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## Burglars Hit Rural Homes

By Hanaba Munn Welch

Help. Like a sheriff deputizing a whole posse, local law officers are asking for help from Garza County residents to nab the bad guys. Nobody has to strap on a Colt .45 and saddle up. It's more about knowing how and when to use a telephone.

"We've seen a big increase in stuff out in the country," Chief Deputy Tommy Binford said Tuesday. "Rural residential burglaries have really picked up. Doors have been kicked in."

It's not that Post and Garza County are worse than anywhere else in the region.

"Lamesa, they're dealing with a spike in burglaries there," he said. "Lubbock County is too."

Binford also mentioned Lynn County.

"We're seeing a lot of our parolees that have been released," he said, mentioning one local resident picked up

and jailed on a warrant from Williamson County.

When asked if the detainee was Chris Thurman (a Post resident mentioned in the initial confession of convicted school bus burglar Jerry Lyn Curtis -- see related story in this issue), Binford confirmed that it was Thurman and said he was still in Garza County Jail Tuesday.

But rather than talk about individuals, Binford was anxious to ask Garza County residents, especially in rural areas, to be alert. Most often, the burglaries happen by light of day, when people are at work, Binford said.

While Binford granted the interview late Tuesday afternoon, his colleague Deputy Mike Taylor was investigating another rural burglary.

"We've just been hopping," Binford said. "We're asking the public to really pay attention to strange vehicles out in the country."

For instance, a vehicle going slow might indicate that someone is casing a residence for a burglary attempt later, Binford said.

Law officers are also keeping an eye on suspicious-looking people in town.

"We've got people that walk a lot around town," Binford said. "We're going to make it a point to know who's out and about. If we've got this kind of element ... it's not safe. ... We're definitely taking a harder look at certain individuals."

Not only are sightings of suspicious activities or individuals not being called in to law enforcement; some crimes aren't even being reported.

"I'm finding out that we've had so much more going on here ... attempted burglaries and thefts," he said. "I'm encouraging people to report these."

Burglaries are offenses

that Binford rates close to sexual assaults as to their seriousness.

"In my opinion, a residential burglar, someone who will force his way into a residence, that's a potential murderer right there," he said. "He's made up his mind that he's going to be successful. ... That's why these residential burglaries have been such a serious concern for me."

Fight or flight? For someone who realizes a burglar has broken into his or her house, which course of action is better?

"I'm going to leave that up to the person," Binford said. "That person knows his or her own capabilities."

Meanwhile, the call is out -- not a call to arms but simply a call to residents of Post and Garza County to be vigilant and use their eyes and ears to help law officers do their job.



Photo By Hanaba Munn Welch  
Colorado Republican John Davis visits with Garza County Judge Lee Norman during a local campaign stop.

## Davis Stumps in Every County ... in the U.S.A.

By Hanaba Munn Welch

John Davis, a Colorado Republican who'd like to be President, is making a name for himself -- if not as a front-runner at least as the premier long-distance runner. He's taking his campaign to every county, not just in Texas but across the entire country.

Garza County, where he stopped Monday, marked his 1,825th county of 3,141 in the 50 states. That's 1,316 to go.

Despite his unorthodox approach to seeking office, Davis doesn't talk like he's on any kind of fringe.

"It's got to be 'We the People,'" he said, standing in the middle of East Main Street near his big diesel bustype home on wheels and advocating less power for the federal government and more control for state and local

governments.

Why take the message to every county?

"I wanted to do something nobody's ever done before," he said.

A picture of Davis adorns the side of his bus. Over his shoulder he's carrying a pipe wrench painted in red, white and blue to resemble the Stars and Stripes. It's an imaged that captures his approach as he takes his message everywhere, not just to the big cities but to small town America as well.

By profession, Davis is in the construction business. Back home in Grand Junction, his employees have been in charge most of the time since he hit the campaign trail.

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## Boehmer taking long road to spread word

By Steffi Scott

Five mules pulling a covered wagon rolling down the streets of town with a sign reading "Jesus Saves Ask Him," is the last thing you think you would see around these parts, but yesterday was a surprising exception.

Randy Boehmer has been living this lifestyle for three years and nine months now, starting back in 2008. He began his journey in Indiana and ended up in Post late yesterday afternoon.

Taking a much needed break at Stripes, Boehmer was gnawing on some chicken gizzards while his Belgian Draft Mules, Frank, Jesse, Dick, Jack and Butch checked out all the curious citizens taking their picture.



Photo By Steffi Scott

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Randy Boehmer

## Bus Burglar Gets The Max

By Hanaba Munn Welch

It wasn't assault and battery. It was just a battery.

But the unsuccessful attempt to steal one (or more) from a Post school bus got a Levelland man with local connections maximum sentences and fines for his Labor Day Weekend 2011 misadventure.

Jerry Lyn Curtis, 26, a native of Post who has relatives here, signed a confession that could have turned his case into a relatively uncomplicated procedure, but ultimately -- despite a plea bargain offer -- he decided to plead "not guilty" and take his chances in county court.

After a 7-person jury

found Curtis guilty on Jan. 20, testimony in the punishment phase of the trial apparently convinced jurors to agree with County Attorney Mike Munk that the maximum punishment allowed by law would be fitting. (During the punishment phase, prior convictions can be brought to light, and witnesses can testify as to the defendant's good or bad character traits.)

It wasn't a good day for Curtis, already on probation. For that matter, his quest for a battery, by his own confession, had been prompted by the theft of his own battery, plus his stereo, that same weekend in Post.

"He received his day in

court," said Donnie Yandell, chief public defender for the Caprock Regional Public Defender Office, a Texas Tech University law school grant-funded clinical program. "Sometimes that's what people want."

Patrick Sloane, third-year Tech law student, defended Curtis under Yandell's supervision and with support from fellow law students Shannon Crenshaw and Charlie Pelowski.

The jury was instructed to disregard Curtis's confession, taken when he was in custody, on the grounds that he did not "knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily" waive his right to terminate

the interrogation at any point -- a state-imposed safeguard that goes beyond the reading of a client's Miranda rights.

The confession is part of the public record of Curtis's trial. Taken at face value, the document not only incriminates Curtis but also puts his misdeeds in the context of what might be called a local petty underworld.

The greater part of the text of the Sept. 6, 2011 confession:

I have been in Post, Texas staying with my brother Clinton Curtis since this past Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011. The

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## Texas Redistricting Battle Continues

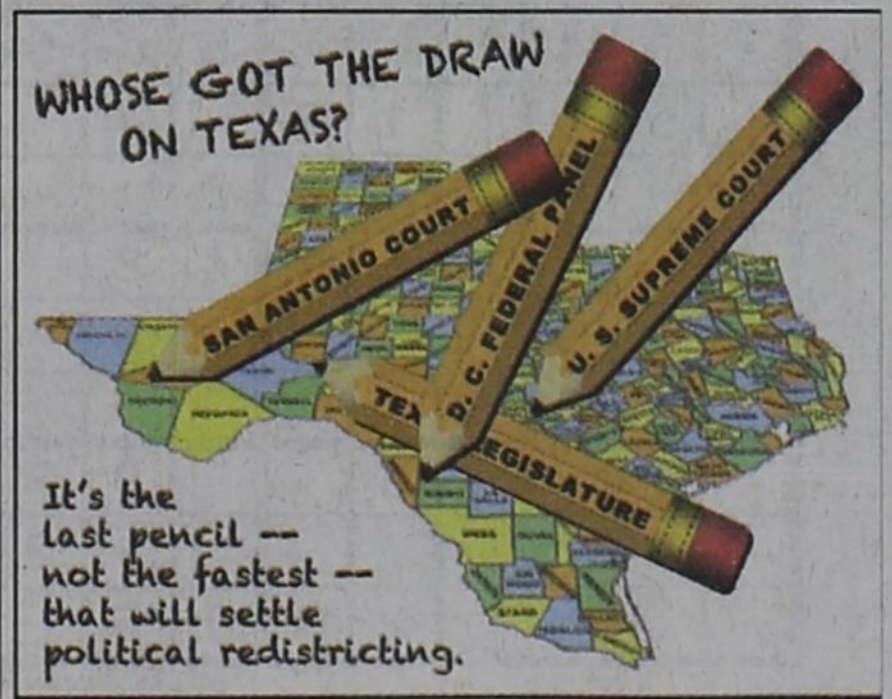


Illustration By Hanaba Munn Welch

Uncertainty over the redrawing of political lines in Texas not only has left political boundaries in question, subject to various legal forces, but also is making it increasingly difficult to believe the April 3 date for the upcoming Texas primary will not have to be changed to a later date.

The U.S. Supreme Court rejected the map drawn by a Federal District Court in San Antonio saying the map was inconsistent with redistricting laws. Though the Presidential Primaries are scheduled for April 3rd, political experts say we could have a split election year.

"The presidential primary, municipal elections in May then congressional and state primaries potentially followed by

run-offs, so you're talking about 4 elections, which would impose a significant cost," Craig Goodman, Professor of Political Science, Texas Tech University, told CBS 7.

Goodman says the process is also impacting candidates who are running because they do not know where to raise money and campaign because the parameters of their district is unknown

# Garza County SWCD Reports to Commissioners

By Hanaba Munn Welch  
Garza County soil took to the air Sunday, an effect of extremely windy conditions. For better or worse, the dust storm set the stage for reports

Monday morning from the board of the Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to county commissioners in a regular session of commissioners

court. "I want to say thank you to the court for what you do," said Tom Middleton, speaking for the SWCD. "After yesterday, it emphasizes how important it is, I wish we had an answer for yesterday."

Middleton also introduced David Norman, a new member of the SWCD Board.

Helen Saldana enumerated district activities, mentioning in particular awards that the board will give to conservationists at the chamber banquet next month.

Glenn Killough, district conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, reported on efforts to use imported salt cedar beetles to control the invasive plant.

"A scientist told me they (the beetles) took a hard hit last winter so we didn't see many last summer," he said. "I hope we've got enough for seed stock."

A count at Big Spring came up with no beetles, Killough said.

"The ones at White River

are thriving," he said. "They had a good summer."

One significant success of the program is the recovery of about 25 acres at White River that previously had been taken over by salt cedar, Killough said, pointing out that salt cedars take much water from the soil.

"They don't kill them (the salt cedars) immediately, but they do affect them year after year until they finally die," Killough said. "They tell me it takes about four years. ... Where we've stocked them, the tree gets smaller and smaller year after year. If that program becomes a success, it's really the only way to control them."

Killough also mentioned other conservation efforts: tree planting, grass planting and drip irrigation, in particular.

