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## Livestock Show A Tremendous Success

Dozens of area FFA and 4-H students participated in the Garza County Junior Livestock Association Show January 19-21.

The 2012 GCJLA Livestock show began on Thursday, January 19, at 3 p.m. with the weighing in of all animals.

The 48th Annual show kicked off at 6 p.m. Sky Moore led the prayer and Jaden Binford of Southland

FFA led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The show began with the Peewee rabbit exhibitors. There were 9 exhibitors aged 2-8. Kersten Guthrie, Lane Norman, Sarah Palmer, Kasen Wink, Kendall Swaffar, Jaden Kirkland, Kohen Hudman, Emily Hadderton and Addee Williams.

The Market Rabbits were first to show followed by the Fancy Rabbits. Ribbon pre-

senters for the show were Corbin Mason and Ashley Graves of Southland FFA.

At 9 a.m. Saturday, January 21, 2012 the full day of showing began with announcer Ronnie Metsgar's welcome.

Curt Greer led the opening prayer followed by Haley Krauser of Garza 4-H leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

The show for the day was Todd Beyers of Plainview.

During the Swine show, MaKaylee Butler and Haley Krauser of Garza 4-H were the ribbon presenters.

The ribbon presenters for the Steer show were Taylor and Ashley Graves of Southland FFA.

After a lunch break, the show resumed with the Lamb show. Ribbon presenters were Taylor Graves and Kristen Hill of Southland FFA.

The ribbon presenters for the Goat show were Kari and Katie Dunn of Post FFA. They also helped with the trophy presentations during the Peewee Goat show.

The show concluded with 2 classes of Peewee Goat exhibitors. In the first class ages 2-4 were Rhealee Key, Kenney Wyatt, Cassie Edwards, Brody Mesker, Payton Nelson, Kody Osborn, Lane Norman, Cooper Os-

born, Christine Reiter, Ellie Edwards and Jaten Hataway.

In the second class ages 5-8 exhibiting were Carson Key, Hanna Krauser, Kasen Wink, Michael Tadlock, Johnny Winkle, Emily Hadderton, Grant Stahl, Briley Winkle, Kohen Hudman, Jake Morris, Addee Williams, Cade Edwards, and Briley Miller.

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## Garza County SO Following Leads

By Hanaba Munn Welch

Garza County law officers are working hard to nab suspects and solve several burglary cases that have plagued Garza County, both in Post and in rural locations.

"We have recovered some property," Chief Deputy Tommy Binford reported Wednesday. "We are actively pursuing leads that we have developed for burglaries of houses in the northwest part of the county. We are working with Lynn County and with Lubbock."

Binford spoke with guarded optimism. "We are beginning to narrow our focus on the ones that we believe are responsible -- not necessarily our search but we are narrowing our focus," he said.

Binford didn't confirm a connection between the town and country burglaries.

"We are looking to see what, if any, connections there is between the ones in town and out in the country."

Officers are pursuing several leads.

Chris Thurman, currently in Garza County jail because of a revocation of his parole, is apparently a "person of interest" in investigative parlance, although Binford didn't use the term.

"We are still trying to run down leads to determine what connections he might have to any of the property that has been recovered," Binford said. "Right now, we don't have any additional charges on him."

In last week's Dispatch, an interview with Binford included his advice to Garza County residents, both in town and in the country, to be alert and to watch for any suspicious people or activities -- such as vehicles driving slow for no apparent reason -- and to help local law enforcement personnel by reporting any such sightings. No doubt, his request still stands as the investigation intensifies.

## Curtis Trial Coverage Corrections; Thurman Update

By Hanaba Munn Welch

Coverage of the trial of Jerry Lynn Curtis in last week's Dispatch contained errors.

Curtis, convicted in county court last month for burglarizing a school bus on Labor Day weekend, received a one-year jail sentence and was fined \$4,000 for burglary of a vehicle, a Class A misdemeanor. He received a 180-day jail sentence and was fined \$2,000 for attempted theft, "\$500 or more but less

than \$1,500," a Class B misdemeanor. The original Dispatch story reversed those two charges.

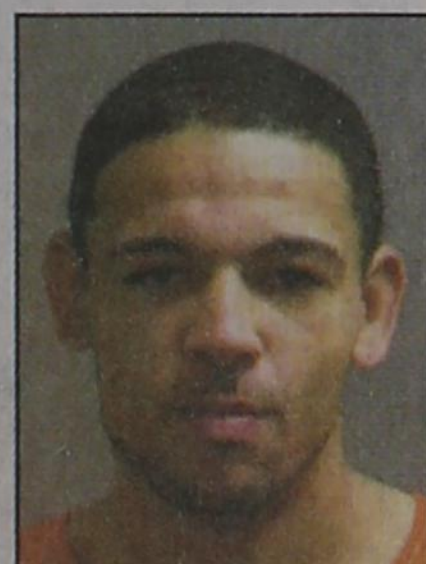
At one point in last week's story, Curtis is characterized as being on probation. He was on parole.

The Dispatch reported the jury was instructed to disregard Curtis's confession, taken when he was in custody, a misstatement that needs more

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Jerry Lynn Curtis



Chris Thurman



Photo by E. Moreno

In a meeting Tuesday at the Post Chamber of Commerce, from left, Thressa Harp, Debbie Macy, Diann Windham, Curtis Hudman and Patty Kirkpatrick confer as Post-Garza County Endowment advisors. Advisory board members not present were Janie Lopez, Lee Norman and Harry Record. The group oversees a yearly fund-raising effort for the endowment, a fund designed to help local charities and deserving projects. A story in next week's Dispatch will offer more information about the endowment and how it is making an impact on the area, more and more as the fund grows and produces monetary dividends.

## Area Farmers Hoping for Good Wheat Crop

By Hanaba Munn Welch

The drought and record-breaking heat of 2011 left Garza County parched and short of moisture for a winter wheat crop. Last week's rain gave the crop a bit of a boost, but chances for a bountiful harvest by spring are slim unless much more rain falls and continues to fall across the area.

As for the price of wheat, droughts and other adverse weather conditions worldwide are keeping some optimism in the outlook for a good price for the 2012 Texas crop.

Mark Welch, Texas Agriculture extension economist, began his Jan. 27 "Feed Grain Market Outlook" with observations about what's happening in the Southern Hemisphere.

"Production losses from South America due to heat and drought continue to provide fundamental support for grain markets," he said. "At this point it does not appear that the current drought is as bad as the 100-year drought of 2008-2009 that cut Argentine crop production by 37 percent. But drought maps show the drought has intensified over Central Brazil's main soybean areas and Argentina over the last month."

Naturally, hemisphere to hemisphere, crops affect each other on the world market as countries compete to sell their products. Lower corn and soybean production in South America should mean North American farmers can look forward to better prices for both their corn and soybeans.

But which will be more popular? Welch is betting on corn. And corn production affects the price of wheat. Generally speaking, if corn prices rise, so does the price of wheat.

"Prospects of lower corn and soybean production in South America heighten

questions over planted acres in the U. S. this spring," Welch said.

Historically, when the March price of soybeans is two and a half times the price of corn, farmers in the Midwest tend to devote about the same number of acres to

each crop, Welch said. But when soybeans are worth only twice as much as corn, then farmers plant more corn -- generally not good for the price of wheat.

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## Davis Advances in Photo Contest

Post Lion Club member Ruth Davis' winning photo was among more than 45 entries in the third annual District 2-T2 Lions Club Environmental Photo Contest held recently at the district's Mid-Winter Conference in Lubbock.

Lion Ruth Davis of Post won the Weather Phenomenon division and the "Best of Show" rosette with her picture of the October 17th Haboob (sandstorm) in Lubbock, therefore her photo advances to the state competition. Lion Davis also won the special theme division, Protecting Our Future With Trees, depicting trees and the vital role they play in our communities.

Other winners included Lion Kimberly McCain, Lubbock Hub Lions Club President, who won the Plant division. Past District Governor Fredda Buckner of the Roby Lions Club won the Animal division. Taking the Landscape division was Lion Ted Boyd of the Lubbock Redbud Lions Club. Certificates and 2012 Lions Club International Environmental Photo calendars were awarded to all winners.

Lions Club International sponsors the contest annually to emphasize the importance of environmental awareness around the world. The

impartial judging of photos focused on originality, artis-

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Photo by Ruth Davis

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# Obituaries



**JUANELLA HAYS**

Services for Juanella Hays, 76, of Post will be at 3 PM Friday, January 27, 2012 at the First Baptist

Church with Rev. Darren Weaver officiating assisted by Dr. Ben Edwards. Burial in Terrace Cemetery will be under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, January 24, 2012. She was born October 23, 1935 in Brownfield to Morris "Jock" and Ruth McClellan. She married Pete Hays on November 23, 1962 in Post. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband Pete of Post, 2

Daughters: Marinette (Jerry) Tyler of Post and Dejuana Gayland) Johnson of Pennsylvania, 2 Sons: Joe Hays of Big Spring and Billy Mikel (Angi) Hays of Dallas, 1 Brother: Wayland McClellan of Idaho, 10 Grandchildren and 8 Great Grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday from 6 until 8 PM at the funeral home. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to Garza County Senior Citizens, Calvary Baptist Church or Covenant Palliative Care.



**SUE ALLISON**

Castle Rock, Colorado Sue Hendrickson Allison, 75, of Castle Rock passed away Monday, January

23, 2012. She was born September 20, 1936 in Breckenridge, Texas to the late Derald and Annie Hendrickson.

Sue was preceded in death by her husband Rex Allison, and son Eric Allison. She is survived by: son and daughter-in-law Matt and Cathy Allison of Franktown Colorado; daughter Pati Sellers of Albany, Texas; grandchildren: Shay Allison, Drew and wife Carrie Allison, Haysley Allison,

Brian Knight, Kelly Sellers, Blaine Sasser; and by her deceased son's life partner: Jonita Knight of Bay City, Texas.

A Gravesite Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, February 4, 2012 at the Woodson Cemetery in Woodson, Texas. Services will be led by Rev. Robert Hodgkiss. Directly after there will be a gathering at the Woodson Inn to celebrate her life.

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tic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme. The winning entry worldwide will

be selected in July during the International Convention in Korea.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with 1.35 million members in more than 45,000 clubs in 207 countries.

District Governor Dan Warrick stated, "Our district made a great showing for its third time to participate in this competition. We expect participation will continue to grow in the future and will foster an increased awareness of our surroundings."

## Lubbock Ag Sessions Next Week

Texas AgriLife Extension in Lubbock County will host an extension educational program at the Southwest Farm and Ranch Classic Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Morning and afternoon sessions will offer a total of four continuing education units.

Registration for the morning session begins at 7:30 a.m., and the first program begins at 8:25 a.m. The session concludes at 11:45 a.m. One general CEU and 1.5 integrated pest management CEUs for the Texas Department of Agriculture will be offered at the morning session.

Registration for the afternoon session begins at 1 p.m., and the first program begins at 1:25 p.m. The session concludes at 3:30

p.m. One laws and regulations CEU and 0.5 general CEUs for TDA will be offered at the afternoon session.

For a complete schedule listing topics and speakers see [www.plainscotton.org/agconferences.html](http://www.plainscotton.org/agconferences.html).

Program registration fee is \$10 for one or both sessions. You can pre-register by sending your name, email, phone number and your \$10 registration fee to Texas AgriLife Extension-Lubbock County, P.O. Box 10536, Lubbock, TX 79408. On-site registration is available, but seating is limited. Seats are guaranteed for those with registration post-marked by February 3.

For more information, call Lubbock County Texas AgriLife Extension at (806) 775-1680.

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than a simple correction. County attorney Mike Munk offered the following summation, elaborating on the issue as it was argued in court:

"The defense argued that the jury should disregard Curtis's confessions on the grounds that the defense contended his statements were products of custodial interrogation and were obtained after Curtis refused to answer questions. However, officers repeatedly questioned him and used coercive tactics to obtain his statements, according to Curtis's defense team.

"The state contended he was never in custody, that he accompanied officers to the Sheriff's Office to make a voluntary statement and was read his rights anyway, even though not required by state or federal law while a suspect is not in custody. Although

he apparently was reluctant at first, he later provided two confessions to Chief Deputy Tommy Binford, one on an audio and one typed and signed by Curtis. Both were preceded with Curtis being informed of his rights, just as a matter of procedure and policy, not because they were required by state or federal law under the circumstance, according to Chief Deputy Binford."

Regarding the issue of Curtis's parole, last week's Dispatch reported correctly that his parole status could be revoked. At the request of the state, County Judge Lee Norman ordered that Curtis must serve his sentences consecutively, not simultaneously, with his existing Texas Department of Criminal Justice term if his parole is revoked. However, because Curtis's two recent sentences are connected to one criminal

episode, he is serving them simultaneously, regardless of the parole status.

Curtis's parole officer in Lubbock couldn't be reached Tuesday or Wednesday for information regarding his parole. At the time of his latest convictions and sentencing, Curtis was on parole following incarceration in 2008 for burglary and assault.

In the realm of updates, Chris Thurman, who was mentioned by name in Curtis's confession in connection with alleged thievery, remains in Garza County Jail after officers took him into custody on a Williamson County parole revocation warrant.

Thurman is also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Because of the revocation of his parole, Thurman cannot be released from jail on bond.

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"The ration (soybeans to corn) this week (last week of January) is just under 2.2, trending higher the last few weeks, but still favoring an increase in corn acres for 2012," he said.

Weather conditions in Europe are also a factor in the outlook for wheat and other crops. Futures and options broker Donna Hughes, in last Friday's issue of "Market Talk," a weekday newsletter, talked some about what's happening in eastern Europe in her observations about last Thursday's wheat sales.

