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Local Group Seeks Donors To Obtain Match

By Hanaba Munn Welch
A front-page picture in last week's *Dispatch* showed community leaders in a meeting, putting their heads together to plan a drive to raise money for the Post-Garza County Endowment. Under the picture was the promise of a story to follow in this week's *Dispatch* about the endowment, a way for the community to support and sustain local charitable causes.

The endowment is a fund managed by the Lubbock Area Foundation, but the funds are raised in Post (with some matching money coming from an anonymous donor from an unspecified location). The money is dedicated for use in Post and Garza County.
Not that the money raised ever gets spent. It doesn't. Because the fund operates as an endowment, only interest and investment income

earned by the money can be spent.
Diann Windham, a member of the board of the Post-Garza County Endowment, reported Tuesday that figures provided by the Lubbock Area Foundation show a fund balance of approximately \$151,000 after two years of fundraising. During 2010, the local group raised \$50,000 to match an anonymous \$50,000 contribution. In 2011, the fund

grew through donations by just over \$40,000.
In 2012, the goal is to raise \$30,000 to qualify for an anonymous match of \$15,000.
"There's one other stipulation, and that is that we get

15 new donors this year," Windham said.
The additional requirement is designed to encourage the expansion of the donor base, she said.
"It's going to be a great thing to put money back into

the community," Windham said. "It's like a savings account. It takes a while to start seeing a return."
Unlike a savings account,
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Burglaries, Thefts Subside

By Hanaba Munn Welch
No news is good news.
"We have not had any more burglaries or thefts reported to us," Tommy Binford, Garza County chief deputy, said Wednesday morning.
The current lull following a rash of burglaries, particularly in the northwest part of the county, is giving law enforcement some much-needed time to concentrate on other matters.
"We've been trying to play catch-up on other cases," Binford said.
Even so, all hasn't been quiet on every front. Other happenings -- including a weekend incident of family violence -- have kept officers busy answering calls.
Officers arrested Robert Conchito Ramirez, 38, after responding to a call early Saturday morning to investigate a disturbance at Seal's Trailer Park at 720 N. Broadway.

Ramirez was charged with assault in the context of family violence, a third-degree felony. He was released from jail on \$50,000 bond the following day.
Officers made a driving-while-intoxicated arrest at 2 a.m. Sunday in the 400 block of North Avenue Q.
On last Friday, a driver on Hwy. 84 South reported a vehicle window being blown out and a gunshot suspected as the cause. An investigation of the incident found no evidence of a gunshot.
Officers also responded to a report of a counterfeit check presented at Brady's package store on Friday and loud music in the 500 block of West 13th Street on Sunday night.
Last week's *Dispatch* mentioned that Chris Thurman, arrested on a revocation of his parole and for possession of drug paraphernalia, was in jail with no possibility of

being released on bond - a stipulation of the revocation. (Thurman had been mentioned in the confession of convicted bus battery burglar, Jerry Lynn Curtis, in connection with alleged thievery.)
Jason Clark, public information officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Huntsville, provided information about the parole revocation.
"He was convicted of burglary of a habitation out of Williamson County," Clark said in a Feb. 2 email to *The Dispatch*. "He was sentenced to ten years on Aug. 27, 2009 and was paroled on Jan. 3, 2011.
"... a parole warrant was issued on Nov. 28, 2011 for failure to report. Also, on Jan. 18, 2012, Garza County Sheriff's Office reported that the offender was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia."

Chamber Awards Voting Ends Friday

Your vote will count, but you'll need a ballot, and time is short.
The deadline for casting ballots for Post "Citizen of the Year" and "Business of the Year" is 5 p.m. today (Friday). The Post Area Cham-

ber of Commerce will present both awards at the annual chamber banquet Saturday, Feb. 25.
Ballots are available at the chamber office at No. 1 Santa Fe Plaza (the old Santa Fe Depot building) and can

also be requested by email or by phone: chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com, (806) 495 4148.
The annual banquet will

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Photos By E. Moreno

Members of the Women's Chamber of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce meet Wednesday, Feb. 1, at Naomi Matsler's home to plan the annual chamber banquet coming up Feb. 25. Above, from left, are Sue Ann Davis, Betty Posey, Billie Cross, Linda Puckett and Marie Neff. Below, from left, are Matsler, Jo Ann Stelzer, Donna Degand and Pat Cruse. Present but not shown was Elizabeth Moreno.