"I've got a good source for trees for this coming spring," he said, promising more information in the February newsletter of the SWCD.

Regarding brush control, dry weather affected techniques last year.

"We had a bad year for grubbing," Killough said. "The ground was so dry and hard. We did a lot of spraying. ... Last year was an excellent year for spraying."

Some money is available for cost-sharing projects -- joint efforts that involve land owners and managers and the SWCD.

"We've got a sign-up going on now," Killough said. "It will end Feb. 3 for this next funding period. If you know of anybody that needs cost-share assistance, Feb. 3 is our shutoff date."

The government's Conservation Reserve Program

(CRP), whereby acres are kept out of agricultural production and planted instead in grass or other soil-conserving plants, is diminishing.

"CRP is getting harder and harder to get into," Killough said. "Emergency haying and grazing was real popular last year on the CRP contracts."

For landowners who don't want to participate in cost-sharing projects, the SWCD offers other help. Killough specifically mentioned establishing contour lines, ponds and crop rotation.

Comments from Judge Lee Norman and some discussion preceded the signing.

"I've been working with White River Water District," Judge Lee Norman said. "They're once again going forward to renew their permit for this portion of Garza County that would include the Post Lake. White River Water District and Lubbock have never come to terms on an agreement they both could live with. As long as

see SWCD continued on page 10

## Obituary



ther Peter D'Souza officiating. Burial will be in Terrace Cemetery.

Alicia was born in El Paso to Esperanza and Ascension Solis on April 21, 1937. Her family moved to Post in 1951. Alicia retired from Burlington Industries after 38 years of service.

Those left to cherish in her memory are her husband of 53 years, Ignacio Varela; one daughter Rita (David) Mojica of Lubbock; three sons Carlos (Kathy) Varela of Ohio, Adolfo (Esmeralda) Varela of Lubbock and Marcos (Nina) Varela of Lubbock; eleven grandchildren; five sisters and one brother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, one brother and one grandchild.

The memory of Alicia will fill our hearts with joy forever.

**ALICIA VARELA**  
Alicia Solis Varela, 74, of Post went to live with her Lord and Savior on January 21, 2012. Her life will be celebrated with a Rosary on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 7 p.m. at Hudman Funeral Home in Post. Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Post with Fa-

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## Tech Provides Free Defense

By Hanaba Munn Welch

Call it a win-win situation, even if Jerry Lyn Curtis lost his case in court.

Curtis ended up with maximum sentences and fines for his misdemeanor offenses, but his trial was taken as seriously by his defenders -- not to mention his prosecutor -- as if he'd been in a higher court facing felony charges. And the county didn't have to pay for the defense team.

Instead of being represented

by a seasoned court-appointed attorney (the norm for indigent defendants who can't afford to pay for a lawyer), Curtis had a whole team working on his behalf -- one reasonably seasoned attorney plus three third-year law students.

Student Patrick Sloane, licensed to represent defendants in misdemeanor cases with backup from a qualified attorney (in this case, Donnie Yandell), handled Curtis's case. Sloane and Curtis lost, but the county saved money, and Curtis seems not to have been under-represented in his bid to go free.

The Caprock Regional Public Defender Office (CRPDO) provided the services to Curtis and Garza County through a program funded by the Texas Indigent Defense Commission and supported by Texas Tech

University School of Law.

The program began last year with a grant to Dickens County. It's since expanded to include 16 counties in the region.

Yandell, CRPDO chief public defender, spoke Monday by phone to The Dispatch.

"When Dickens received the grant, Dickens contracted with Texas Tech to run the office," Yandell said.

It's a set-up whereby law students gain real courtroom experience and defendants stand to benefit from their efforts, Yandell said.

"Third-year law students are handling misdemeanors with a seasoned attorney," he said. "By the third year in law college, you're pretty much ready to graduate. ... These students are extremely excited to handle some of these cases. They do the research. They handle some

of these cases really well."

A 2001 Tech Law School graduate himself, Yandell's allegiance is to the side of the law that defends.

"I've been a defense attorney for right at ten years," he said. "My goal is to have the student attorneys, when they graduate from law school, to be at the level of practice where a two-year attorney would be."

For the first two years of CRPDO, services to the counties will be free; with the rates increasing incrementally over a ten-year period, from 80-percent free to ultimately full charge for the student-professional representation for qualified indigent defendants.

Thanks to the growing significance of misdemeanor crimes, the CRPDO can play an important role, providing counties an affordable way to provide defense to the indigent, Yandell said.

Charges for driving while intoxicated are a case in point, Yandell said.

Anyone charged with a DWI charge 20 years ago would most often choose to walk away without looking back, Yandell said.

But things have changed. "In 2012, you get a DWI, it's going to follow you the rest of your life," he said.

The enhancement potential is a factor, Yandell said, referring to the felony classification of the third DWI.

In one sense, the jury is still out on CRPDO and it's place in the regional justice system. Yandell builds a good case for its existence as does the website: <http://www.law.ttu.edu/acp/programs/clinical/crpd/about>.

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# COMMUNITY

## Flames Rage in Dumpster



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A hearty blaze burns late Monday afternoon in a dumpster in the alley between 13th and 14th streets a half-block west of U. S. 84. Firefighters put the fire out within minutes. Firefighters from left are Jaime Hernandez, Kerry Clay, Leonard Rodela, Fire Chief Les Looney and Jimmy Valdez, truck operator.

By Hanaba Munn Welch

A roaring fire Monday in a dumpster in an alley just off U.S. 84 drew a quick response from firefighters and gave two boys a real-life lesson in the proper use of 9-1-1, even if they didn't make the call themselves.

Javen Diaz, 9, saw the fire first and told his grandmother. She called 9-1-1. Jayden Diaz, his twin brother, also saw the flames. Both boys said they saw a pickup truck in the alley shortly before the fire.

"It was a gray one with white," Javen Diaz said.

Les Looney, fire chief, saw no clear-cut cause for the fire.

"We've got some matches on the ground," he said, speculating that someone could have thrown something into the dumpster that started the fire.

Besides Looney, firefighters who responded to the call were Jimmy Valdez, Leonard Rodela, Jaime Hernandez, Jeremy Short, Kerry Clay and Bryan Looney. Sheriff's Deputy Brent Meyer also arrived at the scene.

After the flames shot straight up in the calm afternoon air and then turned to white smoke under a dousing from the fire hose, Looney remarked that firefighters were lucky no fires erupted anywhere during Sunday's very windy weather.

## 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@coppernet](mailto:hanaba@coppernet)



PHOTO BY HANABA MUNN WELCH

A study in contrasts, the 211 E. Main St. facade is a mix of old and new. The brickwork of the upper facade is nicely done -- Classic in the classic sense of the word.

The upper half of the facade of 211 E. Main St. represents an exercise in restraint, especially in comparison to the facade designs that flank it.

The brickwork is refined and balanced. It's a stand-alone statement of the style of the original building, just as the lower section of the facade carries a different look.

Interestingly, the transom window band, though no longer functional, provides a transition between the original upper building design and the current street-level look -- a door with a historical feel versus a projecting display window that steps even onto the sidewalk, not the norm for a downtown footprint. That's not to mention the eye-catching airplane poised to fly through the window and onto the street.

Good marketing. The left-right contrast at ground level, if nothing else, reinforces the duplex design of the upper part of the facade. Compare it to the interesting look of a New York townhouse with opposing styles.

Regarding the upper design so handily expressed in the tan brick, both the vertical and horizontal elements are salutes to the architecture of the Greeks and the Romans. As for the curves in the top of the parapet, they're a nice touch.

Very nice.



## The difference between your car and your pet...

By Dr. Wink

A couple of weeks ago I talked about the importance of dental care regarding your 4-legged family members. Since then, I've had numerous calls asking about dentals, how they are performed, and if their pet should get one? I recently heard a medical doctor say we (humans) treat our cars better than our own bodies. Why do we invest in oil changes routinely at 3,000 miles, have brakes checked, tires rotated, but we don't keep that kind of maintenance/health schedule for our own bodies? I'll leave this question for Dr. Edwards, but the same can be said about our pets. Routine care is essential to a healthy, long lasting life for your pet. One of the most important routines suggested by veterinarians is dental care.

Let me make a quick side note of how human dentist have it easy. This is strictly a personal opinion! Sorry Dr. McCook, but human dentists have patients which sit there voluntarily, open their mouth for you, hold it open until your done, and then tell you which area of the mouth hurts. We vets don't have that luxury. Can you imagine Sarge, the German Sheppard, sitting nice and pretty on the exam table, opening his mouth for me, then me sticking my hand in there to pull a loose tooth? Anyone want to volunteer to stick their hand in there? You go right ahead. I'm no fool.

However, human dentists would say I have it much easier because I sedate all my patients.

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Pet dentals are considered a surgical procedure. We put the pet under general sedation for both their own safety as well as my own. This also allows for a more thorough exam and cleaning. As with any of my surgeries, ALL my dentals start with a pre-surgical exam and blood work, either a Complete Blood Cell Count (CBC) or a CBC along with a General Health Profile (which checks the major organ functions). Sorry, but there's no choice in this option. I must know if your dog is healthy enough to survive anesthesia and the procedure. You won't believe the number of surgeries I opt not to perform just due to what the blood work shows. It's a pet's life on the line and it's my job to make the best decision for the pet.

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# In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman



Well as I am typing this it is a little dreary out today, hopefully we will get some measurable moisture out of this. I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

Congratulations to all the kids that participated in the GCJLA Stock Show last weekend and Thursdays sale. Those that I am aware of that are from out in this area that participated were; Russ Morris, Jake Morris, Dylan Morris, Kari Dunn, Katie Dunn, Rhaeden Bland, Meaghan Bland, Briley Miller, Shailey

Miller, Lane Norman, Kourtney McKee, Dillon McKee, Jessica Payton.

I hesitated to say anything in my column about this but I think I will go ahead. There has been alot of mischief in our county lately; please everyone keep your eyes open and be aware of your surroundings, take note of what and who you see here and there.

Yoselin Esparza will celebrate her 2nd birthday with a party with friends and family; she is the daughter of Hector and Griselda Espar-

za. Happy Birthday Yoselin!

Keep in mind we will have our Bingo night in March so keep watching and as soon as we know a definate date we will let ya'll know. Please call us at 495-2753 if you want to help, we welcome anyone wanting to help. If any of you high school kids are needing community service hours for honor society let us know and well find plenty for you to do.

Don't forget to visit Caprock Heirloom downtown and get your Close City Cookbooks and Calenders.