"The wheat was firm yes-

terday," she said, in her Friday morning report. "We had a solid export sales report, and there is some optimism out there that we could see the good sales continue due to less competition from Russia and the Ukraine since they are probably sold out. Also, crop conditions in eastern Europe are poor, and yesterday there was talk about winter kill, which will only add to the problems. Right now it appears that July KW (Kansas City wheat) is headed for a test of the major resistance at the \$7.50 area."

After the end of trading

on Friday, Hughes issued her end-of-the-week report, including more comments on wheat and some of the factors influencing the price, specifically weather and the negotiations of several foreign buyers and sellers. Bottom line, the price of wheat lost some ground, with March wheat closing Friday at \$6.47 on the Chicago Board of Trade, down 6 1/4 cents, \$7 on the Kansas City Board of Trade, down nine cents, and \$8.26 1/4 on the Minneapolis Grain Exchange, down one cent.

"Egypt's GASC (General Authority for Supply Commodities) expects to buy an additional 500,000 metric tons of wheat between now and the end of June having purchased over four million metric tons since July 1," Hughes reported. "Egypt apparently rejected the Kazakh wheat it bought in November because of unapproved seed mixed in with the wheat. Russian wheat was substituted. Iraq Grain Board is tendering for 50,000 metric tons of optional origin wheat with the U.S. excluded in this

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# COMMUNITY

## Biological Battle Pits Beetles Against Saltcedar

You can't say civilization don't advance ... for in every war they kill you a new way.  
 -- Will Rogers, *The New York Times*, Dec. 23, 1929

**By Hanaba Munn Welch**  
 It's war.

The new soldiers are mercenaries -- beetles imported from Crete. The enemy is saltcedar, also known as Tamarisk and also not indigenous to the United States. By either name, saltcedar is getting killed in a new way -- eaten alive.

White River Lake is one biological battleground where the government-sponsored beetles, the latest weapon against saltcedar, have scored a major victory over the scraggly saltcedar. Look for the aggressive insects to march up the White River next and make a difference in Crosby County, maybe with some reinforcements from Tunisia.

The beetles are the roughly the size of ladybugs. The Agricultural Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is responsible

for their presence in Garza County and in other strategically selected places across the United States. The hope is that the beetles will cut back the spread of saltcedar and diminish the presence of the hardy invasive plants that take so much water from the soil in wet areas, particularly along rivers. Saltcedar, native to Eurasia, made its debut in the United States in the early 1800s as an ornamental plant and has been spreading since then, making its way across much of the western United States, Texas included.

In some places, the ravenous imported beetles have settled in and have effectively killed saltcedars for miles and miles along different rivers. In other places, they've not fared so well.

Like Napoleon's troops in Russia, some of the beetles didn't fare well last winter in harsh Texas conditions.

Allen Knutson, Dallas-based Texas AgriLife extension entomologist, thinks February weather in 2011 wiped out beetles around Big Spring, headquarters for the beetle offensive in an area that includes Garza County.

"It stayed below freezing for two or three days," Knutson said. "We went there this summer. We couldn't find any beetles ... at Big Spring, at Lake Thomas. That was a big setback for us."

Not all beetles sent into battle from Big Spring perished in the late-winter cold snap of 2011.

"Amazingly, they survived the winter up at White River Lake," Knutson said. "It was colder at White River."

The White River survival may be linked to the timing of the beetles' emergence from their overwintering habitat.

"We really don't know," Knutson said, admitting that

much remains to be learned about the beetles and how to ensure their survival and success against saltcedar.

Different species of the imported beetles seem to survive and thrive better in different parts of the American West, depending on whether the changing lengths of days trigger diapause (hibernation) at the right time, according to what they've been used to in their previous environments -- back in the old country, so to speak. If a beetle goes into diapause too early, it stands less chance of surviving through the winter on its own body reserves.

Diapause aside, beetles survived at White River Lake, for whatever reason, and managed to defoliate about 35 acres of saltcedar, Knutson said.

"We think they'll move up White River," Knutson said. But defoliation doesn't mean the saltcedar won't make a comeback.

"It takes several years of beetle attacks before the trees really start to die back," Knutson said.

Credit the saltcedar underground for the toughness of the plant and the likelihood the plant will never be eradicated by the beetles or any other means currently used against it.

"If the top dies off, they will re-sprout," said Glen Killough, district conservationist in Garza County for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Killough works with Knutson in the beetle project.

"It's what we call a 'root sprouter,'" Killough said, describing the difficulty of killing out the plant.

Fire is especially ineffective against saltcedar.

"They're gonna come back," Killough said. "The base of the tree has a bud zone. If the top dies off, they will re-sprout."

Saltcedar grows mostly in wet areas.

"They are worse along the rivers," said Killough, who's familiar with their spread in Garza County and the region. "The North Fork of the Brazos is probably getting the worst. The Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos is slowly getting there."

Saltcedars seem also to be spreading to playas -- "some of the playas up on the plains," Killough said, referring to the Texas High Plains.

Saltcedars tolerate salty

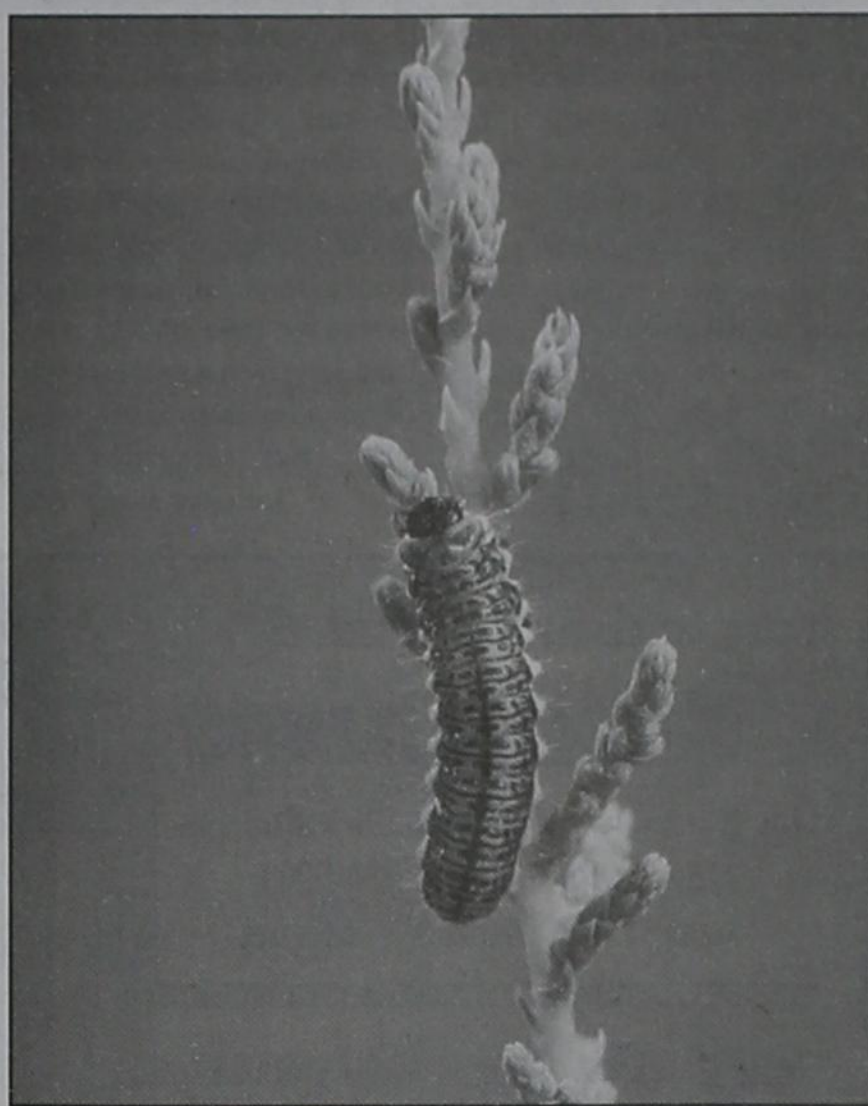


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The larva of the saltcedar beetle, *Diorhabda elongata*, is seven to 12 millimeters long, scientifically speaking. That's one-fourth to one-half inch. It's a beneficial larva that feeds on pesky saltcedar leaves. White River Lake is a place where the larvae and beetles have devoured acres of the troublesome invasive saltcedar.

ground and make it even saltier. The plants take up the salt in their leaves. When the leaves fall to the ground, soil salinity increases.

"Over periods of time, they do add salt," Knutson said.

The saltcedar also chokes out other plants -- not all of them beneficial, but generally considered to be a better, more natural mix for places like West Texas river bottoms and a better habitat for most wildlife than the thick stands of saltcedar.

As for deploying the beetles to where they can attack the saltcedar, it's a simple strategy. If Knutson calls and needs beetles carried from Big Spring to Garza County, for instance, a volunteer can get it done if Killough doesn't have time. The beetles travel in coolers.

"One of my (Garza Soil and Water Conservation District) directors like Tom (Middleton) ... would be willing to go down there and get them," Killough said.

Collecting beetles from the field to move them to other areas is also fairly simple, although labor-intensive. It's a matter of beating the bushes.

"We take a five-gallon plastic pail and put a funnel on the bottom," Knutson said. "We go through the saltcedar and beat branches. The beetles fall into the bucket."

Knutson didn't say whether the bucket is upside down

and lidded, meaning the beetles fall into the bucket and are trapped immediately, but that's the picture that comes to mind. No matter exactly how the funnel-bucket device works, it works.

For someone who doesn't mind being around insects, collecting the beetles could be a job -- just no time soon.

"We collect 20,000 to 30,000 beetles to release at a new site," Knutson said. "When we had the big population at Big Spring, we actually hired two high school students for the summer."

Now, after losses in the Big Spring beetle population, area beetles are in short supply.

"It may take a year or two for the population to recover," Knutson said. "I'm sure they'll come back."

But West Texas also might get beetles from a more distant source -- North Africa.

Beetles from Tunisia have done very well in the Big Bend area along the Rio Grande, Knutson said.

"It (The Tunisian saltcedar beetle) has defoliated miles and miles of river," Knutson said. "We may experiment with that species, moving it up into Big Spring and farther north, and see if that species will do better than the ones from Crete."

Time will tell. All that's for certain is that it's likely to be a long war.

## 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

Facades at 215 and 217 E. Main St. contrast in style. Although 217 looks more original, 215 sports a wood shingle version of the mansard look -- a roof style that can be traced to 17th-century France.

Identical twins don't have to dress alike -- not even buildings destined to be side by side for as long as long as their bricks hold together.

Consider 215 E. Main St. and 217 E. Main St. -- alike but different, one wearing a little makeup and the other in disguise.

Like a cloak, 30 rows of cedar shingles, plus a few more covering the highest points of the façade, conceal 215, whereas 217 wears only a layer of paint. The identical redo of their sidewalk-level fronts sets off their markedly

different upper appearances.

It's not hard to imagine how the twins would have looked originally, especially since 217 is essentially intact from canopy up, and unpainted 215 displays the deep red color of the brick.

As for 215's expanse of shingles, the term "mansard" applies in a loose sense. The shingles aren't slate, but the surface is steep like the lower half of a classic mansard, named for French architect Francois Mansart, 1598-1666. Mansart introduced the style in his enlargement of the Louvre.

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# In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Hello, hope everyone has had a good week. You know they say time flies when you have'n fun...well I must be have'n a blast because I can't believe it is already February. Planting time will be here before you know it so we really need some rain so we should all keep asking the good Lord to send us the moisture we need.

Sympathies go out to the family of Jiggs King who passed away on Monday. He has been a big part of the town of Post and it would be really hard to find someone in Garza County who didn't know Mr./Coach King.

Thoughts and prayers to his entire family.

The guys out here tell me that the GCJLA Sale was a great success, again congrats to all the kids that participate and good luck to those that are going to Ft. Worth this week and San Angelo next week.

I was informed since I told on Jim I needed to tell on myself..... yes I got stopped going, well we wont say how fast, and yes I fell over in my chair. So I'm going to take my own advice and slow down and be more careful when leaning back in my chair. =>

We had some interest-

ing people out this past week. Johnny Kemp brought out some relatives to visit with us; Ted Hughes and Dewey Hughes. Ted lives in Birmingham Alabama and Dewey Hughes lives in Deamanville, Alabama, these guys really entertained us! Ted and Dewey are first cousins to Johnny's wife, Nancy. Dewey's wife, Jane also visited Texas but didn't get to make the gin stop this time. Cecil Stolle also stopped in last week; Robert Davis came out and visited for a while Monday. Ya'll come out and see us.....cheapest drinks, snacks and entertainment in the

county.

**Did you know...**

The warmest temperature ever recorded on Antarctica was 3 degrees F.

**Quote of the week...**

There is no vaccine for stupid... Jana Terry Underwood

**Close City Birthdays**

February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Billie Jean Cross

February 4<sup>th</sup> - Trevah Bush Yarbro, Sylvia Winder

February 5<sup>th</sup> - Krista Kemp Warren

February 6<sup>th</sup> - Rhianna Ellis, Mike Carter

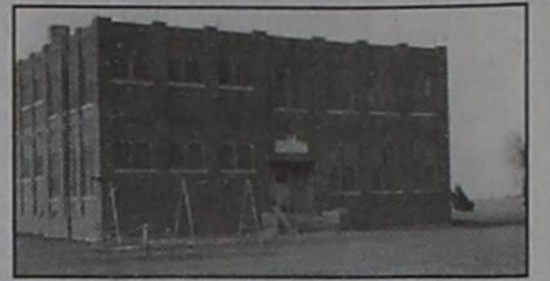
February 8<sup>th</sup> - Shirley Sap-

ington McInroe

February 9<sup>th</sup> - Monique Hendrix, Sherry White McNeely

Our bingo night will be in March so keep watching and as soon as we know a definite date we will let ya'll know. Dusty has offered to call for us again, please call us at 495-2753 if you want to help, we welcome anyone wanting to help; 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.