Workshop Offers Classes in Photography

By Hanaba Munn Welch
By the dark of the moon, renowned photographer Wyman Meinzer of Benjamin will teach outdoor photography techniques on Friday, Feb. 24 in Post.
The next day, Meinzer's colleague, Wes Underwood of South Plains College at Levelland, will offer instruction in daytime outdoor photography.
Caprock Cultural Foundation is sponsoring the workshop, offering enrollees three options: Friday night only for \$200, Saturday for \$80 or both sessions for \$280. A Friday night dinner and breakfast snacks Saturday are part of the seminar.
Headquarters for the event will be Heritage House, 109 N. Ave. N.
"The purpose of my being there is to show techniques in light painting," Meinzer said in a phone interview Tuesday.
Light painting is an approach to nocturnal outdoor photography that paints the subject in artificial light.
"It seems like it's kind of magical," Meinzer said. "It really offers another avenue for shooting architectural structures and some micro landscape locations."
Meinzer and Underwood have worked together before -- Meinzer as the master teacher and Underwood as his assistant.
"Wes will do them a good job," Meinzer said, referring to Underwood's agenda for Saturday.
Underwood is no novice. He's been interested in photography for 35 years and has 16 years experience as a professional photographer, the last 12 at South Plains College, where he's communications specialist and photographer.
"I love being outdoors and doing outdoor photography and workshops," Underwood said Tuesday, also speaking by phone. "In the last months I've done six workshops similar to what we'll be doing in Post."
Underwood will concentrate on principles of composition Saturday, tailoring his instruction for the outdoors setting.
To insure personal attention, enrollment will be limited to 15 for Meinzer's session and to 30 for Underwood's.
Meinzer's class will be suited to photographers with



Photos by Hollie Humphries

On a warm day last September, photographer Wyman Meinzer, an icon in his own time, stands with his wife, Sylinda, near the vintage screen door at Santa Fe on the Brazos, her Western gift and clothing store in Benjamin. Meinzer and Wes Underwood of South Plains College will team up Feb. 24-25 to offer a weekend photography seminar in Post.

Black History Theme of WTC Movies and Events

SNYDER — The Scurry County Museum, the West Texas College Resource Center and the In Harmony Community Club, a local community service organization, have teamed up to present several events and activities on the WTC campus to celebrate February as Black History Month.
The Scurry County Museum is hosting an opening of its "Truth > Myth" exhibit at 6 p.m. today (Friday). The opening will feature a panel discussion broadcast live by Radio 91.1 FM and a soul food reception. Speakers will include Florence Lewis, Vernest Tippens, Vernon Clay and Zurn Jenkins.
The exhibit will remain on display through Mar. 17.
For more information about Black History Month activities or to join the Black History Month Reader's Circle, visit the event website: www.truthmyth.weebly.com or call (806) 574-7676.
The reader's circle discussed two books, "The Help" by Katherine Stockett and "Their Eyes Were Watching God" by Zora Neale Hurston, in a meeting at the WTC Library on Feb. 1.
Black History Month Film Festival began Feb. 2 in the WTC Planetarium with the movie "The Help." Other movies will be shown throughout the month on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, all celebrating the rich tradition of Black cinema. Both WTC professors and community leaders will introduce each film and lead critical discussions at the close of each showing. The schedule for movies is posted on the event website.

