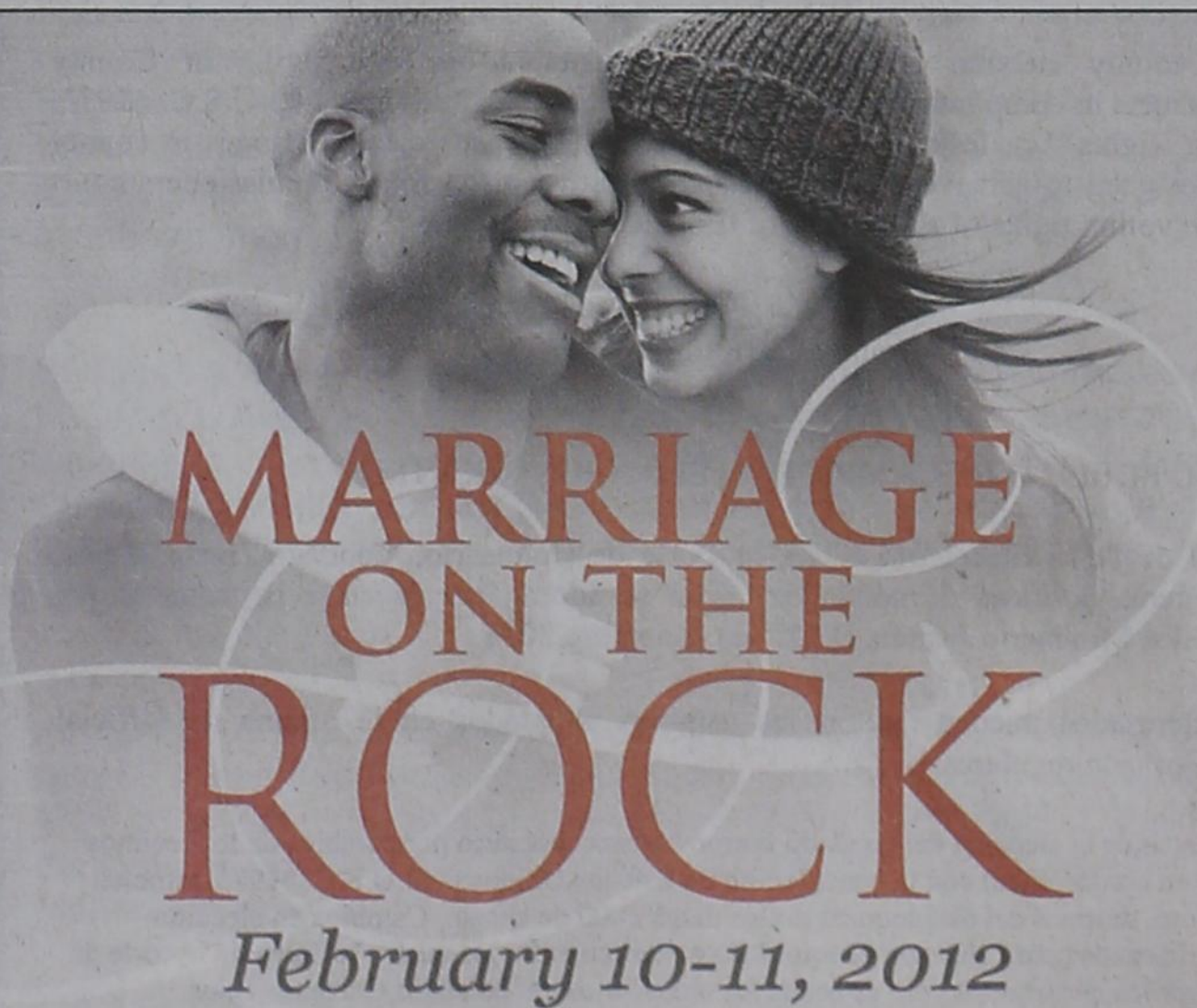
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