### Visitors

Mack and Jané came by and visited some on Monday; Wilma Yarbrow also stopped in on Monday. Ya'll come out and see us.....cheapest drinks and most accurate info in the county. LOL

### Did you know...

The high jump method of jumping head first and landing on the back is called the Fosbury Flop. Quote of the week...

I have a simple philosophy: Fill what's empty. Empty what's full.

Scratch where it itches.....

Alice Roosevelt Longworth Close City Birthdays January 28th - Chelsey Nelson, Yoselin Esparza January 29th - Raul Guerrero

January 31st - Dana Morris Carter, Jarryd Thomas February 1st - Allisha Ann Jones

Close City Anniversaries January 27th - Jerry and Judy Bush

January 29th - Tommy and RuthAnn Young January 31st - Jim and Ne-

dra Ellis

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are... 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

### God's Plans

By Michael Raypholtz (Ohio, USA)

Isaiah 40:10-11

*"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

When I divorced, I wondered if I had wrecked my life. Not only had I disappointed my family, but I am a pastor. I am supposed to set an example for Christian living. How could people take me seriously as a spiritual leader? How could I preach about marriage or covenant when my marriage had failed?

But Jeremiah 29:11 promises that God has good plans for us. A curious detail in that verse has caught my attention. The scripture doesn't say "plan"; it says "plans." The word is plural. God has more than one plan. Perhaps God has a Plan A for us; but if we mess that up, God also has a Plan B. And if Plan B doesn't work out, God has a Plan C. And so on.

I doubt that many of us are living Plan A. And people like me may be rapidly approaching the end of the alphabet. Many people feel they have made so many mistakes that if God ever had a plan for them, it must be spoiled. But God does not give up on us. God has more than one way to give us hope and a future. Not only does God have more than one plan; God is at work to fulfill those plans.

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

2 Timothy 3:16-17



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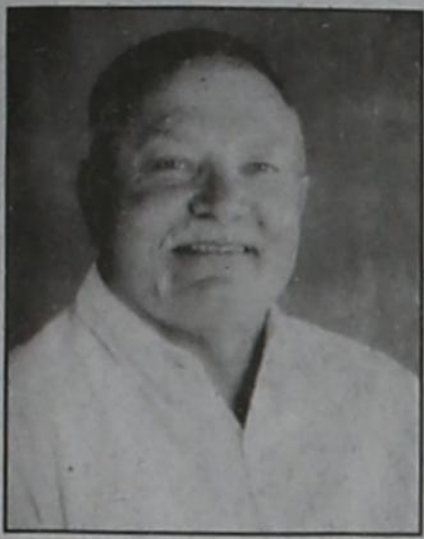
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*And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*

Deuteronomy 6:5

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## Fogerson Seeks Support In Commissioner's Race



Jerry Fogerson

Jerry Fogerson, a 25-year resident of Garza County, is running for County Commissioner, Precinct 1-5.

"I am a retired teacher

who is clearly familiar with the financial crisis that public service entails currently face, and I would like the opportunity to represent the residents of this precinct by making recommendations for improvement that will make a difference," Fogerson said.

"My campaign slogan focuses on my commitment to provide dependable representation for all," Fogerson added. "I am committed to being a consistent presence in the community who will be available to listen to the needs of the residents whom I would represent. I

pledge not only to maintain the roads and right of ways, but also to make as many additional improvements as resources allow during times of economic difficulties."

Fogerson says he's qualified to serve constituents.

"As conscientious voters, you may be concerned about my qualifications," Fogerson added. "While I have recently retired from a 25-year career as a teacher, I managed and operated a construction business for over 15 years prior to becoming an educator. I have a strong background in budget and finance; I have supervised work crews, and I have hands-on experience doing the many tasks that any construction laborer would do.

"I will work for you because I am invested in this community, and I am committed in my desire to advocate on behalf of everyone in this precinct. Your support would be greatly appreciated!"



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If you have something to add to the Calendar, please email the Chamber office at [chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com](mailto:chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com).

The first Post City Trade Day for 2012 will be Saturday, February 4 and continue monthly on the First Saturday.

Be sure and mark your calendar for the Annual Chamber Awards Banquet on February 25. This year in ad-

dition to presenting Business and Citizen of the year, there will be a special tribute to the Post Volunteer Fire Department. Our Annual Garza County Job Fair will be in early March. All businesses are invited to have a booth and present information to jobseekers. Booths are free for Chamber members and \$25 for non-members.

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The church is located at 202 W. 10th Street.

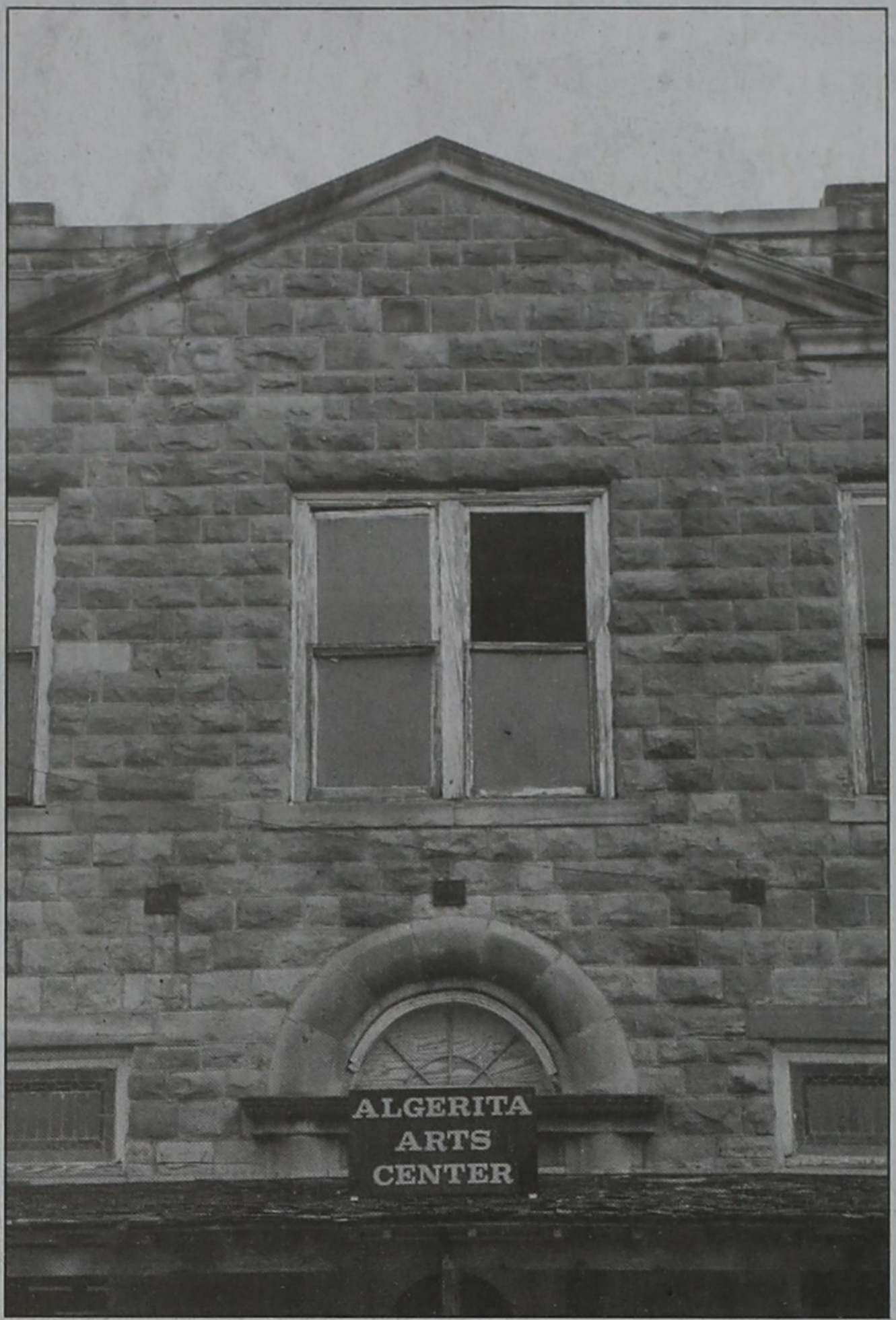


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After high winds on Sunday, the old Algerita Hotel building is minus a window pane above the East Main Street entrance. It's one more chink in the armor of the historic stone against the ravages of weather - a place where water can not only damage the interior of the building but one more way for water to seep into is mortar joints.

## Trailblazers Menu January 30<sup>th</sup>-February 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Monday

BBQ Chicken, Bake Potato, Mix Veggies, Mandarin Oranges

### Tuesday

Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Lettuce/Tomato, Potato Wedges, Carrot Raisin Salad, Fruit

### Wednesday

Homestyle Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Brussel Sprouts, Peas

### Thursday

Herb Chicken, Potato Wedges, Peas, Carrots, Roll, Strawberries w/Cream

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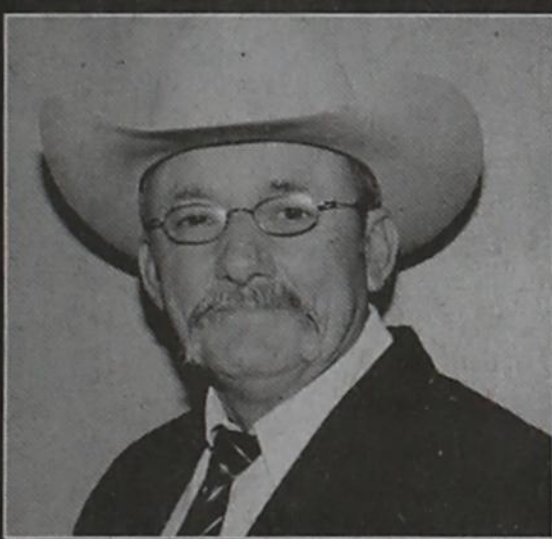
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# 2012 POST CITY STOCK SHOW



**PHOTO BY STEFFI SCOTT**  
Emma Thompson posing for the camera after showing her steers



**PHOTO BY STEFFI SCOTT**  
Keith Williams, Roxanne Osborn, Taylor Osborn and Jayton Hat-taway cleaning up before the lamb and goat show



**PHOTO BY RHONDA NORMAN**  
Dr. Ben Edwards and his two daughters in the pee wee goat show



**PHOTO BY STEFFI SCOTT**  
Callie Odom shows her pig during Saturdays show

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**Photo By Steffi Scott**  
Pee Wee exhibitors showing off their trophies after the goat show



**Photo By Rhonda Norman**  
Lane Norman showing Paden Babbs goat during the pee wee exhibition. Helping Lane out was his aunt, Steffi Scott, The Post Dispatch Editor



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Skylar and Pake Jones showing their steers in Saturdays show



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# COLUMNS



## Remember When

By SHIRLEY STORJE and RHONDA NORMAN

**10 Years Ago**  
Wells Fargo Banks, Jana Bullard presents a 1,000 check to My Special Place director, Jennifer Bartlett to help with child care services.