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Brand Renewal Deadline Near

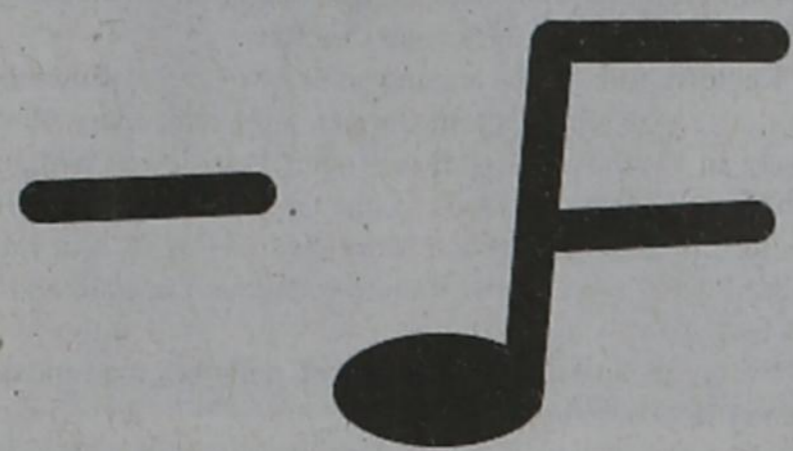


Illustration By Hanaba Munn Welch

A brand registered as "F to the 16th musical note" is one of the more unusual brands currently registered in Garza County. Even an experienced brand reader can't read the mind of the designer of a brand to know the story that goes with the design, but there always is a story. Normally, the flags of a sixteenth note are closer together than the flags on the brand, but, for branding cattle, generous spacing works better.

It's that time of the decade -- time for anyone with a registered cattle brand to pony up \$16 to keep the brand on the records.

Letters went out back in August from Jim Plummer, county clerk, reminding brand-owners to renew their brands. The renewal period began Aug. 31, 2011 and will end Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012.

If a brand registration isn't renewed, the brand becomes void and will be considered an "open" brand beginning March 1 -- up for grabs, just like a non-registered domain name on the Internet.

Under Texas law, the renewal period comes every ten years. Any brands registered during interim years are subject to the same renewal time frame, no matter the date of

registration. The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association works with the state by maintaining a record of the brands registered in all 254 Texas counties. The TSWCRA also helps the state use brands to do what brands do best -- catch rustlers.

Officers called Special Rangers, commissioned by the Texas Department of Public Safety, work under the TSWCRA not only to go after cattle thieves but also to uncover other related crimes.

"We actually have three men that live in Oklahoma," said Larry Gray, executive director of law enforcement for the TSWCRA. "We do a lot of work in New Mexico, Colorado, Louisiana, Montana, Wyoming. We're currently working with the Royal Canadian

Mounted Police."

The Ranger-Mountie collaboration isn't about stolen cattle. It's about hay, currently a valuable commodity thanks to last year's drought and a continued lack of rain across much of the Great Plains, places like Garza County included.

The hay scam involves the Internet. The buyer is asked to wire money to the seller up north.

"They never get the hay," Gray said, referring to the hapless buyer.

During his career, Gray has run across some humorous brands. One that comes to his mind is "ICU," designed to make any would-be rustler think twice.

Gray spends his time in the office now rather than in the field, vicariously experiencing the thrill of going after rustlers (and hay scam artists) by reading the reports of the officers under him. But earlier in his career, when his boots were on the ground, his achievements included helping catch an especially notorious cattle thief.

"We suspected this guy, but we never could really have the evidence," Gray said.

On one occasion, Gray and another officer followed the rustler from Texas to Manhattan, Kans., where they lay in a ditch waiting for him to steal cattle on the other side of the road.

"A thunderstorm came up," Gray said.

The rain made things too muddy for the rustler to carry out his plans at that location.

"We like to have drowned in that ditch," Gray said.

It was a subsequent rain elsewhere that led to the rustler's downfall.

"He got his truck and trailer stuck," Gray said. "He abandoned it and went to the next town and reported it stolen."

But the Oklahoma Highway Patrol had been watch-

ing him, and the story didn't work.

The man had been stealing cattle in several states and selling them in St. Louis, Gray said.

"We worked real hard on it for over a year," Gray said.

Rangers chasing rustlers is a story that's been reinventing itself since the earliest days of the Old West, but despite Interstate highways and semi-trucks and microchips in ears, brands remain a constant factor -- one of the best deterrents to thievery.

Brands work best when registered.

"In the case of a theft or even civil litigation, it's hard to prove ownership (if a brand isn't registered), especially in the state of Texas," Gray said.

Sometimes it's wise to register a brand in an adjacent county.

"You've got your brand registered in Garza County -- an 'L' on the left him," Gray said, inventing an example.