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

### Stingy Bird!

Jo Len Everhart (Idaho, USA)

Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19

*Freely you have received, freely give.*

— Matthew 10:8 (NIV)

We enjoy watching birds at the various feeders in our yard. Male ruby-throated hummingbirds are especially gorgeous, iridescent — and aggressive. Sometimes one male will drive away all the other hummers from the nectar. Once I put up a second feeder around the corner out of sight, hoping a few of the timid hummingbirds would be able to drink there while the stingy aggressor guarded “his” feeder. But no! This bird spent all his time darting back and forth between the two feeders, warding off dozens of birds. Neither he nor any of the others was able to drink a drop.

How greedy this aggressive hummingbird is! I thought. Too bad he doesn't understand that I will refill the feeder when the nectar gets low.

Then I realized how often we are like that bird in our lack of trust. God wants us to share with others the good gifts we receive. God will replenish our supply, just as I constantly refill the hummingbird feeders. But when we guard and hoard our treasures, all of us go hungry.

*Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for being generous to us. Help us to share our love, time, and material possessions with those around us. Especially help us to share your word with others who hunger to know you. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

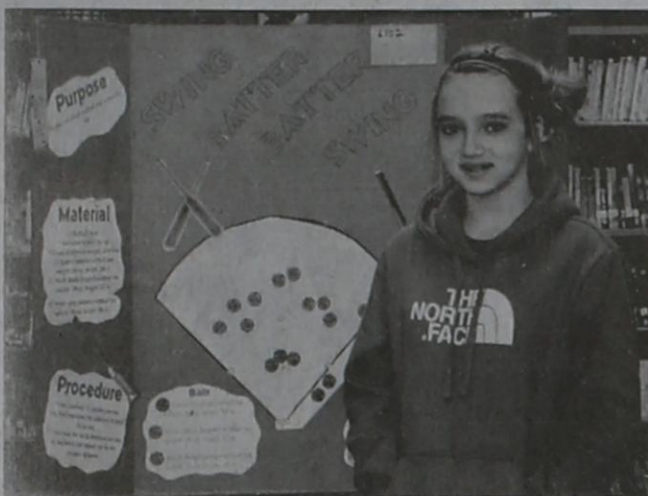
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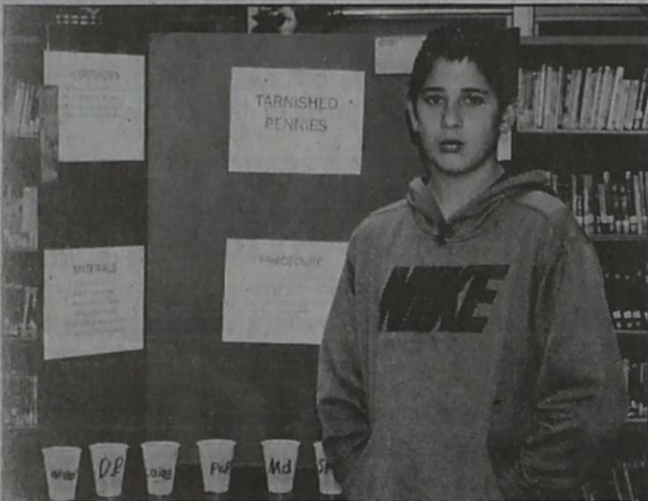
## Middle School Science Fair

Photos By DeSanne Fluit

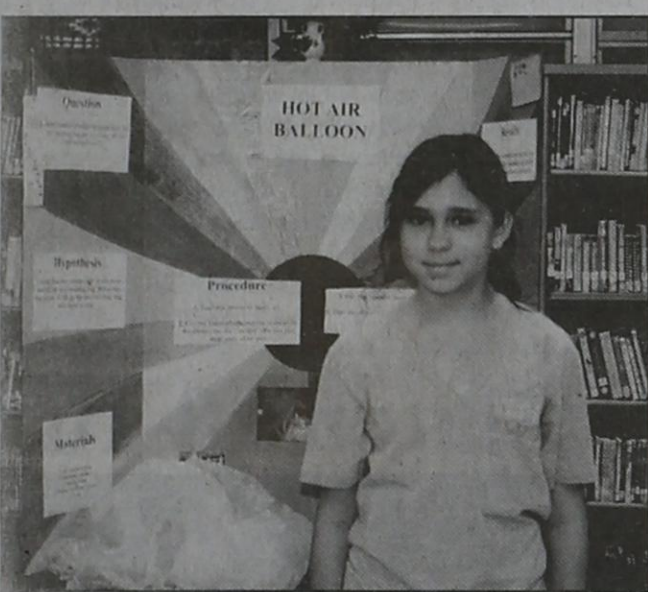
### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



1st Place Morgan Lynch

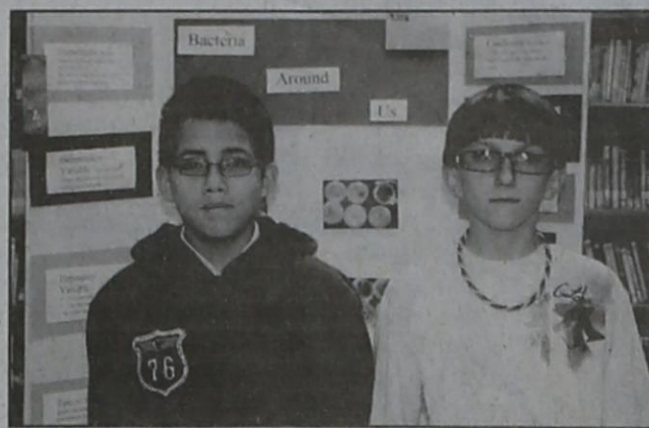


2nd Place Brandon Britton

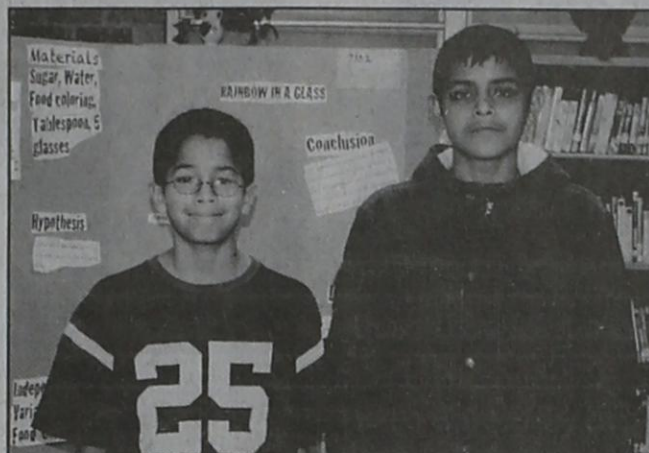


3rd Place Chloe Reiter

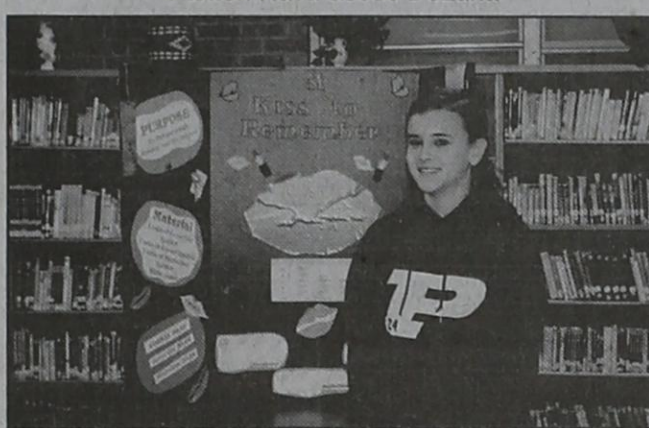
### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade



1st Place Johnathon Rodriguez & Chase Morris

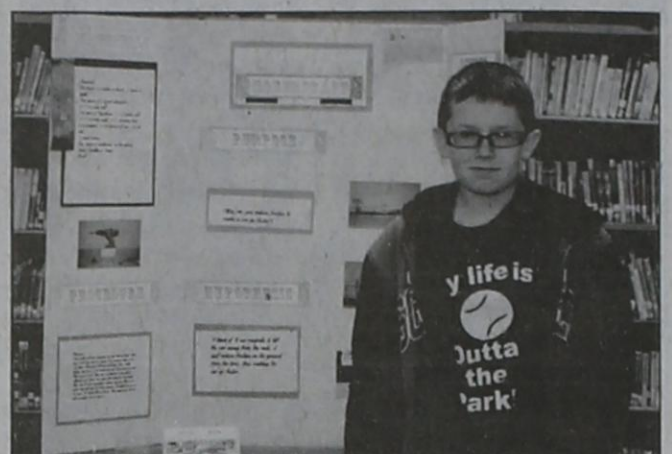


Paxton Nava & Jose DeLuna

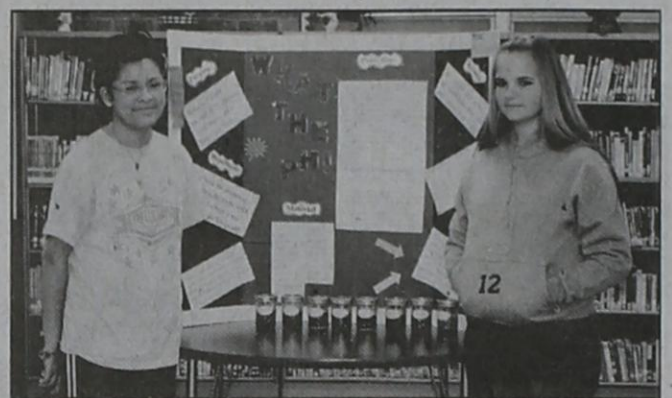


Lauren Lynch

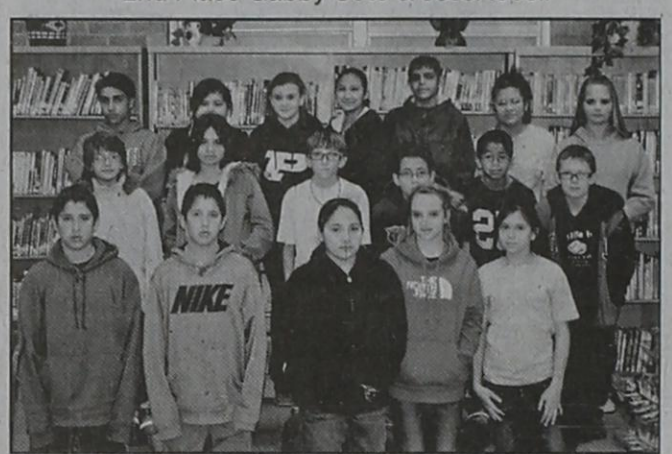
### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



1st Place Trey Havens



2nd Place Gabby Soto & Jessi Isbell



Middle School Science Fair Participants

## Southland ISD Menu

for Feb. 6- Feb. 10

### BREAKFAST MENU FOR FEB. 6- FEB. 10

#### MONDAY

French Toast Sticks  
Sausage  
Fruit  
Juice  
Milk

#### TUESDAY

Bacon & Egg Burrito  
Fruit  
Juice  
Milk

#### WEDNESDAY

Breakfast Bar,  
Yogurt  
Fruit  
Juice  
Milk

#### THURSDAY

Muffins  
Cereal  
Yogurt  
Fruit  
Juice  
Milk  
Friday  
Biscuits  
Sausage  
Gravy  
Fruit  
Juice  
Milk

#### MONDAY

Grilled Cheese  
Chicken Noodle Soup  
Carrots  
Fruit  
Crackers  
Milk

#### TUESDAY

Steak Fingers  
Mashed Potatoes  
Gravy  
Green Beans  
Hot Roll  
Fruit  
Milk

#### WEDNESDAY

Crispy Beef Tacos  
Pinto Beans  
Spanish Rice  
Lettuce & Tomatoes  
Pudding  
Fruit  
Milk

#### THURSDAY

BBQ Chicken  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Peas  
Hot Roll  
Sliced Peaches  
Milk