Dianne Graves reports 85 4-H and FFA Youth participating in the 38th Annual Garza County Livestock Show. They received a total of 48,090 in premiums and prize money for the 2002 show.

Ben Mason took Grand Champion goat. Dionn Heckaman captured Grand Champion Swine and Jeremy Bland with Grand Champion Steer and Sheep.

JV boys beat Idalou with Mark Norman leading the scores with 4 points, Coco Valdez, Jerrad Grisham and Fransisco Duran with 3 points a piece and Tony Garay and Jordan Tatum with 2 each.

Jessica Mason leads the girls with 16 points, Terri Curtis with 4 points, Lyndee Strawn and Meagan Hoover 3 and Donae Dalbe with 1.

**20 Years Ago**  
Post High School teacher Sharla Wells has been named Texas Home Economics Teacher of the Year by the Texas Home Economics Association.

The Post Art Guilds Kids'N' Art program has been awarded a 1,629 grant from the Texas Commission on the arts development of the KNA extension arts program, as requested by creator and director Linda Puckett.

Ribbon ceremonies at the Prairie Flower Shop recognized new owners, Leslie and Tim Tatum.

Golden Alisha Capps and Scott Nettles exchanged wedding vows Saturday June 18th at First Baptist Church.

Marilyn Bell was named to Deans List at SPC.

Lady Lopes win at Seagraves with Trudi Woods noted as one of the top scorers in this area 2A.

Chet Warren from Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber Company attends a 2 day seminar in Lubbock.

**30 Years Ago**  
Brownie Scouts of Troop 123 are ready to supply Post with lots of cookies. Getting ready to sell are Shawna Poe, Sarah Hudman, Tamra Gerner, Shelly Simms, Raelene Bagby and Dawna Poe.

The Garza County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service is conducting a peanut referendum Jan. 25-29 for farmers to vote on poundage quotas.

Kevin Craig of Post is among 56 Texas Tech University fresh-

man receiving scholarships this year from the Ex students association.

Marta Holly led freshman girls to victory in all 3 games scoring 16 against Borden County, 12 against Meadow and 13 against Cooper.

8th girls lose against Slaton with Golden Capps leading the pack with 6 points, Traci Craft and Marcie Sneed each with 4.

Freshman boys lose to Slaton with Mike Ollison 14 points and Curt Cowdrey with 5.

**40 Years Ago (1972)**  
Scout of the year award goes to David McBride; troop 316 member.

Monroe Lane joins the exclusive Hole-in-One club at the Caprock Golf Club. Jim Hundley, Sid Pierce, Lois Crump, Glenn Potts and Sexton Huntley witnessed the big event.

Three major fires have occur in a seven month period. Wacker's store, a 50 ft. high grain elevator at Caprock Grain and the Medical Center have all received extensive damages in those fires, according to Fire Marshall Charlie Cooper and Fire Chief Neal Clary.

**50 Years Ago (1962)**  
Purchase of the dam site is nearing for White River Lake.

Chairman of the March of Dimes drive, Harold Lucas, has named the captains for the campaign. Mmes. W.A. Morris, Rex King, Charles Luttrell, Gordon Wilson, Odean Cummings, Ben L. Isaacs, E.R. Moreland, Bob Pierce, Bobby Terry, Donald Windham, W.H. Hutto, Glenn Potts and Julius Tanner will take over those duties.

Candidates for Precinct 2 county commissioners' race are A.P. (Chunk) Gurley and G.H. (Buck) Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thompson announce the marriage of their daughter, Melanie, to Jerry Windham.

**60 Years Ago (1952)**  
A sign was noticed on the door of a local cafe. Closed--Gone to Lunch.

Help is being sought for a curb girl and fountain help at Mac's Drive In.

**65 Years Ago (1947)**  
Thirty-one ex-GI's have enrolled for agricultural training in Post school that is being held for veterans.

Oil leases are up for the month. They are expected to increase even more in the coming months.

When is a lie truly a lie? Can you sort of lie but not technically lie? I overheard a conversation several years ago where someone was explaining to another that withholding the truth is not the same thing as a lie. I don't know that I believe that. Where do you draw the line?

When I think of this dilemma I always think of the scenario when a girlfriend asks you what you think of her outfit. Do you tell her what you really think when it is going to hurt your friend? I was told once when I broached this issue with a very tactful older friend that I should be kind. Well, telling the truth

sometimes isn't kind. She then asked if I thought my friend felt pretty. If she did, she was probably glowing. Isn't glowing pretty, even if the outfit isn't?

I also have thought quite a bit about the issue of omission. What if you say something that is mostly true, but not wholly? When I was younger, I thought that omission was my business and no one else's. After spending more time in the Word, I no longer believe that. When Abraham told Sarah to tell Abimelech that she was his sister, God held it against Abraham and Abimelech. Technically Sarah was Abraham's sister,

but she was also technically his wife. It caused trouble for everyone concerned. I think telling an untruth by omission is still a lie.

I hear that excuse with kids all the time, but are adults any different? I don't think so. Humans are always trying to skirt the issue and pull the wool over someone's eyes by not being totally truthful. I'm sure I'm as guilty as anyone.

Last week in my English classes, I was introducing the concept of 6 word stories for their scrapbook assignment. One of the examples I use is by Robert

Powers who wrote, "Lie detector eyeglasses perfected: Civilization collapses." Now that would be sad. It tells the story of all of civilization being big fat liars.

I am not calling for everyone to go around and spout exactly what they think all the time-- that would truly be disastrous. Sometimes it is essential to keep your mouth closed, but if you find yourself creatively answering someone, you might try to go for the truth. Sometimes the truth hurts, but at least it's the truth.

# LEGENDS...

## GARZA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

By Linda Puckett

I think its time for a change of pace from murder and mayhem by stepping back in time to recall some early history of one of our pioneer families. Some might say, the good old days, or sometimes referred to as that era of simpler times. Well, I beg to differ with that mind set. Do you remember when you were a little kid and your grandmother had her grey hair twisted up in a knot on her head, wearing a printed house dress and apron, with cotton stockings? Was she probably only fifty years old at the time? There was good reason for those women looking so much older than their age. Their day began before dawn, starting the wood stove with logs and kindling that they had readied the night before, making bread from scratch, hand slicing bacon from the smoke house and eggs from their chicken house. She didn't plug in the coffee pot either, she ground the coffee beans and put them in the pot to boil, and that was only after she pumped a bucket of water from the cistern! She had a pitcher of milk on the table from last night's milking.

After serving her family a great breakfast, boiling water to wash the dishes and started building a fire under the wash pot to get the washing started, she was putting on a pot of beans to cook before dinner when the sun was straight up. They raised and prepared everything they ate or wore. The good old days? Yes. Simpler times? No, but today we seem to always complicate everything. If we don't have a problem, we make one up. Our society either wants everything for nothing or just wants period. But of course they know nothing of washing clothes in a wash pot, rinsing, sometimes adding a little blueing by the way, and hanging them on a line to dry. Then there was the sprinkling down of those clothes followed by ironing with a flat iron heated on the stove.

I speak of this lifestyle because in Roxton (East) Texas in the mid-1940's, we lived like what I have just described. So you see, I have been part of both worlds. I was that little girl that got in lots of trouble from her grandma for having mulberry stains on her feet. It might not have been easy, but I still cherish those memories and how that knowledge has sculpted my life and that of my six brothers.

Those days were never easy, they were tough and the people were even tougher. This was a time of parents teaching their kids how to work and the importance of family, church, and having goals. One such story was written by Annie Bargsley Tevis as she tells the history of the J.C. Bargsley family. James C. Bargsley moved to Garza County in January 15, 1915 from Coleman County. Their house goods and stock were shipped by freight train, the family also came out by train. They first located and bought their farm four or five miles east of Justiceburg or Burnham. There were eleven children: Charlie, Nannie, Willie, Callie, Annie, J.C., Henry, Viola, Louis, and Tom and Lucy who died rather young. The Children attended school first in Burnham.

Mr. Bargsley was a good farmer, his land was good and he raised cotton, wheat, and maize. Of course, there was always a bountiful garden of vegetables to feed the family. The six children they had at the time they came west all had their jobs, and no shirking was

allowed. They milked cows, and raised chickens and hogs.

Their social events were picnics, fish fries, church, and song fests with their neighbors. These small pleasures were shared with their neighbors the Morgan's, Reed's, Bevers', Gilland's, and the Keys. A real treat was to go into Justiceburg and Burnham to the stores.

The hardships were many; January was so cold and the children had to go into Burnham for school. The Post Office was there also. Burnham consisted of a one room school house, the Benton Hotel and a grocery store owned by Clark and Fumagalli. Miss Story was teacher of the school, and she had her hands full, with what the grown girls and unruly boys. Finally, they hired a teacher from a small school called Skunk Hollow, eight grades for one teacher. Two of the landowners fell out over the hiring of the teacher, each would not let the other pass on his land, so the Judge ruled they should set the fence back, each man, just wide enough for a saddle horse to pass through the lane. One man

got so mad he even took the door off the school house, and therefore until a door could be gotten from Post, a wagon sheet was hung for a door.

The winters were so cold the trees were just one big icicle, and that was the time for hog killing. The meat would freeze before it could be cut up, and would have to hang overnight and be cut up the next day.

In the time of year when the wild fruit ripened, the family would cook (can) all day. The day before, they would rise early and head for the river and the plum thicket. We would gather enough plums to make jam and jelly to last until the next year, and have gather enough for the neighbors who couldn't make the trip. On these plum gathering trips we really had to watch out for the rattlesnakes.

When summer came, the heat was as bad as the cold in the winter. The rattlesnakes were so bad they would even crawl in the house since there were no screens. Mother and Dad put their bed

on the porch to be cool. Mother turned one morning to get out of bed, and there was a big rattler coiled at the head of the bed. We were just lucky that snake didn't get in the bed with someone.

When we could get a day off from our work, which was very seldom, but when we did we would explore the river, hunt wild grapes and swim in the river. That was when we discovered the rock that we called "Castle Rock". We could see for miles around from the top of that rock. From the dates that were on it, we surmised that it was a lookout place for scouts.