Someone in Lynn County might have the same brand registered in Lynn County, which would make proving ownership difficult if a thus-branded Garza County cow strayed, or happened to get displaced, to Lynn County, he said.

"In Texas, it's county by county," Gray said.

Whether a brand-owner spend the money and takes the time to register his or her brand in other counties, it's good to know if a duplicate brand exists, particularly in adjacent counties.

Other identification marks are often used in conjunction with brands, particularly earmarks (made by cutting shapes out of the animals' ears). Ranchers often earmark.

"They might ear notch steers left and heifers right," Gray said. "It helps them sort."

Earmarks can also be registered.

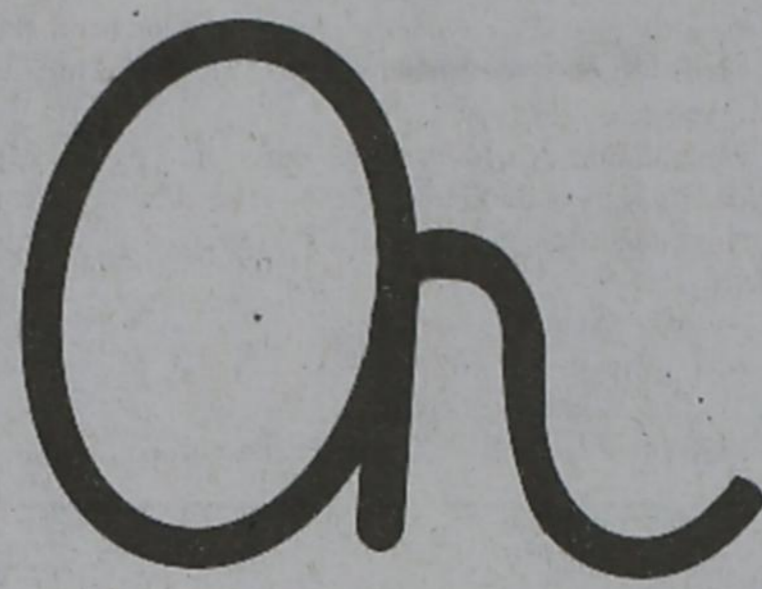


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Brands, like some ranch names, can be humorous. "Oller-Nothin" is the name of a Garza County brand that combines an "O" with a small "n."

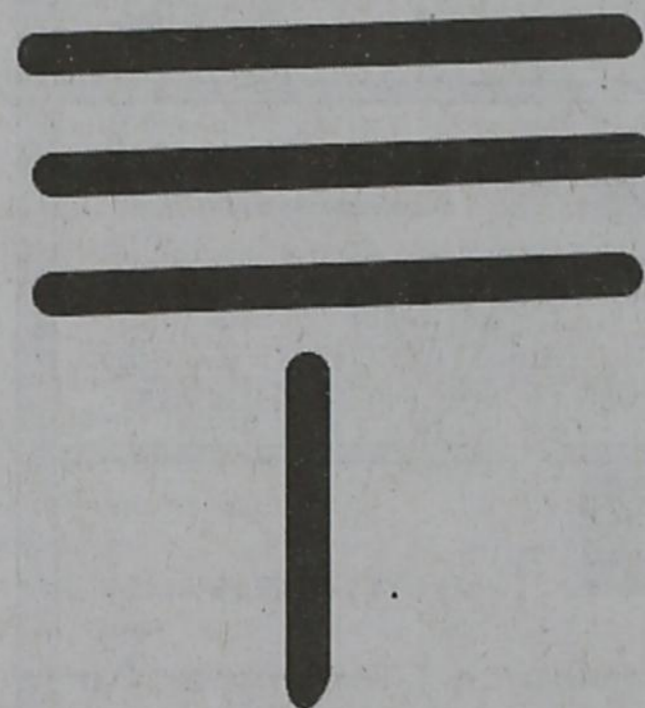


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Some brands look like objects -- often things associated with ranch life. The Curry Comb is a historic brand that dates from the earliest days of Garza County. For more information about the brand, see "Curry Comb Ranch" in the online version of the Texas State Historical Association handbook at www.tshaonline.org. The design of the brand corresponds with the typical design of a curry comb in the late 1800s -- not the circular and oval shapes common now. The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association brand registration records show that the Curry Comb is currently registered in Garza County. Another historic area brand, the OS, is not currently registered in Garza County according to TSCRA information posted online at www.tscrabrands.com.