#### FRIDAY

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Fruit  
Cake  
Milk

### LUNCH MENU FOR FEB. 6-FEB. 10



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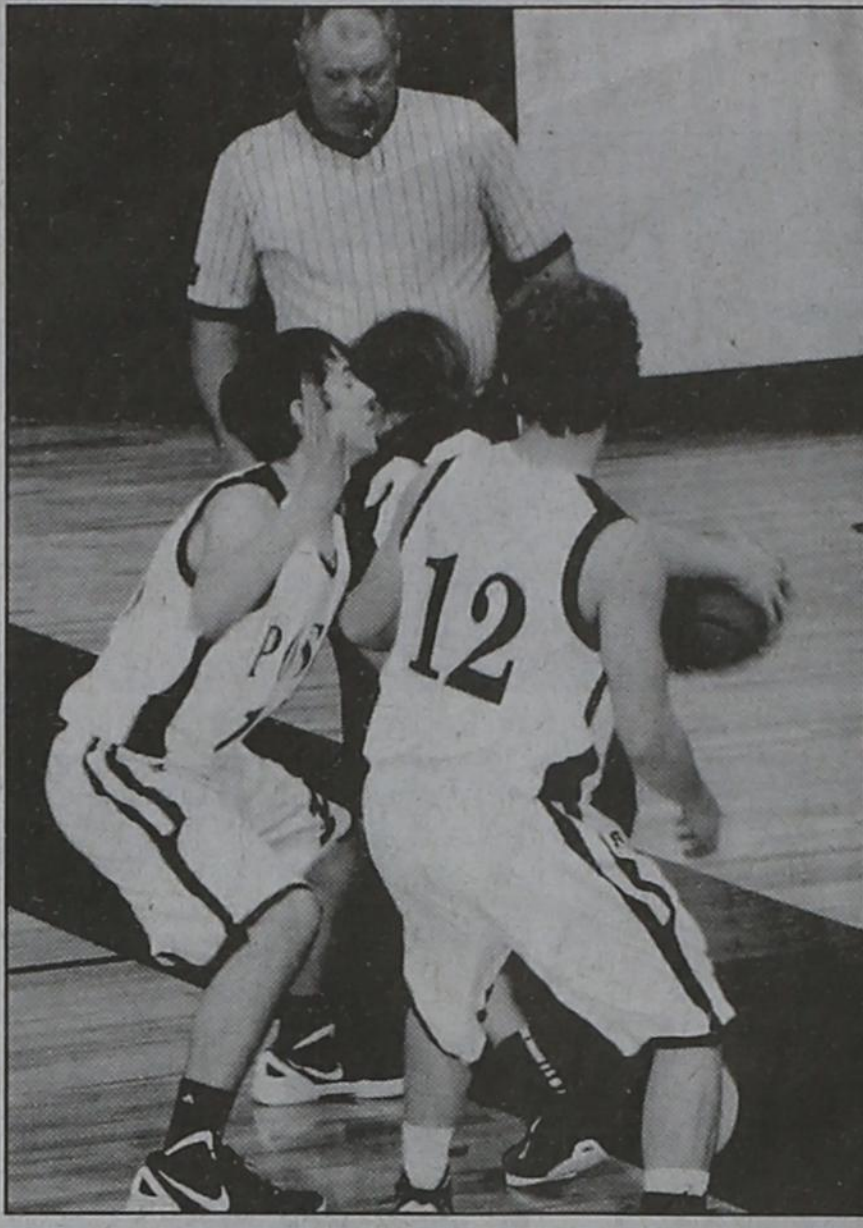
# SPORTS



Dakota McDonald #33 gets the rebound with Taylor Soto #22 and Tavish Soto #10.



Setting the trap for the Lady Lopes are left Shirley Ariza and right Haily Berry with Skylar Jones in the background.



Pake Jones #12 and Tavish Soto #10 trap Forson on the baseline.



Photos By Nancy McDonald  
Carson Kirkpatrick drives the ball past his defender.



Jaycee Johnson takes the ball away from the Forsan player as Skylar Jones is ready to assist.

## Lamesa Powerlifting Meet Results January 21, 2012

\*\*Congratulations to the following student-athletes for their success this past weekend in Lamesa.

### Girls Results

Andi Soliz - 1<sup>st</sup> place in 105 lb. wt. class  
Alexis Ramirez - 1<sup>st</sup> Place in 220 lb. wt. class  
Girls finished the meet tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

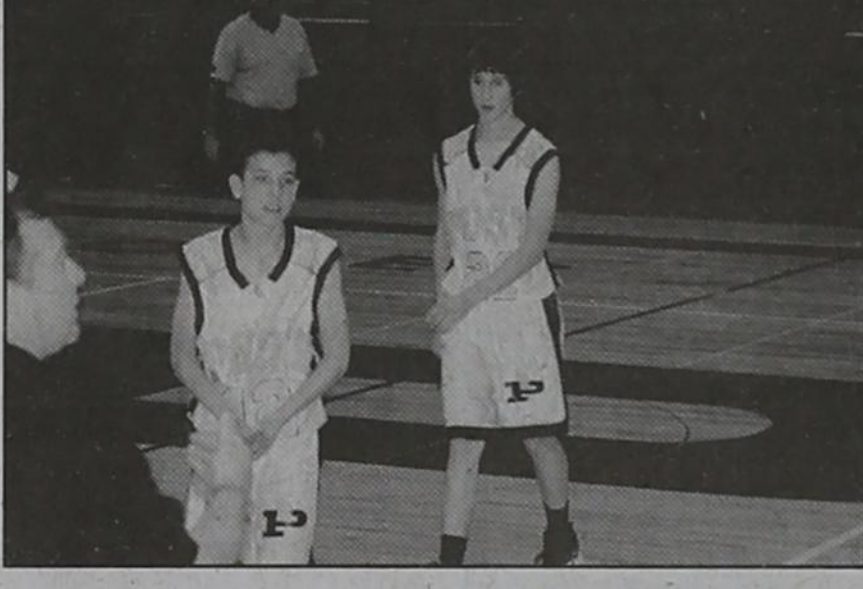
### Boys Results

Hayden Belongia - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in 114 lb. wt. class  
Erik Gomez - 5<sup>th</sup> Place in 114 lb. wt. class  
Christian Perez - 6<sup>th</sup> Place in 123 lb. wt. class  
D.J. Brown - 4<sup>th</sup> Place in 148 lb. wt. class  
Alejo Rodriguez - 9<sup>th</sup> Place in 148 lb. wt. class  
Keaton Collins - 10<sup>th</sup> Place in 148 lb. wt. class  
Caden Dean - 8<sup>th</sup> Place in 165 lb. wt. class  
Isaac Stern - 12<sup>th</sup> Place in 165 lb. wt. class  
Alan Alaniz - 18<sup>th</sup> Place in 165 lb. wt. class  
Ernesto Esparza - 7<sup>th</sup> Place in 220 lb. wt. class  
Dale Diaz - 4<sup>th</sup> Place in 242 lb. wt. class

## Varsity Boys Team Scoring

Wins Losses	Team Free Throws 5
Post Record: 9 16	out of 11
Place: Stanton District	Team Fouls 1st Half 8
Record: 1 9	Team Fouls 2nd Half 9
Team: Post Varsity	Post Players Scoring:
Boys	Dalton Holly 3,
Post	Campell Kirkpatrick,
Stanton	Jacob Perez 3, Tavish
Final Score: 28	Soto 4, Taylor Soto 5,
44	Corbin McDonald 13
Score by Quarter	Stanton
Team 1 2 3 4	Team Free Throws 14
Post 8 8 4 8	out of 28
Stanton 7 13 8 16	Team Fouls 1st Half 4
Post	Team Fouls 2nd Half 5

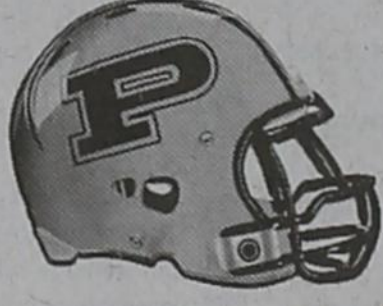
## Freshman lose to Slaton 28-16



We'll get them next time!



Photos By Liz Moreno



## Coach's Corner

by Steve Smith

### DETERMINATION

In 1883, a creative engineer named John Roebling was inspired by an idea to build a spectacular bridge connecting New York with the Long Island. However bridge building experts throughout the world thought that this was an impossible feat and told Roebling to forget the idea. It just could not be done. It was not practical. It had never been done before.

Roebling could not ignore the vision he had in his mind of this bridge. He thought about it all the time and he knew deep in his heart that it could be done. He just had to share the dream with someone else. After much discussion and persuasion he managed to convince his son

Washington, an up and coming engineer, that the bridge in fact could be built.

Working together for the first time, the father and son developed concepts of how it could be accomplished and how the obstacles could be overcome. With great excitement and inspiration, and the headiness of a wild challenge before them, they hired their crew and began to build their dream bridge.

The project started well, but when it was only a few months underway a tragic accident on the site took the life of John Roebling. Washington was injured and left with a certain amount of brain damage, which resulted in him not being able

to walk or talk or even move.

"We told them so."

"Crazy men and their crazy dreams."

"It's foolish to chase wild visions."

Everyone had a negative comment to make and felt that the project should be scrapped since the Roeblings were the only ones who knew how the bridge could be built. In spite of his handicap Washington was never discouraged and still had a burning desire to complete the bridge and his mind was still as sharp as ever.

He tried to inspire and pass on his enthusiasm to some of his friends, but they were too daunted by the task. As he lay on his bed in his hospital room, with the sunlight streaming through the windows, a gentle

breeze blew the flimsy white curtains apart and he was able to see the sky and the tops of the trees outside for just a moment.

It seemed that there was a message for him not to give up. Suddenly an idea hit him. All he could do was move one finger and he decided to make the best use of it. By moving this, he slowly developed a code of communication with his wife.

He touched his wife's arm with that finger, indicating to her that he wanted her to call the engineers again. Then he used the same method of tapping her arm to tell the engineers what to do. It seemed foolish but the project was under way again.

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COLUMNS

I've been thinking

By Leslie Tatum



The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

Unofficially, here's the news: The lunches aren't as tasty as they used to be at senior citizens' centers. Blame the federal government.

If I were writing a real news story, I'd have to check the facts. On both counts, I'm not. Instead, I'm just repeating what I heard last week from people who should know best - the seniors. I ate lunch with them. What am I saying? I got the over-60 discount myself.

Meanwhile, I'm guessing government efforts to curb childhood obesity have gone overboard to include senior lunches. Not knowing the facts, I could be wrong. Call it a theory.

TV NEWS BREAK. Well, right there on television was Michelle Obama. She was talking about - take a guess -

school lunches! She makes a point. If kids in America are getting fatter by the day and it's because they're eating too much sugar and fat...

Think about it. For many schoolchildren, lunch is the main meal of the day. The same goes for many older folks. Lunch is their time to fellowship with friends over good tasty food - not over something designed to keep them from getting fat or having a heart attack.

One last thing to remember is that healthy food is more expensive. Our children and grandchildren are worth it, of course. But the government - that's us - could save some money by supporting unhealthy meals for senior citizens. Then everybody could die happy.

I'm always reading. I like to read science fiction, fantasy, everyday life fiction, mysteries and murder mysteries, biographies, self-improvement, philosophy, Christian living, books about teaching, just about everything. I cannot imagine life without reading. As with anything, some things go in one ear and out the other. Some ideas I automatically shove aside because they don't have relevance in my life.

Improving one's life is always important. I have a great life which I thoroughly love. I get to teach, which was my dream from the time I was a little girl, I get to teach senior English, which was my goal from the time I was a senior in high school, and I get to direct high school theater with my husband and daughter, which really became a solid dream last year.

I can be a better Christian, definitely. I can be a better wife and mother, unquestionably. I can be a better teacher and director, certainly. I've read quite a bit lately with all of these facets of my life in mind.

One of the books I've finally gotten around to reading is Mike Leach's Swing Your Sword. Although it happens to be about football, I feel it has more to do with doing things the smartest way, not just the same old way because it has always been done that way.

I feel that I've applied that principal to my family life, for the most part. When I was younger I tried to do everything I was told to do to be the best parent. Then I started following my heart, my gut instinct, and I believe I became a much better parent and wife.

When you so desperately want to do a good job, but you have to ask yourself "what gets the best results?" I've determined to do that with my Christian life, and my teaching and directing life. I want to do things the best way, not the tired old ways it's always been done. I want to be innovative and energetic and make things come alive for my students and for all I come in contact with daily and occasionally.

I have started putting a few of those principals in motion and I will let you know how it's working out for me. And if anyone else reads that book, let me know what you think. I think it is inspirational!

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.

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.

The Senior High Youth

will meet this year on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Dinner is available as usual at about 6:45pm.

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.

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

Monday, February 6th

Tuesday, February 14th

Week of February 20th - 24th

Friday, February 24th

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Single booths at \$25.00 and all non-profit booths are free.

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time! The annual Girl Scout Cookie sale has begun!

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.

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.

Chamber Banquet on February 25. We will be presenting awards for Business and Citizen of the Year and are asking the entire community to cast of votes in these categories.

Ballots will be mailed or mailed to all Chamber members. Non-members can get a ballot by emailing (chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com)

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!

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Tip-off for the Globetrotters game is at 7:00 pm so our local kindergarten through 6th grade kids will be showing

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CLUES ACROSS 1. Melod...: extravagant comedy 5. Christian \_\_\_, designer 9. Three banded armadillo 13. Whale ship captain 14. LPGA golfer Lorena 16. A sponglike cake leavened with yeast 17. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea 18. \_\_\_ ilize: discharge 19. Frosts 20. Funeral fire 21. Sunday 23. \_\_\_ mp: wetland 26. \_\_\_ morphosis: transformation 27. So. Swiss city 29. Used for baking 30. Doctors' group 33. Tsetung or Zedong 34. Temporarily stitches 36. Happy Days actor Scott \_\_\_ 37. Take in solid food 38. Scarabs 41. Hearing receptor 42. Roman monetary unit 43. Terra \_\_\_: earthen-ware 44. Attempt 45. Tooth caregiver 46. Weedy annual grass 48. Extremely unrefined 50. Greek god of war 51. Concealed 52. A series of acts at a night club 56. Siberian river 60. Overgarments 61. Political plot 65. Celt 66. Island north of Guam 67. Space for public entertainments 68. Unstressed-stressed 69. A light two-wheel carriage 70. Bring forth a lamb or kid 71. Ontario Speed Skating Assoc.