In the drought of 1918, many had to leave their farms to work elsewhere. My father took his two young boys and went to Burk Burnett to work in the oil fields. They made enough to pay the farm out. They came back and my father managed the farm himself, living there until 1945, when he sold out and moved to be near a daughter, Mrs. Wes Gree who lived on a farm near Grassland.

How about sharing your family history? See ya next week.



## The Doctor Is In

By Dr. Benjamin Edwards

As many of you probably saw this past week, the charming southern chef and star of the Food Network, Paula Dean, has been diagnosed with diabetes. Diabetes is one of the top diseases we see at the Garza County Health Clinic. We diagnose one to three new cases a month in both the young and old alike. This is a disease of elevated blood sugar that reaks havoc on your body, especially your heart, kidneys, eyes, brain, and arteries.

In diabetes the body has become insulin resistant. This means that insulin can no longer effectively perform its job. Insulin is the hormone that helps every cell in your body grab and use the sugar that is in your blood. Think of insulin as the key that needs to fit into the keyhole which will unlock the door or pathway which allows the sugar in your blood to flow out of the blood and into each cell. In diabetes the keyhole is bent out of shape over time so that the insulin key can't fit into the keyhole anymore. This will cause the sugar to stack up in the blood and once it reaches a critical level, diabetes is diagnosed. The number one cause of that keyhole becoming bent out of shape is abdominal fat cells. Abdominal fat cells cause this "insulin resistance." So, the modern American diet that is high in sweeteners (natural and artificial) plus processed grains leads directly to abdominal fat cells and thus diabetes.

26 million Americans have diabetes and a staggering 79

million and counting have pre-diabetes. If you have excessive fat around your middle, elevated blood pressure (120/80 or higher), elevated cholesterol, elevated fasting blood sugar (above 95) or a family history of diabetes, you need a hemoglobin A1c test which is a 3 month blood sugar average. If your A1c is over 5.6 you have diabetes. You must change your lifestyle dramatically in order to save your body from the disastrous effects of diabetes (heart attack, stroke, kidney failure and dialysis, amputation of toes and feet, etc) or you can continue your current lifestyle and look forward to lots of prescriptions and doctor visits in the future.

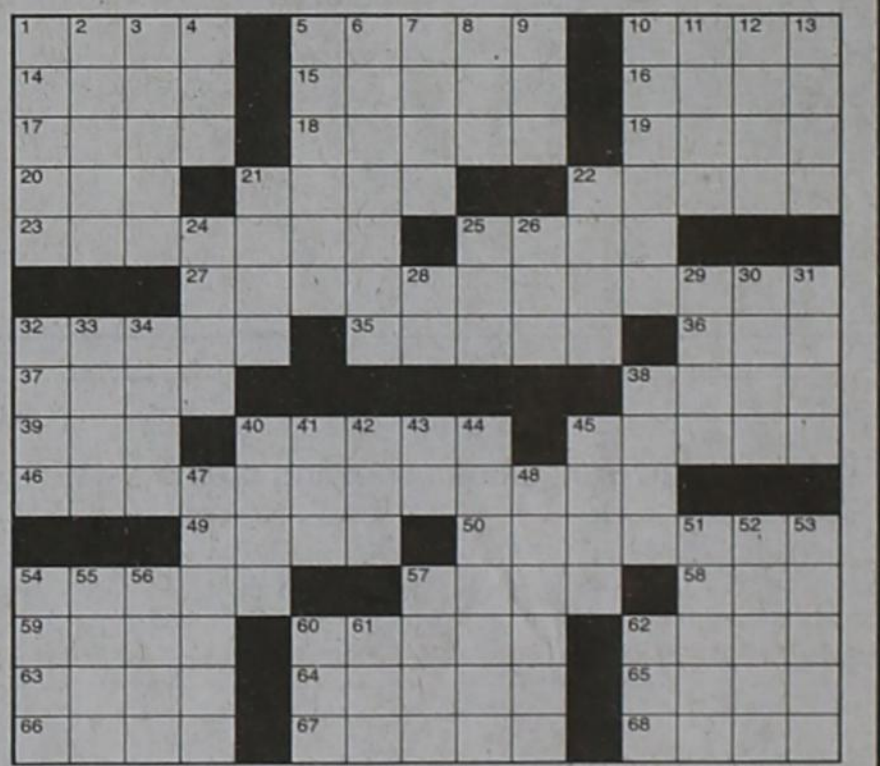
If you or a loved one has diabetes I would encourage you to TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR DISEASE AND YOUR LIFE. Do not just throw in the towel and resign yourself to a life of medication, doctor visits and numerous medical complications. Diabetes can be reversed! Google any of these people and see how they cure diabetes! Roby Mitchell, MD ([drfit.com](http://drfit.com)), Loraine Day, MD ([drday.com](http://drday.com)), Gabriel Couzens, Dean Ornish, Gerson Therapy, and Dwayne McCully. These folks have got it figured out. They are the "doctor of the future" that Edison was speaking of....

"The doctor of the future will give no medicine, but will instruct his patient in the care of the human frame, in diet and in the cause and prevention of disease." Thomas Edison

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50. Ugly Betty star Ferrera  
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57. Thick piece of something  
58. An ear of corn  
59. Saddle horse  
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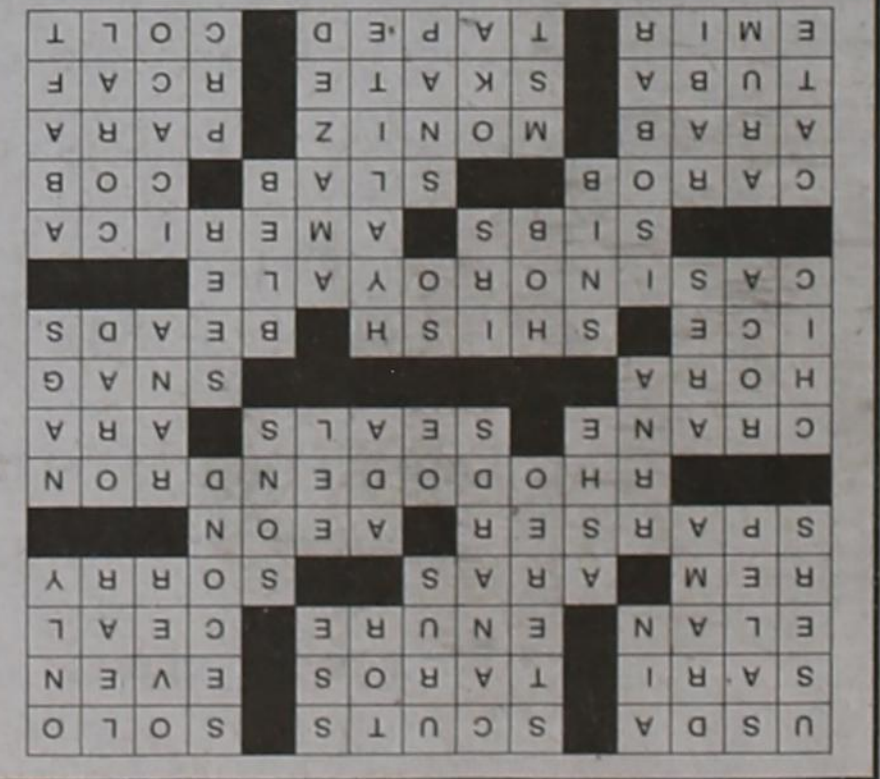
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# SPORTS



Haily Berry takes the shot



Corbin McDonald takes a stance on defense.



Post Varsity Boys scramble with Coahoma for the ball



Shirley Araiza and Madison Cash on defense.

## Coach's Corner by Steve Smith

Developing a winning team

Team and programs often refer to developing an "esprit de corps". It is that common spirit pervading the members of a body or association of persons. It implies sympathy, enthusiasm, devotion, and disregard of the individual for the sake of the group.

Building this "esprit de corps" now, is vital for the winning next year. It is the most important trait a leader can possess is to be unselfish, to have a team-first mind set. The first task of leadership is to promote and enforce collective loyalty, also known as "Esprit De Corps".

American Educator, Charles Eliot said, "If I had the opportunity to say a final word to all the young people of America, it would be this: Don't think too much about yourself. Try to cultivate the habit of thinking of others; this will reward you. Selfishness always brings its own revenge. It cannot be escaped. Be unselfish. That is the first and final commandment for those who would be useful and happy in their usefulness."

The leaders on a team need to work together to create a feeling of unity. This will help raise morale. That is, the collective state of mind of our team. What we think, feel, and believe constitutes morale, whether it be good or bad.

Morale, then is confidence which is obtained when players are certain in their own minds that they know their jobs well that in a game they will win. "Confidence does not come out of nowhere. It is a result of something...hours and days and weeks and years of constant hard work and dedication", said Roger Staubach.

Joe Namath said, "What I do is prepare myself until I know I can do what I have to do."

And again I quote Vince Lombardi when he said, "Confidence comes from planning and practicing well. You get ready during the week and the confidence will be there on game day. This confidence is a difficult thing to explain. But you do get it and the team gets it if you have prepared properly."

Morale breeds Confidence. And courage is born of confidence. A man is courageous when he knows what to do and what is expected of him.

There can be no great courage where there is no confidence or assurance, and half the battle is in the conviction that we can do what we undertake.

It is easy to be ordinary or mediocre, but it takes courage

to excel, to be different from the crowd. That is why many people can not do it. The rewards are great, but so are the risks. It takes courage to sacrifice; to work long hours, to work hard when you could be relaxing; to work out when you are tired or sick; to focus to be the best you can be when there are so many distractions; to seek out tough competition when you know there is a chance you will get beaten. It is easy to be average, but it is hard to be the best.

It takes courage to stand by your convictions when all those around you have no convictions. It takes courage to keep fighting when you are losing. It takes courage to push yourself to places that you have never been before physically and mentally, to test your limits, to break through barriers.

I firmly believe we are put on this earth to be tested - to be challenged with adversity and to see what we can accomplish. The successful person is the one who continually faces the problems and the challenges that life had for us - and overcomes them all, no matter what the obstacle.

Most everyone has far more courage than they give themselves credit for. When tested, people find they have the courage to look deep into their souls and do things they never thought possible. This amazes most people, who initially do not believe they have much courage. We all have it - we just do not realize it.

And finally, a team must have enthusiasm. Enthusiasm comes from appreciation of the worthwhile-ness of the cause - the reward that follows outstanding achievement. It comes from understanding the work, sweat, and pain, all accompanied by determination to get on with the task and receive the prize.

Enthusiasm comes from a vision of accomplishment, a focus on a goal.