Through "Operation Cow Thief," the TSWCRA offers cash rewards of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest and grand jury indictment of anyone for stealing livestock or related property.

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 E. Moreno

Family Dollar presents a younger face to East Main Street than the buildings that join it on either side, particularly compared to the old stone store building to the East.

Family Dollar Store is what it is -- an unabashedly up-to-date store in a historic downtown, making no effort to look vintage. Admirably, it's an honest facade with nice clean lines. The sign is bold, but not overwhelming.

By itself, the building is not displeasing. Considered in the context of the block, the look doesn't fit. If architecture is like music, Family Dollar marches to its own drummer. Hum four measures of a tune in four-four time, then insert four measures from a waltz in a different key and then go back to four-four. Not easy. But by its very presence, the building speaks of history, specifically, a fire that destroyed the west half of the historic eight-bay store building constructed by C. W. Post, town founder, thus making way for the more modern structure.

All told, the current use

of the space is true to the original use of the four lots when 219 E. Main was simply the west half of an eight-bay building designed to accommodate eight stores. Next door, to the east, stands the remaining four-bay half of the original building.

Family Dollar, just one store, offers a variety of merchandise befitting the historic space it occupies.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather has been fairly decent temps up and down and the wind not to bad. Some of the guys have been in the field and some are standing by and waiting on the rain.....keep praying for a good soaking rain, we need it!

We travelled to Grady ISD to watch Raegan play her last regular season basketball game, have you ever been there??? You are driving out in the middle of nowhere and bam...theres a school, you pass the school and you are in the middle to nowhere again. LOL

Daymon Ethridge, his daughter Betsy and grandson Myles stopped by Jerry and Judy Bush's house on Saturday evening. Everyone had a great visit and really enjoyed playing with little Myles.

My sweet Aunt Necie, Father aka Uncle Harold and Uncle W.O. surprised us with a visit on Monday. Mike Forester and Travis Lancanster also stopped in.

Ya'll come out and see us.....cheapest drinks, snacks and

entertainment in the county.

A big get well goes out to Abby Guerrero who has surgery on her shoulder last week. Hope you up and about soon Abby!

Did you know

A giraffe can clean its ears with its 21 inch tongue.....ewe!

Quote of the week

The first to apologize is the bravest; the first to forgive is the strongest; the first to forget is the happiest.....Taken from Micheal Gonzales' FB page, thanks Mikey!

Close City Birthdays

- February 11th - Jack Morris
- February 12th - Debbie Ethridge
- February 13th - Brent Justice
- February 15th - Danny Gonzales

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.



Weekly Inspirations

Whose Rules?

Read Deuteronomy 13:1-4

In those days there was no king in Israel; all the people did what was right in their own eyes.

— Judges 21:25 (NRSV)

One night five of us in the dorm decided to play a board game. As we started playing, it became clear that each of us had a different understanding of the rules. After two or three disagreements, we got out the rules that came with the game and followed them. It was the only chance of having a fair and successful game.

Our actions show that we are like people in the Bible. The book of Judges says that when there was no king in Israel, everyone did "what was right in their own eyes." With no written rules to follow and no one to guide them, people wandered from God. But instead of giving up on them, God sent prophets. And finally God sent Jesus to lead the people back.

At times we also wander from God's way and follow our own rules. But God does not forsake us, either. As we read and study scripture and open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, God leads us back to the "way that leads to life" (Matt. 7:14).

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Prayer: Loving God, help us to do what is right in your eyes and to be faithful to you. Amen.

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

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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SCHOOL NEWS



Youth winners are Samantha Ortiz, Maddison Cash, and Schirley Araiza.