CLUES DOWN 1. Inclined entrance 2. Hail (nautical) 3. Picasso's mistress 4. Mother superior of a group of nuns 5. Rumsfeld was Secretary (abbr.) 6. Water in the solid state 7. Physicist George Simon 8. Eleanor or Franklin 9. Baby's feeding protector 10. Al \_\_\_: Llama wool 11. Act as an assistant 12. Skin eruption 15. Let up 22. Prohibit 24. Dagnet star

25. Wings 26. Slogans 27. Bleated 28. Douroucoulis genus 30. Plural of 11 down 31. Volcanic craters 32. Ethereal 33. Mix or blend in 35. State Department head 39. A way to make into a print 40. Indian dress 46. Hydrocarbon used on roads 47. Betel palm genus 49. Slow musical tempo 52. Pushed by a person 53. Mirish language 54. \_\_\_ an Death March: WWII 55. As fast as can be done (abbr.) 57. Netherlands river 58. Jewels 59. Sunrise (Spanish) 62. Spelling championship 63. Professional caregiver's organization 64. \_\_\_ cet: puncture blade

PUZZLE SOLUTION

Grid for crossword puzzle solution with letters filled in.

The Doctor Is In

By Dr. Benjamin Edwards



Introducing Shane Frankl, FNP

Today I'd like to introduce my new nurse practitioner, Shane Frankl.

Many of you have met Shane at the clinic because he has actually been working with me as a student finishing up his clinical rotations for over a year now. We officially hired him about 2 months ago as a full-fledged family nurse practitioner.

Shane grew up on a ranch in Montana, the son of a small town general practice physician. He spent 10 years riding broncs in the PRCA until an injury retired him. He went on to trade commodities on the Chicago exchange and then decided to seek out something more fulfilling, so he went to nursing school. Shane worked as an ICU nurse for 2 years and then went back to get his nurse practitioner's licenses. Shane is married to an Odonnell native and has two children. Shane specializes in chronic disease management, weight loss and bio-identical hormone replacement.

I'd like to share a story with you about Shane. A story that has turned his life upside down and has definitely changed the way I practice medicine.

Shane has suffered from the symptoms of celiac disease most of his life but wasn't officially diagnosed until age 34. Celiac is a disease in which the lining of the gut cannot digest gluten properly. Gluten is a protein found in wheat, rye, and barely.

When a celiac patient eats anything with gluten they can experience a wide range of symptoms including pain, bloating, diarrhea, and fa-

tigue to name just a few. By all traditional medical standards celiac is an incurable genetic disease, and physicians just manage the disease, not cure it. The management consists of avoiding gluten. So, a patient just eats "gluten-free" for the rest of his life and is fine. If Shane were to ever eat a tortilla, pasta, hamburger bun, cookie, or anything else made from wheat he would become quite ill with abdominal pain, bloating, joint pain, colic, fatigue amongst other things.

Well, here is where the story gets interesting. About 6 months ago Shane decided to take his wife on a get-away weekend to a bed and breakfast in Amarillo. Shane randomly chose the Adaberry Inn. Upon arrival he notified the inn keeper that he would need a gluten-free pancake in the morning because he had celiac. She said "ok, we can accommodate you, but did you know there is a doctor here that can cure you of that?" Of course Shane rolled his eyes and brushed her off because there is no cure for this genetic disease.

As a physician I hear wild claims all the time about how so-and-so "cured" their disease with some home remedy or "all natural" product, etc. So, naturally Shane was very skeptical, but the inn keeper persisted and Shane is open minded, so he spoke with the doctor at the bed and breakfast. That doctor proceeded to break out the medical school textbooks and teach Shane something that would forever change Shane's life.

Tune in next week for the rest of the story....)

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# 2012 GARZA COUNTY STOCK SHOW



Photo By Lance Dunn  
Alexis Zarate  
Reserve Breed Champion



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Colton Thompson  
Breed Grand Champion with Emma Thompson- Photo

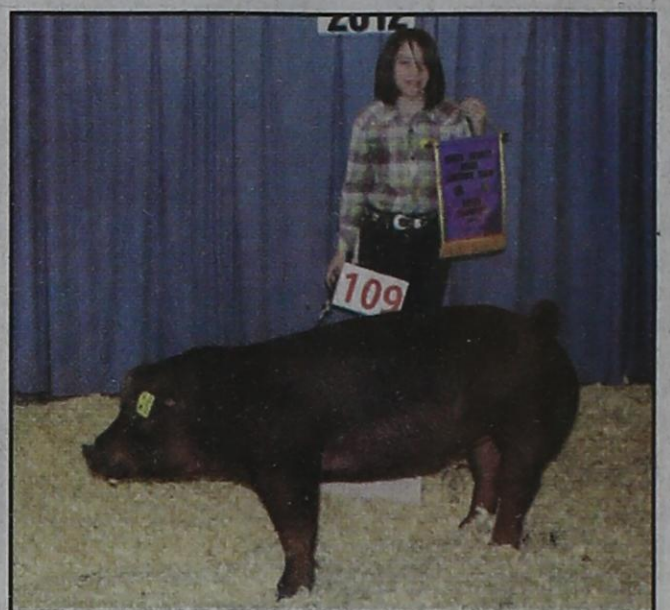


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Reserve Breed Champion  
& Breed Grand Champion



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Callie Odom  
Reserve Breed Champion and Grand Champion-



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Emma Thompson  
Reserve Breed Champion with Colton Thompson



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Photo By Lance Dunn  
Katie Dunn  
Breed Grand Champion



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Kortnee McKee  
Reserve Division Champion



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Matti Smith with father Perry Smith  
Breed Grand Champion and Reserve Breed Champion



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Rhaeden Bland and Maegen Bland  
Breed Grand Champion and Grand Champion



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P2012 Post FFA Buckle Winners

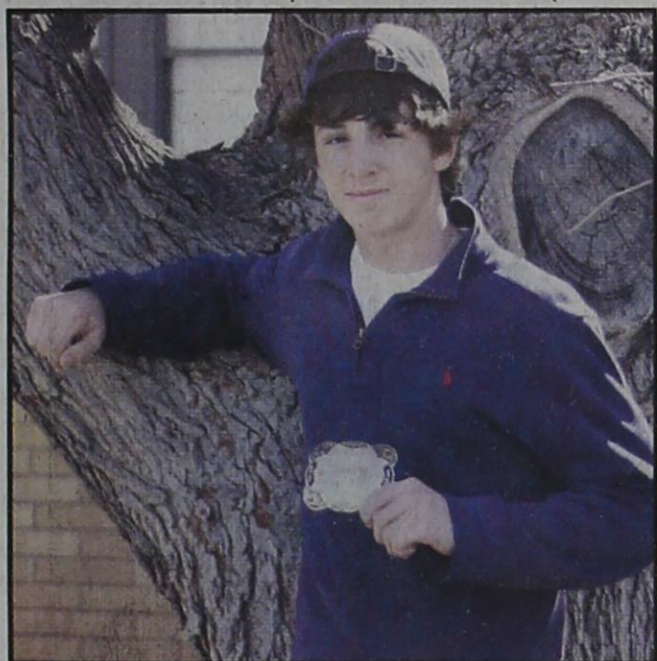


Photo By Steffi Scott  
Paden Babb  
Top Hand Award Winner, Babb also received Reserve Division Champion with his goat

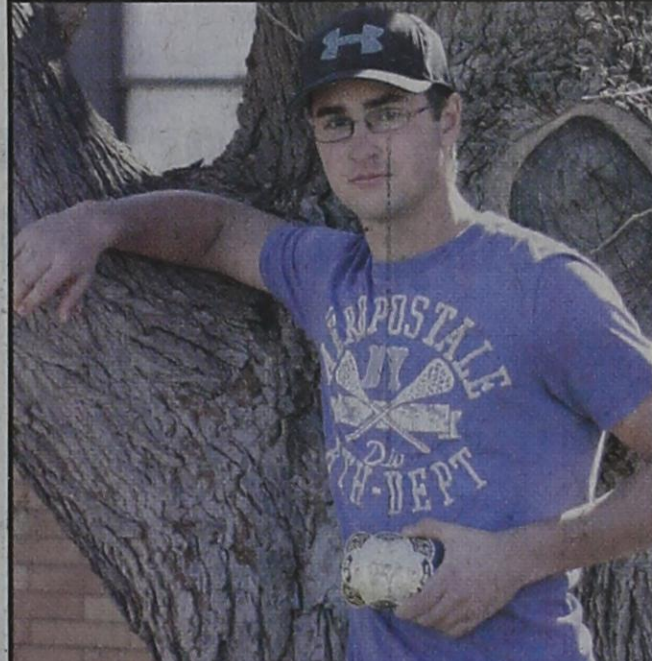


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Seth Babb  
All Around Award Winner



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Reserve Breed Champion

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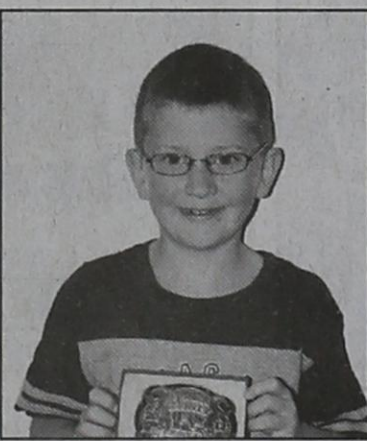
Exhibitor Name	Club	Place	Special Placing			
<b>Rabbits(Market) ..... 5 records</b>						
<b>Hvy Wt. Market ..... 3 records</b>						
Victoria Huckaby	Southland FFA	1	Reserve Grand	Katie Dunn	Post FFA	7
Latham Huckaby	Southland FFA	2		Bandy Osborn	Post FFA	8
Madison Guthrie	Garza 4-H	3		Remy Rodriguez	Garza 4-H	9
<b>Lt. weight Market ..... 2 records</b>						
Victoria Huckaby	Southland FFA	1	Grand Champion	<b>Duroc ..... 14 records</b>		
Madison Guthrie	Garza 4-H	2		<b>Hvy Wt. .... 5 records</b>		
<b>Rabbits(Fancy) ..... 21 records</b>						
<b>Junior Bucks ..... 4 records</b>						
Jacob Isbell	Garza 4-H	1	Reserve Grand	Jaden Binford	Southland FFA	1 Reserve Breed Champion
Jessi Isbell	Garza 4-H	2		Kolton Wink	Garza 4-H	2
Cord Isbell	Garza 4-H	3		Brooke Blair	Post FFA	3
Latham Huckaby	Southland FFA	4		Ashlynn Powers	Post FFA	4
<b>Junior Does ..... 4 records</b>						
Cord Isbell	Garza 4-H	1		Meagan Reiter	Post FFA	5
Madison Guthrie	Garza 4-H	2		<b>Lt. Wt. .... 5 records</b>		
Jessi Isbell	Garza 4-H	3		Ashlynn Powers	Post FFA	1
Madison Guthrie	Garza 4-H	4		Alexis Zarate	Southland FFA	2
<b>Senior Bucks ..... 7 records</b>						
Latham Huckaby	Southland FFA	1		Mondo Martinez	Garza 4-H	3
Cord Isbell	Garza 4-H	3		Trevor Metcalf	Southland FFA	4
Jessi Isbell	Garza 4-H	4		Erik Matteson	Southland FFA	5
Cord Isbell	Garza 4-H	5		<b>Swine ..... 70 records</b>		
Addie Quintana	Garza 4-H	6		<b>Duroc ..... 14 records</b>		
Jessi Isbell	Garza 4-H	7		<b>Med. Wt. .... 4 records</b>		
Addie Quintana	Garza 4-H	8		Alexus Rodriguez	Post FFA	1 Breed Grand Champion
<b>Senior Does ..... 6 records</b>						
Victoria Huckaby	Southland FFA	1	Grand Champion	Jaden Binford	Southland FFA	2
Victoria Huckaby	Southland FFA	2		Blaine Graves	Southland FFA	3
Jacob Isbell	Garza 4-H	2		Kristen Hill	Southland FFA	4
Latham Huckaby	Southland FFA	3		<b>Hamp ..... 14 records</b>		
Jacob Isbell	Garza 4-H	4		<b>Hvy Wt. .... 4 records</b>		
Addie Quintana	Garza 4-H	5		Dakota McDonald	Garza 4-H	1 Breed Grand Champion
<b>Swine ..... 70 records</b>						
<b>Cross ..... 20 records</b>						
<b>Hvy Wt. .... 7 records</b>						
Audree Williams	Garza 4-H	1	Reserve Breed Champion	Taylor Graves	Southland FFA	2 Reserve Grand Champion
Russ Morris	Post FFA	2		Callie Odom	Post FFA	3
Taylor Graves	Southland FFA	3		Emily Rankin	Post FFA	4
Chloe Reiter	Post FFA	4		<b>Lt. Wt. .... 6 records</b>		
Emily Rankin	Post FFA	5		Addisen Rodriguez	Post FFA	1
Brandon Matteson	Southland FFA	6		Katie Dunn	Post FFA	2
Russ Morris	Post FFA	7		Blaine Osborn	Post FFA	3
<b>Lt. Wt. .... 4 records</b>						
Remy Rodriguez	Garza 4-H	1		Meagan Reiter	Post FFA	4
Kari Dunn	Post FFA	2		Jaden Binford	Southland FFA	5
Blaine Osborn	Post FFA	3		Chloe Reiter	Post FFA	6
Kristen Hill	Southland FFA	4		<b>Med. Wt. .... 4 records</b>		
<b>Med. Wt. .... 9 records</b>						
Callie Odom	Post FFA	1	Breed Grand Champion	Kari Dunn	Post FFA	1 Reserve Breed Champion
<b>Grand Champion</b>						
Trevor Metcalf	Southland FFA	2		Zane Zarate	Southland FFA	2
Corbin Mason	Southland FFA	3		Brooke Swaffar	Garza 4-H	3
Mondo Martinez	Garza 4-H	4		Jessica Payton	Southland FFA	4
Russ Morris	Post FFA	5		<b>OPB ..... 12 records</b>		
Kari Dunn	Post FFA	6		<b>Hvy Wt. .... 5 records</b>		
<b>York ..... 10 records</b>						
<b>Hvy Wt. .... 4 records</b>						
Addisen Rodriguez	Post FFA	1		Ashlee Graves	Southland FFA	2
Ashlee Graves	Southland FFA	2		Trevor Metcalf	Southland FFA	3
Trevor Metcalf	Southland FFA	3		Alexus Rodriguez	Post FFA	4
Alexus Rodriguez	Post FFA	4		Jessica Payton	Southland FFA	5
Jessica Payton	Southland FFA	5		<b>Lt. Wt. .... 7 records</b>		
<b>OPB ..... 12 records</b>						
<b>Hvy Wt. .... 5 records</b>						
Addisen Rodriguez	Post FFA	1		Katie Dunn	Post FFA	1 Breed Grand Champion
Ashlee Graves	Southland FFA	2		Callie Odom	Post FFA	2 Reserve Breed Champion
Trevor Metcalf	Southland FFA	3		Russ Morris	Post FFA	3
Alexus Rodriguez	Post FFA	4		Ashlynn Powers	Post FFA	4
Jessica Payton	Southland FFA	5		Jaden Binford	Southland FFA	5
<b>Lt. Wt. .... 7 records</b>						
Katie Dunn	Post FFA	1	Breed Grand Champion	Krista Matteson	Southland FFA	6
Callie Odom	Post FFA	2	Reserve Breed Champion	Kolton Wink	Garza 4-H	7
Russ Morris	Post FFA	3		<b>York ..... 10 records</b>		
Ashlynn Powers	Post FFA	4		<b>Hvy Wt. .... 4 records</b>		
Jaden Binford	Southland FFA	5				
Krista Matteson	Southland FFA	6				
Kolton Wink	Garza 4-H	7				