Vision is the gift of seeing clearly what we may be. Vision of where we are going to be and a vision of how hard work now will get us there later. The more we see, the more we can achieve; the grade of our vision. The more sacrifice and hard work is the more glorious the accomplishment will be. The courage to follow our dreams is the first step toward destiny.

Napoleon Hill said, "If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours."

## Post Varsity Boys Basketball Scores

(Slaton) 36, (Post) 27 (1-21-2012)

Scoring by quarter

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Slaton	7	16	5	8	36
Post	12	0	7	8	27

Individual scoring:

Post - (Opponent, varsity only) - AJ Reed 11, Bull Smith 4, Kade Smith 4, Ben Ayala 2, AJ Escebedo 2.

(Post) 55 (Coahoma) 63

Score by Quarter

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Post	15	12	14	14	55
Coahoma	9	19	18	17	63

Team Free Throws

Post: 22 out of 42, Coahoma: 15 out of 20

Team Fouls 1st Half: Post: 9, Coahoma: 10

Team Fouls 2nd Half: Post: 12, Coahoma: 14

Post Players Scoring:

Dalton Holly 9, Jacob Perez 8, Tavish Soto 4, Taylor Soto 14, Corbin McDonald 20.

## 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-5<sup>th</sup>. 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:** Wednesday, February 1st- College Spirit Day- wear a college shirt

Thursday, February 2nd- 100th Day of School (This was previously posted as being January 20th. We apologize for the error.)

Monday, February 6th- Progress Reports go home

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.brynnsmiles.org](http://www.brynnsmiles.org)

Post City Trade Day is on February 4th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Call 806-559-0835 or email [postcitymerchants@aaim.com](mailto:postcitymerchants@aaim.com) to reserve your booth today! Single booths at \$25.00 and all

non-profit booths are free.

A hamburger dinner to benefit David Graves will be served from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Friday (January 27, 2012) at Trailblazers. It includes hamburger w cheese and all the trimmings, chips, a drink, and a dessert. Donations will be asked for every plate. You can dine-in or carry-out. There will also be a silent auction during the serving time. You can place your plate order in advance with a donation or if you have any question feel free to call Trevah Yarbrow (806)548-6712 or Dawn Guerrero at (806)241-1672. Also, you can pay at the door. Any donations are welcome anytime to benefit David Graves and Family.

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time! The annual Girl Scout Cookie sale has begun! This year's varieties include the all time favorites Thin Mints and Shortbreads as well as Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Caramel Delights and Lemonades. The newest cookies are the Thanks-A-Lots which are vanilla cookies dipped in fudge and the Shout-Outs which are Belgian style caramelized cookies. Any of these yummy cookies may be purchased from any Girl Scout. However, if you just don't know any Girl Scouts this year or you get missed, you can call the cookie chairman for Post, Carol Tobias at 495-3057, and she will make sure one of the

girls contacts you. Thanks for supporting Girl Scouting!

The Garza County Players in Progress (PIP) group will be performing before the Harlem Globetrotters take the floor at United Spirit Arena on Thursday, February 9th. Tip-off for the Globetrotters game is at 7:00 pm so our local kindergarten through 6th grade kids will be showing off their ball handling skills to the crowd around 6:45 pm.

We are very proud to be asked to be the pre-game entertainment. It is a great opportunity for our young kids and they are really excited. If you are planning to attend the game, please come early and cheer on our Post kids.

## Post ISD School Menu:

January 30<sup>th</sup>-February 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Breakfast:**
- Monday**  
Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk
- Tuesday**  
Cinnamon Rolls, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk
- Wednesday**  
Malt-O-Meal, Sausage, toast, Fruit, Milk
- Thursday**  
Pop Tarts, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk
- Friday**  
Cereal, Graham Cracker, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- Lunch:**
- Monday**  
Hot Dog, Oven Fried Potatoes, Apple & Orange Smiles, Sherbet Cup, Milk
- Tuesday**  
Pizza, Salad, Orange Smiles, Gingerbread, Milk
- Wednesday**  
Philly Steak Sandwich, Baked Beans, Pickle Spears, Baked Chips, Fresh Fruit Cup
- Thursday**  
Crispy Tacos, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Fancy Gelatin, Milk
- Friday**  
Hamburgers, Lettuce/Tomato/Pickles, Western Beans, Sliced Peas, Rice Crispy Treat, Milk

## Southland ISD Menu

- Breakfast Menu for Jan. 30- Feb. 3**
- Monday**  
Waffles, Bacon, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- Tuesday**  
Breakfast Quesadilla, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- Wednesday**  
Breakfast Pizza, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- Thursday**  
Muffins, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- Friday**  
Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- Lunch Menu for Jan. 30-Feb. 3**
- Monday**  
Hamburgers, Ranch Flavored Potatoes, Lettuce, Pickles, Tomatoes, Carrots w/ Ranch, Chocolate Pudding, Milk
- Tuesday**  
Fish Plank, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans,
- Fresh Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk**
- Wednesday**  
Beef Chalupas, Refried Beans, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Fruit, Brownie, Milk
- Thursday**  
Frito Pie, Corn, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Fruit Cup, Milk
- Friday**  
BBQ on a Bun, Corn on the Cob, Baked Chips, Pickle Spear, Pineapples, Milk

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White River holds that permit, they hold a valuable asset." The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is the state agency being asked to keep the permit in effect. Ted Brannon, Precinct 3 commissioner, voiced his concern about the loss of the

Canadian River as an emergency source of water via the pipeline from Slaton. "White River continues to examine opportunities to develop the lake," Norman said. "They have limited resources. That's why the (State) Water Development Board is there to fund these

long-term projects." Five rural counties have an interest in seeing the permit renewed, Norman said. "On the other hand, you need a good customer," Norman said. "That's where Lubbock comes in." The loss of Post's emergency water supply via the

pipeline from Slaton "keeps Post and White River in a little more precarious situation," Norman said. "They (White River) would like this letter and this resolution from the court to say we support what they're doing. That's how vital it is for White River to keep this permit ... so we have some say,"

said. "It's a very slim hope." Ted Brannon, Precinct 3 commissioner, reported on a Wednesday meeting of the Ambulance Board and local emergency services supported jointly by the city and the county. "They are trying to reorganize ... under a 501 (c)(3) so they can accept donations, and also they're trying to get all the paperwork in to be under Medicare, Medicaid,"

-- due to be operational by the end of January or the beginning of February. During the session allotted for public comments, Norman and the commissioners and other officials present discussed plans for courthouse upgrades, maintenance and changes in the uses of some spaces, specifically issues with heating and cooling, carpeting, courtroom seating and courtroom technology.

## Legal Notice

### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARY EVA MILLER

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mary Eva Miller, Deceased, were issued on January 11, 2012, in Cause No. 1947 pending in the County Court of Garza County, Texas, to:

JENNIFER RUTH MILLER SMITH  
and

BEN CLYDE MILLER

The addresses of such persons are:

Jennifer Ruth Miller Smith  
1703 Ceda Creek Drive  
Snyder, Texas 79549

Ben Clyde Miller  
1201 R Miller Road  
Fluvanna, Texas 79517

Persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Law Offices of  
BAKER, BROWN & THOMPSON  
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Bu Norton Baker  
State Bar No. 01602000  
Attorneys for the Estate

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### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA CHRISTINE HORD CARLISLE Cause # 1948

Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of Testamentary upon the estate of Virginia Christine Hord Carlisle, deceased, were issued to the undersigned on 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, in Garza County, are hereby required to present the same at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed and within the time required by law to my attorney Preston L. Poole, Jr., at P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356 or myself at 109 S. Ave S., Post, Texas, 79356.

DATED: 1-24-2012

Walter Kenneth Carlisle  
Walter Kenneth Carlisle

### SECTION 00020

#### ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council will be received at Post City Hall, 105 E. Main Street, Post, Texas 79356, until Thursday, February 16, 2012, at 3:30 p.m. for City of Post Brick Street Reconstruction.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:30 pm. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the Mayor and City Commission for action at a later date.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of City of Post, Texas, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds in the forms provided within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner, as required by Article 5160, V.A.T.C.S., as amended by H.B.344, passed by the 56th Legislature, Regular Session 1959.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

A pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2012, at the Post City Hall building at 3:00 p.m., local time. Attendance by prospective Bidders is not mandatory.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file at the Post City Hall and the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423.

Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock Texas, 79423 (Phone 806-473-2200) as follows:

1. Download documents (.pdf file extension format) from PSC's Info Exchange web site after registering as a plan holder with issuing PSC office. **There is no cost or deposit required for this option.**
2. One set of paper copies for a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00.
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Bid Documents (paper and digital) will be shipped pre-paid to the requester. Digital Bid Documents will not be e-mailed.

Addenda will not be faxed to document holders. Addenda will be issued to document holders by one of the two following methods:

1. E-mail notification to document holder with link to download addenda from PSC's Info Exchange web site.
2. For document holders not having e-mail address, addenda may be picked up at the issuing PSC office, or mailed via the United States Postal Service (USPS).

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Post for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders' qualifications prior to the contract award.

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Honorable Mayor

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Regarding upcoming primary races, Jim Plummer, district and county clerk, updated commissioners on the uncertainty that prevails regarding elections matters. An order from the U. S. Supreme Court to the federal court in San Antonio to reconsider their handling of redistricting issues is one factor at play.

"In a nutshell, that could possibly have an effect on whether we have an April election," Plummer said.

"We don't know when this second round of filing is going to be," Norman said, referring to a second window of opportunity for candidates across the state to file to run for office (or drop out, if that's their preference).

A date of Feb. 1 has been established as the closing date for the second filing period, but an opening date is yet to be set. April 3 is the current date for the primary election originally scheduled for March.

Continued legal wrangling at the federal level has put April 3 in question.

"We're still hoping to have an April primary," Plummer

said. "It's a very slim hope." Ted Brannon, Precinct 3 commissioner, reported on a Wednesday meeting of the Ambulance Board and local emergency services supported jointly by the city and the county. "They are trying to reorganize ... under a 501 (c)(3) so they can accept donations, and also they're trying to get all the paperwork in to be under Medicare, Medicaid," Brannon said. "It takes 56 days. Wednesday we were at day 21. They had not heard anything back. They are continuing to operate under the city. Rodney Tidwell wants to be on the agenda Feb. 13. ... He can explain it a lot better than I can."

The Ambulance Board is proposing to hire a secretary to manage its affairs.

"I think the court needs input on that," Norman said. "Is this a new position? Who is that person going to be working under?"

"When he (Tidwell) comes, he will address all that," Brannon said.

In other business, the court heard Precinct 1 Commissioner Gary McDaniel's latest plans regarding replacement of a road maintainer, approved a request from Underground Water Development for a computer, accepted approval from the U. S. Department of Justice regarding local redistricting and got an update on the installation of an elevator in the courthouse

## Legal Notice

### INVITATION TO BID

The City of Lubbock is soliciting bids for the following:

ITB 12-10289-CI CATTLE GRAZING RIGHTS

Closing: February 16, 2012 @ 3:00 PM, City Hall, 1625 13<sup>th</sup> St., Room 204, Lubbock, TX 79401 R 9102-B

For documents, specifications, and other related data, see [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com).

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# Congratulations Post City Students on a great first semester!



Congratulations to the following students for making the "A Honor Roll" list at Post Elementary for the 3rd six week cycle of the 2011-2012 school year. In order to make the "A Honor Roll" a student may not have any grade lower than an "A" on their report card. We are so proud of these students for their hard work, effort and dedication. Keep it up!

\*\* Denotes that the student has made the Cumulative 2011-2012 A Honor Roll List  
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### 1st Grade

Aneliz Alaniz\*\*  
 Raelea Blevins\*\*  
 Camryn Cowley\*\*  
 Abcde Gutierrez\*\*  
 Landon Hair\*\*  
 Leah Moreno\*\*  
 Kelby Short\*\*  
 Aracely Soto^^  
 Samuel Walls\*\*  
 Zander Wisenburg\*\*

### 2nd Grade

Cohen Allred\*\*  
 Meagan Blair\*\*  
 Shayla Brown^^  
 Jayden Carroll\*\*  
 Xavier Childers^^  
 Daisiana Cruz\*\*  
 Kyna Hudman\*\*  
 Steven Huff\*\*  
 Damon Mauney\*\*  
 Briley Miller^^  
 Drew Porter^^  
 Macee Rathbun\*\*  
 Kalem Soto^^  
 Braylee Thomas\*\*

### 3rd Grade

M'Kenzie Eidson^^  
 Carson Holson\*\*  
 Krece Kirkpatrick  
 Izaih Landa^^  
 Blake Parrott^^  
 Tave Perez^^  
 Brennan Riker^^  
 Chelsea Thomas^^  
 Bailey Tidwell^^  
 Kolton Wink^^

### 4th Grade

Chris Dihenia\*\*  
 Dillon McKee\*\*  
 Jordan Self\*\*  
 Sadie Soto\*\*  
 Alexandra Turner\*\*

### 5th Grade

Mirka Cesillon\*\*  
 Malina Gomez\*\*  
 Landon Greer^^  
 Hannah Miranda\*\*  
 Summer Murray\*\*  
 Abbigayle Perez\*\*  
 Aubrianna Perez\*\*

Sydney Quinn\*\*  
 Jadin Reece\*\*  
 Meagan Reiter^^  
 Zachary Smith^^  
 Kara Thomas\*\*

### EE

Sarahi Meza

### 1st Grade

Julian Basquez^^  
 Jose Cesillon^^  
 Jonathan Forder  
 Madison Gary^^  
 Gavin Gomez  
 Emily Hadderton  
 Marisol Hernandez^^  
 Amiah Martin^^  
 Jacob McClellan^^  
 Haylee Molina^^  
 Hayley Perez^^  
 Javen Perez  
 Raymond Salas^^  
 Sadie Schoonover^^  
 Roberto Segura^^  
 Josiah Silva  
 Logan Tidwell^^  
 Wesley Wilks  
 Briley Winkle

### 2nd Grade

Da'Shawn Arredondo  
 Cienna Castillo  
 Audrey Collazo  
 Citlaly Contreras^^  
 Iva Cruse^^

Marti Cruse^^  
 Lance Davis  
 Alexandria Duran^^  
 Knoah Escobedo  
 Jose Garcia  
 Zavan Gill  
 Tristan Gomez  
 Laci Gonzales^^  
 Aracely Gonzalez  
 Marielle Gonzalez^^  
 Maria Gonzalez-Murillo^^  
 Adriana Hernandez^^  
 Xavier Hernandez  
 Kohen Hudman^^

### 3rd Grade

Matthew Basquez^^  
 Clarissa Berkley^^  
 Cole Boren^^  
 Cayce Britton^^  
 Carolina Carrillo^^  
 Karla Cruz  
 Javen Diaz  
 Fatima Esparza  
 Leah Gonzales^^  
 Estela Rodriguez  
 Edwin Ruiz Adriano  
 Anai Ruiz Jacobi  
 Sterlin Self^^  
 Octavia Silva  
 Stephen Solis  
 Magdalena Soria^^  
 Nathan Taylor^^  
 Emma Thompson^^

### 4th Grade

J'Nia Brown^^

MaKaylee Butler  
 Paulina Ceja^^  
 Cloie Cimental^^  
 Michael Dean^^  
 Chloe Dissinger^^  
 Dylan Greer^^  
 Madison Guthrie^^  
 Sylvia Hernandez  
 Omar Lazcano^^  
 Devon McClain  
 Audrey Moreno^^  
 Chelsey Nelson^^  
 Ryan Rathbun^^  
 Alea Silvas  
 Colter Smith^^  
 Krystal Soto  
 Sydney Walls^^

### 5th Grade

Presley Cowley  
 Mauricio DeLuna^^  
 Matthew Eller^^  
 Jose Esparza^^  
 Shawn Looney^^  
 Samantha Mathis  
 Brody Molnoskey  
 Jocelyn Moore^^  
 Jakeb Morris^^  
 Lillian Perez^^  
 Morgan Pernokis  
 D'Leagh Ramos^^  
 Carter Rankin^^  
 Emily Rodriguez^^  
 Juan Rodriguez  
 Leonardo Ruiz Jacobi^^  
 Zachary Sawyer^^

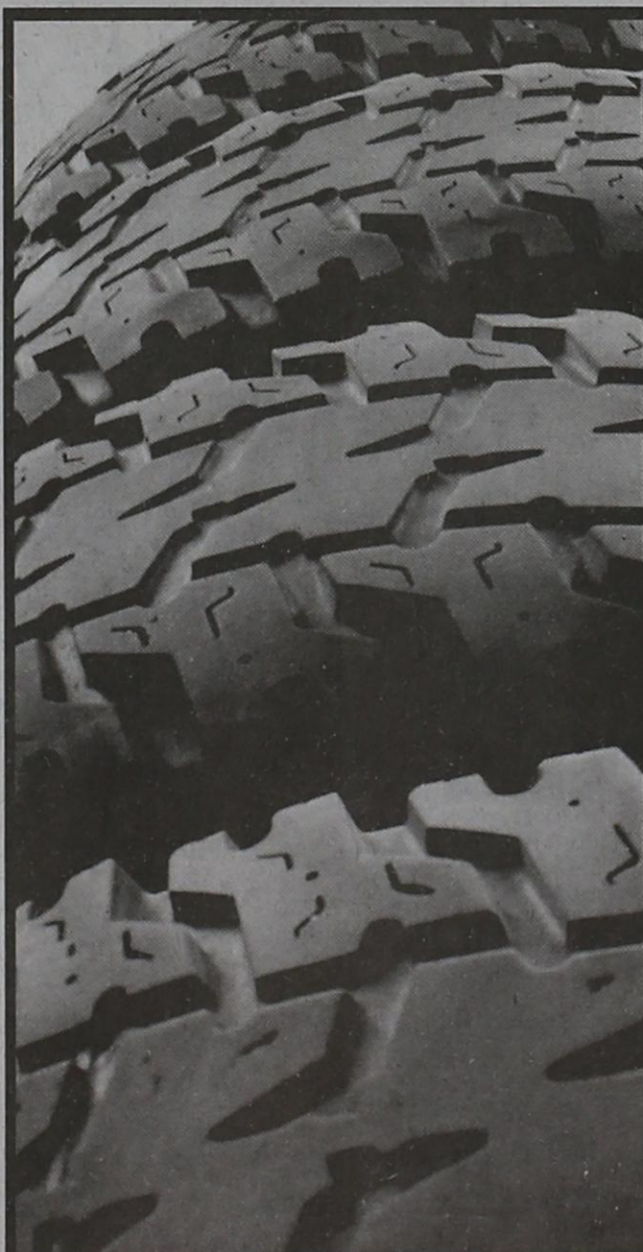
Baylee Smith^^  
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 Mykaela Turner^^  
 Javon Ward^^  
 Addee Williams^^  
 Evangelina Zubia^^

Roger Esparza  
 Kiara Estrada^^  
 Ariana Gomez^^  
 Marisa Gutierrez^^  
 Cecilia Hernandez^^  
 Jeremiah Martin^^  
 Krista Moore^^  
 Bandy Osborn  
 Miranda Perez^^  
 Mack Phergson  
 Emily Rankin^^  
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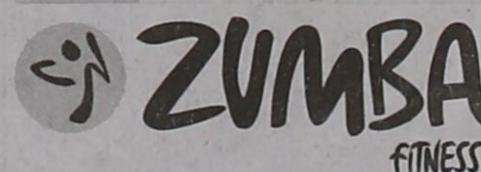
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"I made a commitment," Davis said. "God spoke to my heart."  
 And that's why he's not about to give up -- even if he hasn't had the chance to get the headlines accorded the major Republican candidates.

His faith is integral to his life.

"We've got to get back to believing in God and trusting in God," he said.

Davis is not happy with the current welfare system, even as he's managed to raise his own children to support themselves.

"We've taken their dignity away from them by giving them a check every month," he said, referring to welfare recipients.

Part of his dream for America would be to hear everyone say, "I bought this how with my own money with my own job."

Spoken like a true builder.

"They need responsibil-

ity," he said.  
 Davis would also change the Food Stamp program so that recipients would receive free staples like flour rather than prepared foods.

"They wouldn't take that and sell it for drugs out on the street," he said.

His wife, Debra Davis, is supporting him everywhere he goes, keeping up with paperwork on the bus and handing out literature in the places they visit.

"It's a trip," she said Monday, saying that some days are fun and some are tough, like the day they had two flats during an ice storm.

"We started in Texas because we thought it would be nice and warm," she said.

But that's when they ran into the unexpected ice storm. Coincidentally it was east of Seminole.

But this trip to Texas has been different. As the Davises stood in the middle of East Main Street Monday, enjoying the sunshine and



Photo By Hanaba Munn Welch

Debra Davis, wife of presidential candidate John Davis, stands near her husband's campaign bus Monday while he, in the background, grants an interview on East Main Street. The couple is traveling the country, spending more time on the road than home in Grand Junction, Colo., where they have a construction business, children and grandchildren. By the middle of February, the expect they will have visited two-thirds of the counties in the United States.

a very slight breeze and experiencing downtown Post as the perfect place it seemed to be, they had no inkling that the same skies had been filled with hard-

blowing dirt just the day before.