**MORE RESULTS**  
continued on page 11

## 2012 Garza County Junior Livestock Show Showmanship Award Winners



**COLTON THOMPSON**  
Jr. Steer Showmanship Award Winner



**KOLTON WINK**  
Jr. Swine Showmanship Award Winner



**VICTORIA HUCKABY**  
Jr. Rabbit showmanship Award Winner



**MAEGAN BLAND**  
Jr. Lamb Showmanship Award Winner



**HALEY KRAUSER**  
Jr. Goat Showmanship Award Winner



**JESSIE ISBELL**  
Sr. Rabbit Showmanship Award Winner



**MATTI SMITH**  
Sr. Lamb Showmanship Award Winner



**SKYLAR JONES**  
Sr. Steer Showmanship Award Winner

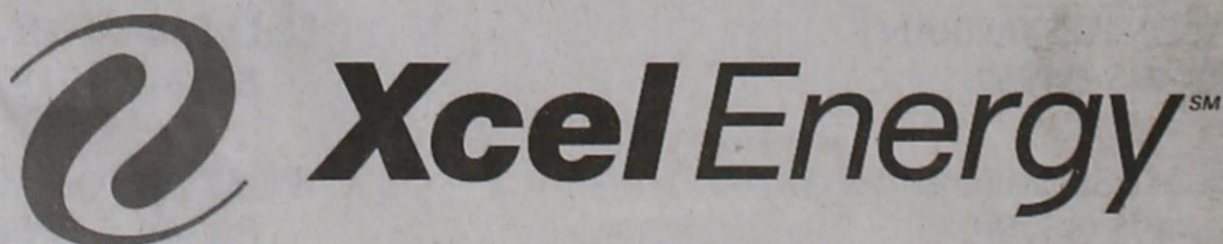


**ALEXIS RAMIREZ**  
Sr. Goat Showmanship Award Winner



**KATIE DUNN**  
Sr. Swine Showmanship Award Winner

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# Garza County Junior Livestock Association Sale

Information from Janeece Williams

2012 Seniors: Kari Dunn, Skylar Jones, Dakota McDonald, and Trevor Metcalf. The girls gifts were donated by Jersey Lily. Higginbotham sponsored the boys gifts.

**AWARDS:**

Showmanship Awards- A showmanship judge at each show selected a Junior and a Senior who exhibited their animal in an outstanding manner. Presenting Senior buckles for sponsor Lynn/Garza Farm Bureau is Susan Boren, Farm Bureau agent for Garza County.

Senior- Steer- Skylar Jones

Swine- Katie Dunn  
Sheep- Matti Smith

Presenting Junior showmanship buckles for sponsor Citizens Bank of Post is Keith Williams.

Steer- Colton Thompson  
Swine- Kolton Wink  
Sheep- Maegan Bland  
Grassland Co-op Gin

sponsored the Senior showmanship buckle for the Goat show. Senior- Alexis Ramirez

Gary McDaniel sponsored the Junior showmanship

buckle for the Goat show. Junior- Haley Krauser

Presenting the buckle for Rabbit show is sponsor Sheriff Cliff Laws and the buckle went to Jessi Isbell.

D&D Well Service sponsored the Junior buckle for the Rabbit show and is represented by Keith Williams. Victoria Huckaby took home the buckle.

**GRAND CHAMPION BUCKLES**

Steer Grand Champion Buckle is sponsored by Big Country Electric Cooperative. Buckle went to Pake Jones.

Swine Grand Champion Buckle is sponsored by Crown Unlimited Inc. represented by Randy Conner. Buckle went to Callie Odom.

Sheep Grand Champion Buckle is sponsored by Dickens Electric. Rhaeden Bland took home the buckle.

Goat Grand Champion Buckle is sponsored by Milton and Billie Williams and Keith and Roxanne Osborn.

Buckle went to Taylor Osborn.

Grand Champion Market Rabbit Buckle sponsored by Post Tire and Lube and West Texas Testers represented by Robby Palmer. Buckle went to Victoria Huckaby.

Grand Champion Fancy Rabbit Buckle sponsored by Thompson and Thompson represented by Keith Williams. Victoria Huckaby took home the buckle.

**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BUCKLES:**

Steer Reserve grand champion buckle is sponsored by Gary McDaniel. Buckle went to Pake Jones.

Swine Reserve Grand Champion buckle is sponsored by Delton, Dusti, Brian and Blaine and Bandy Osborn represented by Delton Osborn. Buckle went to Dakota McDonald.

Lamb Reserve Grand Champion buckle is sponsored by Garza Abstract represented by Paige Huckaby. Buckle went home to Maegan Bland.

Goat Reserve Grand Champion buckle is sponsored by Kenny and Carla Reiter. Taylor Osborn took home the buckle.

Plaques for the Reserve Grand Champion Rabbits were sponsored by Sheriff Cliff Laws. The Reserve Grand Champion Market rabbit goes to Victoria Huckaby. The Reserve Grand Champion Fancy rabbit goes to Jacob Isbell.

**ALL AROUND SPORTSMANSHIP**

It takes a lot of work to put a show like this one and several youth pitch in to help without having to be asked. But, there always seems to be one that goes the extra mile in assisting others and demonstrating leadership. The Garza County Jr. Livestock Association Directors select one to receive the coveted All Around Sportsmanship Buckle. Caprock Telephone Co., Inc. of Spur sponsored this award. Seth Babb took home the buckle.

TOP HAND AWARD is sponsored by Ronnie and Tricia Metsgar on behalf of the Scott Metsgar Memorial. Presenting the Top Hand Award was Roger Daugherty. This year's winner was Paden Babb.

## 2012 Garza County Junior Livestock Show Reserve Grand Champions



DAKOTA MCDONALD  
Breed Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion



JACOB ISBELL  
Rabbits (Fancy) Junior Bucks- Reserve Grand Champion



MAEGEN BLAND  
Reserve Breed Champion and Reserve Grand Champion



PAKE JONES  
Breed Grand Champion Grand Champion Breed Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion



Taylor Osborn- Division Grand Champion Reserve Grand & Grand Champion



Victoria Huckaby  
Rabbit Market Hvy. Wt- Reserve Grand, Lt. Weight Market- Grand Champion, Senior Does- Grand Champion

**MORE RESULTS** continued from page 10

Audree Williams	Garza 4-H	1	Breed Grand Champion	
Brooke Swaffar	Garza 4-H	2		
Bandy Osborn	Post FFA	3		
Mondo Martinez	Garza 4-H	4		
<b>Lt. Wt. .... 5 records</b>				
Alexis Zarate	Southland FFA	1	Reserve Breed Champion	
Dakota McDonald	Garza 4-H	2		
Zane Zarate	Southland FFA	3		
Gavin Schniers	Southland FFA	4		
Corbin Mason	Southland FFA	5		
<b>Steers ..... 7 records</b>				
<b>ABC ..... 2 records</b>				
Pake Jones	Garza 4-H	1	Breed Grand Champion	Reserve Grand
Skylar Jones	Garza 4-H	2	Reserve Breed Champion	
<b>English ..... 2 records</b>				
Colton Thompson	Garza 4-H	1	Breed Grand Champion	
Emma Thompson	Garza 4-H	2	Reserve Breed Champion	
<b>Exotic ..... 3 records</b>				
Pake Jones	Garza 4-H	1	Breed Grand Champion	Grand Champion
Skylar Jones	Garza 4-H	2	Reserve Breed Champion	
Corbin Mason	Southland FFA	3		
Exhibitor Name	Club	Place	Division	Placing Text Special Placing
<b>Lambs ..... 23 records</b>				
<b>Cross ..... 1 record</b>				
Victoria Huckaby	Southland FFA	1	Breed Grand Champion	
<b>Medium Wool ..... 14 records</b>				
<b>Hvy. Wt. .... 4 records</b>				
Rhaeden Bland	Garza 4-H	1	Breed Grand Champion	Grand Champion
Maegen Bland	Garza 4-H	2	Reserve Breed Champion	Reserve Grand
Rhaeden Bland	Garza 4-H	3		
M'Keison Guerrero	Southland FFA	4		
<b>Lt. Wt. .... 5 records</b>				
Landon Greer	Post FFA	1		
MaKaylee Butler	Garza 4-H	2		
Dylan Morris	Post FFA	3		
Landon Greer	Post FFA	4		
Reagan Booth	Southland FFA	5		
<b>Med. Wt. .... 5 records</b>				
Matti Smith	Post FFA	1		
Dylan Morris	Post FFA	2		
M'Keison Guerrero	Southland FFA	3		
Sara Greer	Post FFA	4		
MaKaylee Butler	Garza 4-H	5		
<b>Southdown ..... 8 records</b>				
<b>Hvy. Wt. .... 4 records</b>				
Maegen Bland	Garza 4-H	1		
Matti Smith	Post FFA	2		
Victoria Huckaby	Southland FFA	3		
Victoria Huckaby	Southland FFA	4		
<b>Lt. Wt. .... 4 records</b>				
Matti Smith	Post FFA	1	Breed Grand Champion	
Matti Smith	Post FFA	2	Reserve Breed Champion	
Presley Cowley	Post FFA	3		
Presley Cowley	Post FFA	4		
<b>Goats ..... 32 records</b>				
<b>10 - Lt. Wt. .... 6 records</b>				
Alexander Ramirez	Post FFA	1		
Matti Smith	Post FFA	2		
Haley Krauser	Garza 4-H	3		
Latham Huckaby	Southland FFA	4		
Victoria Huckaby	Southland FFA	5		
Latham Huckaby	Southland FFA	6		
<b>11 - Lt. Hvy. Wt. .... 5 records</b>				
Taylor Osborn	Post FFA	1	Division Grand Champion	
Haley Krauser	Garza 4-H	2	Reserve Division Champion	
Alexis Ramirez	Post FFA	3		
Brandon Matteson	Southland FFA	4		
Walker Booth	Southland FFA	6		
<b>12 - Med. Lt. Wt. .... 5 records</b>				
Taylor Osborn	Post FFA	1	Division Grand Champion	Grand Champion
Paden Babb	Post FFA	2	Reserve Division Champion	
Shailey Miller	Post FFA	3		
Krista Matteson	Southland FFA	4		
Chance Wood	Southland FFA	5		
<b>13 - Med. Hvy. Wt. .... 6 records</b>				
Kortnee McKee	Post FFA	1		
Meagan Reiter	Post FFA	2		
Chloe Reiter	Post FFA	3		
Shailey Miller	Post FFA	4		
Shailey Miller	Post FFA	5		
Dillon McKee	Post FFA	5		
<b>14 - Hvy Lt. Wt. .... 5 records</b>				
Paden Babb	Post FFA	1		
Seth Babb	Post FFA	2		
Seth Babb	Post FFA	3		
Erik Matteson	Southland FFA	4		
Latham Huckaby	Southland FFA	5		
<b>15 - Heavy Wt. .... 5 records</b>				
Taylor Osborn	Post FFA	1	Division Grand Champion	Reserve Grand
Kortnee McKee	Post FFA	2	Reserve Division Champion	
Alexis Ramirez	Post FFA	3		
Shailey Miller	Post FFA	4		
Latham Huckaby	Southland FFA	5		

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# LEGENDS...

## GARZA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

By Linda Puckett

Over time, most of us befriend very special people who bless our lives or become a role model. Inez Hartel was certainly one of those women. If ever there was a real lady, it had to be Inez. She was a member of numerous organizations in Post, one being the Post Art Guild, Inc. During the 1980's we were virtually unstoppable when we set our minds to do a project or when we set our goal so high that everyone expected us to fail. I think that's called a passion to succeed.

With JoAnn Mock, Maxine and Lewis Earl, Geraldine Butler, and the list just goes on and on, at the head of the pack, we really put Post, Texas on the map. We were the example presented to the arts councils throughout the State of Texas. Wow, those were the days. We would travel to Austin and lobby for the arts all over the Capital, bugging the heck out of all legislators, especially our guy, David Counts, and all the way to the Governor's office. The Texas Commission on the Arts and Texas Arts Alliance were key programs supporting the arts in the state.

We all piled into JoAnn's car to head over to Midland/Odessa for an art's conference. Inez insisted on paying for the gas, so we stopped somewhere along the way to gas up. JoAnn and I hopped out and proceeded to fill the tank, when Inez stopped us saying, "ladies never pump gas", and she told JoAnn to drive on to find a full service station. She truly was a great lady, and her mission was to enforce Roberts's Rules of Order, and she did.

The following is Mr. & Mrs. Walter C. Caffey, Sr. family history as written by Inez Hartel.

Mr. and Mrs. Caffey and their baby daughter, Inez, moved to Garza County in November of 1914. Mr. Caffey had secured employment from the Double U Company through an uncle, Jim Hawthorne who had moved to Post earlier.

We came to Post by train; our furniture came in on the freight car. My parents had been told that there would be no vacant houses in the new town, but there were new houses being constructed as fast as the Dou-

ble U could secure material and build them. However, when my family arrived there were many families living in tents or with relatives waiting for houses.

We had been invited to stay with the Hawthorne family until our house was completed. We moved into the new home in May of 1915. My father worked at the "Experimental Garden" established by Mr. Post for the purpose of determining productivity of the soil in this area and to provide fresh vegetables for the people.

This garden covered a large area on the northwest corner of the town. Mr. Hawthorne, who was the manager of the garden, lived in a house located at 1004 Ninth Street. Father delivered vegetables daily in a wagon that was constructed like the cross country peddlers wagon of the early 1800's. The vegetables were stored in the covered conveyance with the curtains at the side, and drawn by two small brown Spanish mules, Chuffy and Slim. The wagon was driven to the center of each block and the bell on the side of the wagon was rung. Housewives who wished to purchase vegetables came to the wagon to do their shopping. This venture proved very successful, confirming the fact that this area was adapted to growing most vegetables and that the soil was fertile.

In 1916, my father accepted a job as foreman on the John H. Babb Ranch. We sold the home in town and moved to the ranch. This was the first home I remember, it was here that I played with my first dog, a white English Bull dog pup that we called Post. He was probably the ugliest and best loved dog I have ever owned. He was very devoted and protected me from rattle snakes, even went as far as to keep Mr. Babb out of the yard when he came to visit his own ranch. I remember the cowboys who helped at the roundups and watching the many wild things on the ranch, quail, baby cottontail rabbits that I received as pets and the wild ducks in the fall.

My mother found the days long and very lonely with my father at work on the ranch and the nearest neighbor was five miles away in Post. We drove

to town in a buggy to church and to shop.

In 1917, my father's brother, Luther Caffey moved to Garza County and purchased the farm that is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Rex Welch, about 11 miles west of Post. We moved on to that farm and my father and uncle broke out sod land and planted crops that spring. In April 1917 my brother Gerald was born. There were no children for us to play with, so my parents entertained us by planning outings on the farm. Our favorite pastimes were the picnics we planned. I was too young to be concerned with the threat of war with Germany or the extreme drought that proved disastrous to the crops and made it necessary for my father and uncle to sell all the cattle in the fall of 1917. Father began driving to town in the buggy every day to work at the garden, since he made no crop.

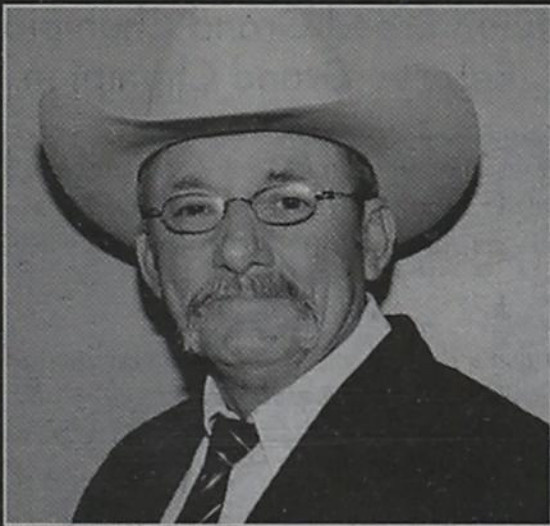
By fall there seemed to be no indication the drought would break and the nation was at war. We moved to Post in a house near the garden. When the winter came, my father worked at a laundry owned by Mr. Hayden Burns. I remember the very cold winter and the snow storms I watched through the window. I overheard my mother and father saying that Mr. and Mrs. Burns both died the same night that winter of pneumonia. They also discussed how the ranchers found their cattle frozen when the snow melted. That winter was very difficult for the pioneer families of the area. Our house had a coal stove that kept the house warm. The house was new but when it was real cold, mother put us to bed to keep us from taking cold.

Spring 1918 was a time for new beginnings; my father rented a farm and some grassland about 12 miles north of Post. We had several new neighbors and they had built a new school house called Hartford School. I would be able to attend when I was old enough to go.

In September of 1919 my brother Harold was born, but when he was just ten days old, my other brother Gerald died. We were so lonely without Gerald. As the new baby brother grew, we adjusted our lives and were thankful that we had him to fill the void.

Part two of the Caffey story continues next week.

### I want to be your Sheriff



*"If elected I will lead with sound judgement and outstanding moral character. Through cooperation, progress, and a strong work ethic, I promise to deliver a vigorous approach to law enforcement activities that will improve public safety services to the citizens of Garza County."*

#### I will strive to:

- Honor the men and women currently serving the Sheriff's Department.
- Create a more unified work environment within the department.
- Share resources with other law enforcement agencies throughout West Texas resulting in saving of tax payer money.
- Run a moral and ethical campaign, not using character defamation, slander, libel or offensive attacks on any candidate or candidate's family.

*"I have been involved in the law enforcement community for the last 22 years which has prepared me to perform the duties of this office. I have the education, experience, training and background that qualify me for the job."*

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE FOR

# TERRY L. MORGAN

*Paid Political Adv.  
Louis R. Cardinal, Treasurer*

## Remember When

By SHIRLEY STORIE and RHONDA NORMAN

### 10 Years Ago

PHS Art students excel at National competition. Tracey Cole, Jasmine Mitchell, Roland Castenada, Jana Schwarkoff, Kimberly Craig, Manuel Saucedo and Jessica Ordonez. Gold Key Winners are Jace Pollard, Hector Reyna, Matt Perez and Jana Schwarkoff.

Melissa Striblin and Ron Hudson were united in a double ring ceremony at Trinity Baptist Church.

Jerry and Judy Bush were honored with a surprise 35th wedding anniversary celebration at Chapas.

Garza Theater 2001 Willy Awards go to Rob Holton, Jim Bocko, Patrick Jones, Matt Ladd, Linda Ellis, Laura Bryan, Amanda Workman and Kristen Thomas.

Ronnie and Annette Riggs celebrated their 30th anniversary.

Undefeated Lady Lopes win district title at Ralls. Manuela Hernandez led the team with 25 points, Kelly Moore with 18, Emily Smith and Meagan Mills with 11 and Larinda Ledbetter with 1.

### 20 Years Ago

Talina Bird, Misty Bartlett, Jarrett Bland and Auburn Hammond captured the rand Champion title at the Garza County Stock Show.

EMT's new officers re Jane Redman, president, Jim Schooler Vice Pres, and Becky Warren Secretary.

191 Post High School graduate Chad Kirkland, graduated from International Aviation and Travel Academy.

JV Boys win over Ralls with Radley Nichols 7 points, Henry Reed 6 points, Ricky Jefferson, Russell Baldece and Rynn Sappington 4 points and 2 points each for Clint Melton, Tim Bell and Jim Simpson.

Post Middle School Band earning All Region honors are Marty Dissinger, Todd Terry,

Vincent Fields, Bill Cole, Bryan Justice, Jaysen Fry, DeeJ Este, Tracy Shumard, Amber Hammond, Tabitha Blevins and Carly Rudd.

### 30 Years Ago

All Region Band Honors go to Kerry Thuett, Trasi Craft, Keith Craig, Randall Carpenter and Bobby Redman.

Lewis Ammons of Postex Mills was presented an award for 25 years of service.

Royce Hart was presented a perfect attendance award of 5 years at Post Lions Club.

Tina Ann Rogers and Robert Smith were united in a double ring ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stolle were honored with a ceremony for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Tim Tatum will be in the cast of Magnus Maldoor at Western Texas College.

Luanne Kennedy has been inducted into the Psi Zeta Chapter of PHI Theta Kappa at Western Texas College.

Greg Storie and David Shults led Post with scoring with 18 points and Tracey Price with 6.

JV Boys led with Adam Mendoza 20 points, James Brown and LD Harper 10 points. RJ Greathouse and Charles Johnson with 7 and Al Reyna and Lynn Allen with 4.

### 40 Years Ago (1972)

Li'l Abner, played by Kim Owen, is being staged under the direction of Georgie Willson with Barbara Babb assisting with the choreography.

Don Ammons is serving as the president of the local Jaycees.

Citizen of the week at Post High School is Jerry Tyler, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Tyler.

Basketball Sweethearts are Randell Hays and Jackie Moore.

Approximately 150 guests attend the 60th anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Bush.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Simpson announce the birth of a son, Ryan Barrett.

### 50 Years Ago (1962)

Frank (Chief) Runkles reports to Post Rotarians that some 240 Indian campsites are recorded in Garza Co.

Local man, Savas Bocanegra, dies leaving 7 children, 55 grandchildren and 50 great grandchildren.

Danny Pierce makes the all-tournament team at Snyder.

Tax Assessor-Collector, T.H. Tipton, is staying busy collecting poll tax. Deputies Ruth Reno and Gladys Pennell assist.

The Tower Theatre manager, Johnny Hopkins, has announced that due to the 'frankness' of the movie 'The Hustler', children will not be admitted.

The Lincoln school is holding the District 3 basketball tournament, according to Mrs. Pennie.

### 60 Years Ago (1952)

Rheba Hays and Sammie Williams have been initiated into the Rainbow Assembly.

Fifty-seven cars and PHS band meet Edgar Bergen and troupe at the Lubbock airport.

Construction starts on the \$25,000 parsonage for the 1st Baptist Church.

Carl Rains seeks re-election as sheriff.

### 65 Years Ago (1947)

Birthday party is held for little Jackie Lott with John Lott entertaining doing magic tricks.

Lloyd Lee, Post sailor, is serving aboard the ice breaker USS Burton.

Dee Coleman has resigned as the foreman of the OS Ranch.

Errol Flynn and Eleanor Parker star in 'Never Say Goodbye' at the Tower Theatre.

Small safe that was stolen from Hamilton Drug is recovered in Slaton canyon.

## WHEN IS IT A TRUE EMERGENCY?



DR. WINK

Most of you know a few of my articles are based on events currently happening in my life. This stands true for this

week's article. We all have friends, right? Friends you see at church every week. Friends you may see at work every day. Friends from school days. But we all have a select group of 'friends' that are in a category of their own. You would lay down everything for them and vice versa. The type of friend which you can be just as hard headed as they are and speak the truth no matter if it hurts or not. I am honored to say I have a friend such as this and was 'called to duty' just a few days ago.

How many of us have struggled with a medical 'issue' wondering if it was an emergency or not? My friend was hurt a few days ago and being 'tough as leather' wanted to avoid going to the doctor. What do you do when a cowboy won't go to the emergency room? Yup, call his

vet. No, I'm not joking. But let me stop here and assure Dr. Edwards I DID NOT give human medical advice! I simply gave a hardheaded argument as to why he should go to the emergency room. I argued of his new grandbaby or his son's upcoming wedding. Better be safe than sorry. Guess I was a little more hardheaded since I won the argument. Turns out he was lucky and it was not as serious as we were thinking. But it makes you wonder...when do you consider an emergency to be an EMERGENCY? To wait or not to wait? This is a very important question you have to ask yourself before making a decision. A question which is easy to answer at times, but can be very difficult in other times. How does this story have anything to do with veterinary medicine? Everything...

We've all heard 'better to be safe than sorry', and boy have I seen this in veterinary medicine. I've seen people bring in animals the minute they've been hurt and others wait 3-5 days before bringing their animal in. In some situations the longer we wait, the prognosis of your pet surviving drops dramatically. When a very sick, or a seriously injured, pet comes in I am more concerned about the big picture versus the smaller, obvious problems. For example, if your pet comes in here after being hit by a car with a broken leg, road rash, and is in shock, you may be surprised I am more worried about the shock over any other injury. I can always fix the broken leg the next day or so after the patient is not in shock. Keep in mind I am trying to save your pet's life first and foremost. Animals in shock do not handle anesthesia well. So first we have to treat the shock first, AND THEN I will address

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### 2012 Post Antelope Track & Field Schedule

Meet	Date	Location
Olton Winter Relays	February 25	Olton
Canyon Reef Relays	March 2	Snyder
Evertt McAdams Relays	March 9	Plains
Piper Relays	March 17	Hamlin
Sundown Roughneck Relays	March 23	Sundown
A-Town Relays	March 30	Abernathy
Levelland Track Meet	April 6	South Plains College, Levelland
District 3-2A Meet	April 13	Denver City
Regional Qualifiers Meet	TBA	TBA
Region 1 Meet	April 27 & 28	Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
State Meet	May 11 & 12	Mike A. Myers Stadium, Austin

### 2012 Post Jr. High Track & Field Schedule

Meet	Date	Location
Olton Jr. High Meet	February 23	Olton
Denver City Jr. High Meet	March 1	Denver City
Tahoka Jr. High Meet	March 8	Tahoka
Sundown Jr. High Relays	March 22	Sundown
Abernathy Jr. High Meet	March 29	Abernathy
District Jr. High Meet	April 16	Roosevelt

Superintendent: Mike Comeaux  
 HS Principal: John Berry  
 MS Principal: Marvin Self  
 Athletic Director: Steve Smith  
 Track & Field Coaches: Beau Riker, Richard Soliz, Patricia Gutierrez, Kevin James, Billy Quinn, Ron Holson, and Brettne Reed

## Torres receives Gold Key

Fabian Torres Entered 2 Digital Art pieces on January 14th, judging was the 16th. He received a gold key (1st) for his "Shattered Squares" piece. His piece "Distort Vision" received honorable mention. All of the winning pieces are on exhibit in the Abraham Art Gallery from Jan 23 to Feb 11. It is open to the general public at no charge. The awards ceremony was held on Jan 28 at 2:00 pm at the Abraham Art Gallery on the Wayland Baptist University campus in Plainview. All of the gold key entries are being judged digitally in New York to determine which pieces will continue on to the National level which is held in New York City. Fabian's "Shattered Squares" will also be entered in the annual V.A.S.E. competition on Feb 18th.