When all is said and done, Jan. 23 should go down as a bright spot in their travel journal -- a fat book indeed.

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day I got to Post, my truck broke down and I parked it at Jimmy Boling's house. The next day, Sunday, September 4, 2011, I went to try to start my truck, and that's when I learned that my battery and stereo had been stolen from it. I needed a battery for my truck, and I remembered that Chris Thurman and Dale Spann had stolen a battery along with a cutting torch and bottles from the school buses by the school cafeteria. I found out about that three months prior when I saw Chris at his mom's house. Chris was showing me a battery charger that he said he and Dale also stole from the school. That's when told me about the battery and cutting torch with the bottle. Chris told me that he stole the battery for his brother Tory Harper and gave it to him. Chris also told me that the white guy named Josh, who is called "Trigger," might have that same battery now, because he was needing one for his own car. That Sunday night, around 8:00 p.m. or later, I walked to the school bus lot by myself, opened one of the buses' battery compartment and tried to remove one of the batteries. I was not able to pull a battery out because of the way they fit so tight together. I then walked by the front of the buses next to the door to the maintenance shop. I was there on the school bus lot about fifteen to twenty minutes. I then walked to my brother Clinton's house. Today, I returned back to my grandmother's house on 15th street and learned from my sister Becky Curtis that a call had been placed there warning that the cops were looking for me. I called the sheriff's office and let the dispatcher know that I was at my grandmother's house. Right after that is when Post I.S.D. officers Bobby Dean and Dave Tyler along with sheriff's deputies Tommy Binford and George Cavitt showed up. I agreed to go to the sheriff's office where I was advised of my Miranda Rights and I agreed to give a statement admitting to what I had done. Chief Deputy Binford showed me some photographs of a school bus which I recognized as being of the bus that I tried to remove a battery from.

After the trial, Munk commented on the outcome and offered The Dispatch a thumbnail account of how everything transpired. The following summary is based on that information:

At the trial, Ollie "Corky" Abraham, Post ISD transportation director, and Jim Bocko, who manages the school's surveillance systems, testified that someone had burglarized a bus in an apparent attempt to steal its batteries. Jurors saw a video that captured Curtis in the vicinity of the burglary the night it happened. Bobby Dean, Post ISD officer, and

Tommy Binford, Garza County Chief Deputy, also testified, Binford's investigation having led to Curtis's full confession. Testimony from Ashleigh Harris and Sherry Long described Curtis's long pattern of abusive behavior and included information about his convictions in 2008 for burglary and assault. (Curtis is currently on parole for those offenses.) Also testifying as character witnesses were Curtis's parole officers, Darion Howard and Mario Reyes, Garza County deputies Binford and Marcus Lively, who described their encounters with Curtis over the years, Michael Copeland, Garza County Jail records custodian, and Lubbock County Sheriff's Investigator and fingerprint expert Wesley Shields, who linked Curtis to four other criminal judgements: including a 2005 Class A Garza County burglary of a vehicle, a 2006 Class A Lubbock County failure to identify-fugitive from justice, a 2006 Lubbock County theft and a 2007 Class A Garza County assault.

Last week's charges against Curtis were for attempted theft \$500 or more but less than \$1,500 and burglary of a vehicle.

Although Curtis didn't manage to remove even one battery from the three-battery compartment, his attempt was enough to constitute burglary.

"I alleged all three," Munk said, basing his allegation on Curtis's relationships to known thieves and fences. "He wasn't going to leave good money laying there. I alleged that he had attempted to steal all three."

The outcome:

At the end of the day, Friday, Jan. 19, Curtis was sentenced to a one-year jail sentence and a fine of \$4,000 for attempted theft, a Class A misdemeanor, and 180 days in jail and a fine of \$2,000 for burglary of a vehicle, a Class B misdemeanor. Whether the convictions mean his parole will be revoked will be up to the parole board.

County Judge Lee Norman presided.

An appeal could be in the offing.

"We are sitting here discussing whether or not to appeal," Yandell said Monday afternoon. "We fully expect to appeal the conviction. We are going forward with our client's rights."

The appeal would not necessarily be crafted by Yandell and his students, but it could be.

"Typically, what happens is the court appoints an attorney to do the appellate brief," Yandell said.

Curtis is currently in Garza County Jail, where he has credit for time served since his arrest in September. Coincidentally, Chris Thurman, mentioned in Curtis's confession, is also in Garza County Jail. (See related story in this issue.)

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Photo By Steffi Scott

Randy Boehmer

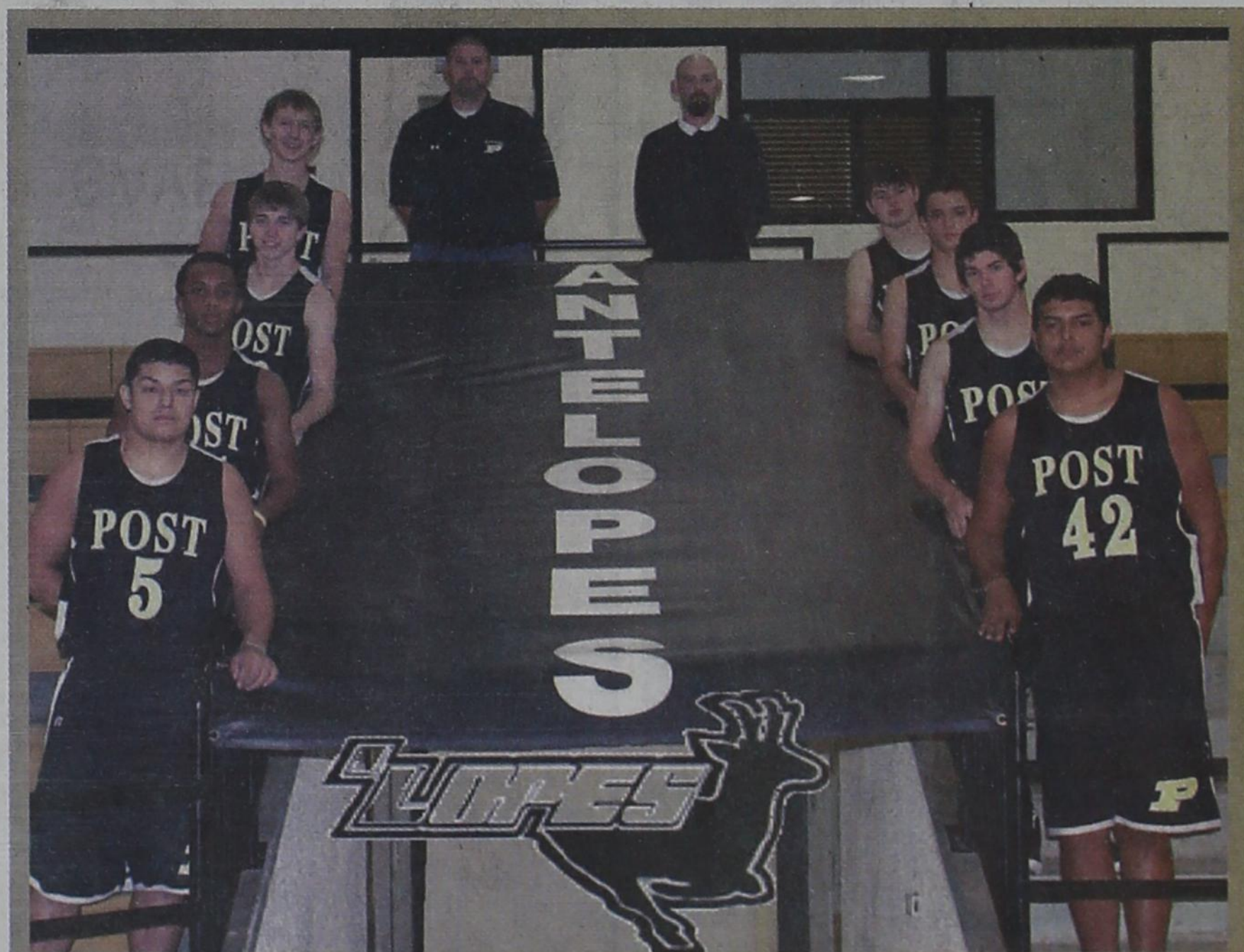
Most people might wonder how a man can live solely on traveling the United States as a means of income, but Boehmer quickly replied, "Well, let's put it this way, I'm not retired, but the good Lord always provides."

Boehmer lives in the covered wagon, along with his two dogs, Shep and Proverb. He has a small, white shower, and a television. Although he says he never has time to watch

it. Behind the covered wagon he pulls a feed wagon for his mules.

With his wife's passing in 1998, he said he didn't want to worry about collecting the finer things in life, but to do something with a purpose. Traveling the streets in his covered wagon and telling people about the word of God.

Boehmer's mission is simple, Jesus Saves. Ask Him.



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with the sedation of the patient. Once the patient is sedated, another more extensive oral exam is preformed. All of the tartar build up is broken off of the teeth. If any extractions are needed, they are done at this time. Each individual tooth is then cleaned with an ultrasonic scaler. After the teeth are cleaned, each tooth is then polished. Finally the mouth is then rinsed out, and the patient goes into recovery to wake up from anesthesia.

Dentals can drastically improve the way a pet feels and acts. I've had several clients say after having a dental their dog or cat has become more active and almost acts like a youngster again. This is even true after pulling several teeth. When I say several, sometime that could be up to 16! Yes, I've pulled 16 teeth out of a 2 pound Chihuahua! And yes, she ate regular dog food. She felt better after her dental than she had ever been. True story. Ask my mother since it was her dog...if you dare. Love you mom!

Like some of our car maintenance, dentals should be pre-

formed at least once a year. We can add a few things to make this time be extended out some, but we recommend you begin with a dental then add these to your regimen for optimum results. First, if your pet will allow, you can brush their teeth. Yes, that's right brush their teeth with toothbrush & pet toothpaste. Second, you can feed a prescription dog food which will help keep the tartar off and not build up as fast. There is a non-prescription food out there which does a pretty good job as well. Finally, there are oral solutions available which may help with some of the bacteria development in the mouth. We can help you with any of these treatment options.

February is the National Dental Health Month. To celebrate Garza County Animal Hospital is offering 20% off on all of our dental packages now through the end of February. You'll also receive free dental products and information when you come in. Call today to setup a dental for your 4-legged family member. If you have any additional questions you can reach us at 806-495-3726.