#### 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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#### SECTION 00020

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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 Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at the Post City Hall building at 3:00 p.m., local time. Attendance by prospective Bidders is not mandatory.

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CITY OF POST, TEXAS  
 Thessa Harp  
 Honorable Mayor

### I, Phil Mathews, am proud to announce my Candidacy for Sheriff in the Republican Primary.

I was born in Morton, Texas to Marion and Bobbie Nell Fluit Mathews. We moved to Post in 1968. I graduated from Post High School in 1972. While in high school I developed an interest in law enforcement and decided that after I enlisted in the United States Air Force I would attend college and make my career in law enforcement. While stationed at Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, New Mexico, I attended Eastern New Mexico University, after honorable discharge I moved to Midland and graduated from Midland College with a degree in Criminal Justice.

At this point I embarked on my law enforcement career. My tenure spanned almost three decades that included extensive experience, training and leadership. My law enforcement experience includes working as a Deputy Sheriff in Midland County and Ector County, as a Police officer in Midland and as a Texas State Trooper.

After I retired, I was a substitute teacher for the Post Middle School and High School. My wife, Windy, and I have made Post and Garza County our home since 1999. Windy works as a nurse here in Post and together we have 4 sons and 5 grandchildren. My eldest son, Lance is a homicide detective with the Bryan Police department. Dustin is a Criminal Investigator with the Texas Department of Public Safety. Josh completed his service with the Army and is finishing his studies in Arizona. My youngest, Travis, who is also a graduate of Post High School, is currently serving our country in the United States Navy and stationed in Japan. My grandchildren are Mackenzie, Kendall, Garrett, Amelia and Grant.

As Sheriff, I will manage a very proactive and professional law enforcement organization that is dedicated to the communities needs. This means more crime intervention and prevention, and quarterly town hall meetings to allow the citizens to voice their concerns and influence the direction of the agency.

I will also build partnerships with local school officials, city and county government, sister law enforcement agencies, and civic organizations ensuring citizen confidence.

Today, YOU, the voter is searching for a leader in the sheriff's office with ideas that work. These times call for new leader with vision and new ideas to make our sheriff's department work again and within a strong budget. You the voter want their "money's worth." If we do what we've always done, we'll get what we've always gotten.

Unless there is a change in leadership, there is no chance of bringing fresh ideas and new approaches to solving the problems of crime and budgeting issues.

I will not waste time. I will be a full time Sheriff who is involved in the community, and answerable to you, the citizens of Garza County. I will train my personnel to work faster and smarter, keeping law enforcement ahead of the criminals. As your sheriff I will strive to provide a safe environment for ALL Citizens of Garza County and to make Post, Southland and Justiceburg a great place to have a home and raise a family.

I will be committed to the residents of Garza County with an Open Door Policy as well as being AVAILABLE to each and every citizen.

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CITY OF POST  
 Ms. Thessa Harp  
 Honorable Mayor

## Extension Extras

January 30, 2012

Congratulations to all exhibitors of the 2012 Garza County Junior Livestock Show. Remember; get your thank you notes written as soon as you get your list from Janece.

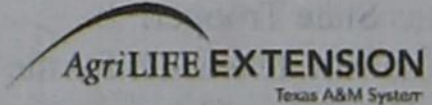
If you are attending a major stock show please come by the office to pick up your passes. Good luck.

Garza County 4-H would like to thank everyone for their time and help during the GCJLA Stock Show.

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## Trailblazers Menu

February 6<sup>th</sup> to  
February 10<sup>th</sup>

**MONDAY**  
Oven Fried-Chicken, Bow-Tie Pasta, Broccoli, Raisin Salad Fruit Cocktail

**TUESDAY**  
Glazed Meatloaf, Red Potatoes, Breadsticks, Mixed Veggies, Apple Crisp

**WEDNESDAY**  
Turkey Tetrazzini, Carrots,

Zucchini, Salad, Roll, Fruit Parfait

**THURSDAY**  
Swedish Meatballs, Parsley Noodles, Mixed Veggies, Roll, Angel Cake

**FRIDAY**  
BBQ, Brisket, Ranch Style Beans, Carrots, Cornbread, Strawberries

tender. Jordan is tendering for 100,000 metric tons and Ethiopia is tendering for 35,000 metric tons."

About 20 percent of the Ukraine crop is at risk of being damaged by extreme cold weather, Hughes said.

Hughes also comments on corn.

"The charts suggest we are heading for a test of the recent highs (for corn) near \$6.60 in the March contract in the near future," Hughes said. "For the moment, analysts have a bullish bias."

Regarding supply and demand, wheat stocks are up and production is also expected to be up - not good for the price.

"The International Grains Council (IGC) released revised world wheat production and use numbers Jan. 19," Welch said in his Jan. 27 "Wheat Market Outlook," noting that production is now expected to be 690 million metric tons, up seven million metric tons from the IGC November prediction.

"Larger crops in the southern hemisphere account for most of the increase, but larger crops are forecast for China and Kazakhstan as well," Welch said.

"World carryover stocks are projected at 204 million metric tons, up from 200 million met-

ric tons in the November."

By Tuesday, Hughes was offering a cautiously upbeat report on wheat, calling wheat "the upside leader overnight."

"It appears that the U.S. wheat is trying to keep up with European wheat," she said. "A little bit of export sales activity changes attitudes quite a bit. It doesn't hurt that Kansas wheat is 49 percent 'good to excellent' and Texas wheat is at 26 percent 'good to excellent.' That reminds traders that we have another poor crop coming on. The wheat charts look solid according to analysts and they can see the possibility of July KW heading to \$7.50."

By Wednesday, Hughes was even more upbeat about wheat, issuing this observation:

"U.S. wheat futures have been surging higher. We still have plenty of wheat in the U.S. and around the world, but attitudes are changing. U.S. wheat prices are competitive right now, and potential production problems in Russia and Ukraine could allow for better U.S. exports in the future. Analysts plan on the July KC wheat to reach \$7.50 soon."

Many factors are at play elsewhere in the world, but nothing would help wheat around Post more than rain. The same holds true for spring-planted crops.

A drawback for wheat in the Post area and across virtually all of North Texas this winter is that most wheat got off to a slow start in the fall due to inadequate moisture for planting and for sustaining the stands that emerged. It was an especially slow start for wheat for growing wheat for winter pasture.

Good rainfall between now and harvest would brighten the harvest outlook immensely for area wheat farmers, even if the price of wheat doesn't soar - unlikely anyway.

No matter what's happening in places like Kazakhstan, nothing beats a bumper yield. But it will take more than a little rain to make it happen.

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the other problems. Another example of this scenario would be with sick puppies. The younger the patient, the more critical it is for them. Don't wait until your puppy hasn't eaten in 2 days and is lifeless before wondering if you should take it to a vet.

Other times when your 4-legged family member gets sick, especially if your pet vomits once and is feeling normal otherwise, it's ok to wait a few hours to see if they will improve. There are a few occasions when waiting a little while before I see your pet helps me diagnosis them and treat the real problem. I had one of these cases last weekend. An owner called about her dog not acting right. When she called the first time, the patient was just laying around, showing no clinical signs of being sick. As the day went on the patient started developing more tell-tell signs of what really was going on. Had I treated the dog after the first call, I would have treated it differently. However, after seeing a few more symptoms, I was able to treat the patient correctly, and the dog is doing much better.

I know there are some of you who will call regardless of the problem (I will not mention any names here), and others

who will never call me until it's too late or down to the wire. I have, and I will always, advise my clients I'd much rather you call me a hundred times about your sick animal rather than not call at all. To wait or not to wait? Sometimes it is a very difficult decision to make by yourself on whether or not you should bring your pet in. I'm always here to help you answer that question. Just don't ask for my advice on the human side of medicine since my answer will always be "It's better to be safe than sorry."

Call Garza County Animal Hospital, 806-495-3726, with any question you have. There is no fee for your phone call. You can reach us 24 hours a day. After work hours, our phones are forwarded to an answering service prompting you to leave a message. I always try to call you back within 5 minutes of your phone call. However, there are times I may be busy with another emergency, out on a farm call where I can't call you right back, I may not have service, or I may not have got my message at all. If for some reason you have not heard from me in 15 minutes, do not hesitate to call me again and leave me another message. I am here for you in any type of emergency. That's just the kind of friend I am....

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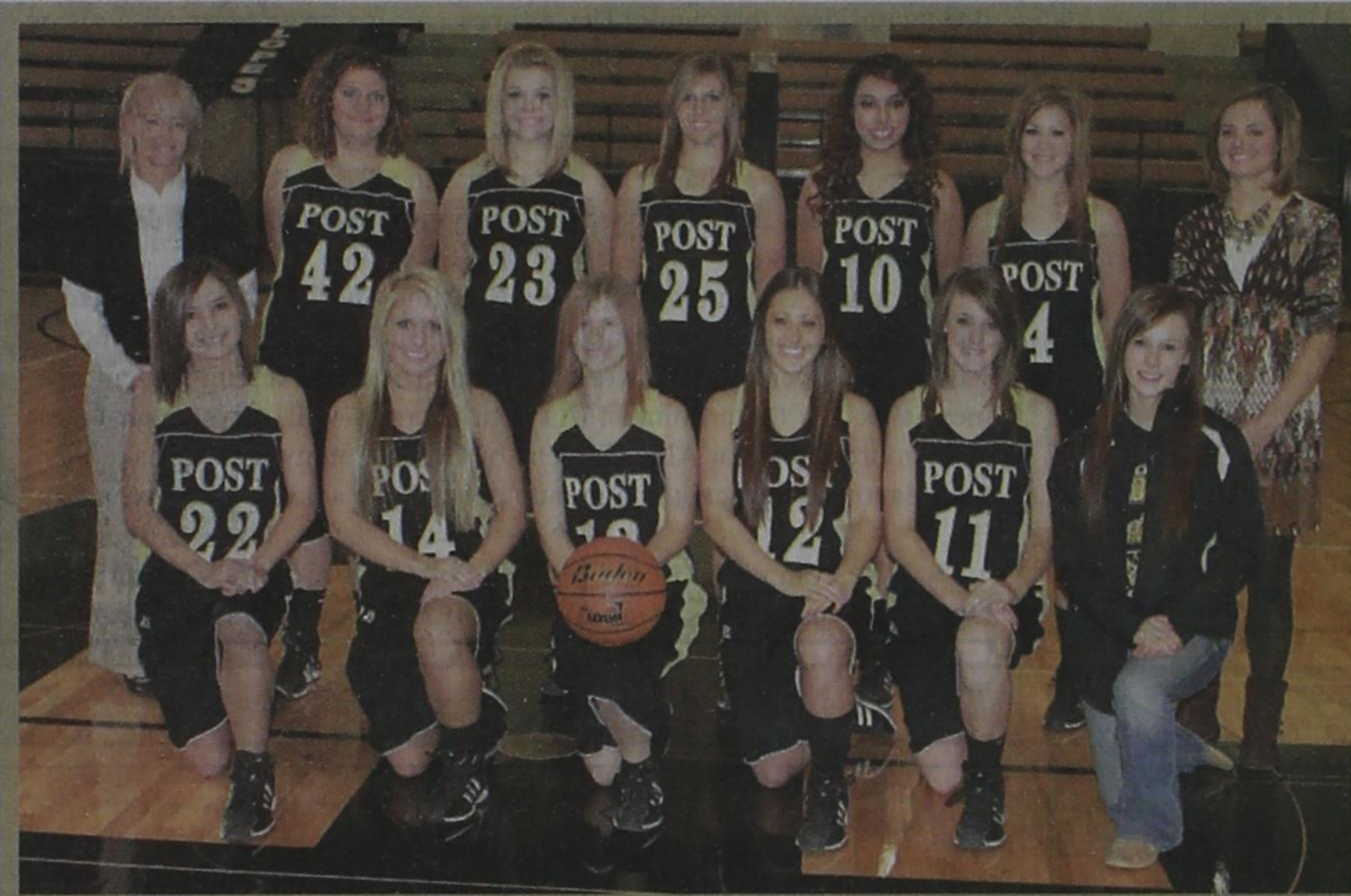
For 13 years Washington tapped out his instructions with his finger on his wife's arm, until the bridge was finally completed. Today the spectacular Brooklyn Bridge stands in all its glory as a tribute to the triumph of one man's indomitable spirit and his determination not to be defeated by circumstances. It is also a tribute to the engineers and their team work, and to their faith in a man who was considered mad by half the world. It stands too as a tangible monument to the love and devotion of his wife who for 13 long years patiently decoded the messages of

her husband and told the engineers what to do.

Perhaps this is one of the best examples of a never-say-die attitude that overcomes a terrible physical handicap and achieves an impossible goal.

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