Post ISD School Menu:

February 13th-February 17th
Breakfast:
Monday
 Pancake, Sausage on a Stick, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday
 Muffins, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday
 Malt-O-Meal, Sausage, Toast, Fruit, Milk
Thursday
 Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Milk
Friday
 Cereal, Graham Cracker, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch:
Monday
 Comdog, Western Beans, Celery & Carrot Dippers, Sparkly Apple, Pudding Cup, Milk
Tuesday
 Pizza, Salad, Orange Smiles, Gingerbread, Milk
Wednesday
 Oven Crispy Chicken, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Fruity Gelatin, Milk
Thursday
 Nacho Grande, Spanish Rice, Lettuce/Tomatoes, Orange Smiles, Cinnamon Sugar Cookies, Milk
Friday
 Meaty Macaroni, Garden Salad, Seasoned Corn Cornbread, Cherry Juice Bar, Milk



Photo By Mendy Dalby

A group of PHS theatre kids took a trip to master follies this past Saturday. Pictured are left to right Stephen Rodriguez Israel Gonzales Kelsey Griffin and Soliz Janice Curtis Steven Howard Kayla Comeaux Katie Dunn Shirley Araiza

Lion's Pick Finalists from PHS

By Leslie Tatum

Post Lions Club chose 16 Post High School seniors as district finalists for entrants in the Opportunities for Youth scholarship contests held by the District 2-T2 Lions Clubs. Youth from various Lions Clubs in the District (51 clubs) participated in the event at the area annual Lions Midwinter Conference in Lubbock, January 21st. Post students competed in three different contests: Drug Awareness Speech, Diabetes Awareness Essay, and Outstanding Youth Essay.

The Drug Awareness contest asked students to prepare a speech determining 'is incarceration or rehabilitation

is the best way to remedy the problem'. These students gave their speeches to three judges. Post students competing in this contest were Chelsea Nolen, Samantha Ortiz, and Fermin Rivera.

The Diabetes Awareness contest asked students to research the causes, concerns, and solutions to the growing problem of Type 2 Diabetes. Post students competing in this category were Nichole Ramirez, Jordan Aguilar, Vanessa Rodriguez, Madison Cash, Fabian Torres, Janelle Delgadillo, Amanda Duran, Rebecca Fannon, and Skylar Jones.

The final category was the

Outstanding Student contest where students had to meet a grade point criteria, write an essay on the importance of volunteerism, and went through a rigorous interview with a panel of judges. Post students participating in this contest were Shirley Araiza, Kari Dunn, and Kamby Mason.

Post High School placed in every contest, the winners in their respective categories were 2nd place Samantha Ortiz for Drug Awareness speech, 2nd place Madison Cash for Diabetes Awareness essay/speech, and 2nd place Shirley Araiza in the Outstanding Youth. Each winner received a \$500 scholarship.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Through the years, I've been involved in a number of programs and events, so I am well aware of what it takes to conduct them. In the process, there is always a good deal of "stuff" that can really make a mess. Either it takes a lot of coordination and cooperation from all involved to prevent a big mess, or a lot of work to clean up the mess.

I was not involved in the recent Stock Show here, but as one who passes by the area daily, I would like to offer a "pat on the back" to all those who were involved with it. I could see that there were a lot of folks out there

and I noticed the next time I went by that there was no mess! I saw no trash left behind as I have at many other events in the past.

From the articles in the news and the talk around town, I know we had a lot of youth and parents working very hard to put on a great Stock Show. I congratulate the participants on their hard work! I also congratulate all those involved for keeping our community clean. If I hadn't known something was happening there, I would not have been able to tell from the trash left behind. Great job everyone!!!

Carol Tobias

SOUTHLAND ISD MENU

BREAKFAST MENU FOR FEB. 13- FEB. 17

Monday
 Pancake on a Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Tuesday
 Sausage and Egg Biscuit, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Wednesday
 Breakfast Pizza, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Thursday
 Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Friday
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SPORTS



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Little Dribblers played hard but lost Saturday 14-7 to Tahoka in Post. Dribbling down-court is Sydney Quinn followed by Willow Gray (closest to her) and Julie Rudd. Gathered around Coach Billy Quinn are, clockwise from left, Kamryn Perez, Emily Harris, Krystal Rodriguez, Sydney Quinn and Willow Gray.



Photo by Nancy McDonald

Lady Lopes Preparing for their final game of the season in Roosevelt Tuesday night.

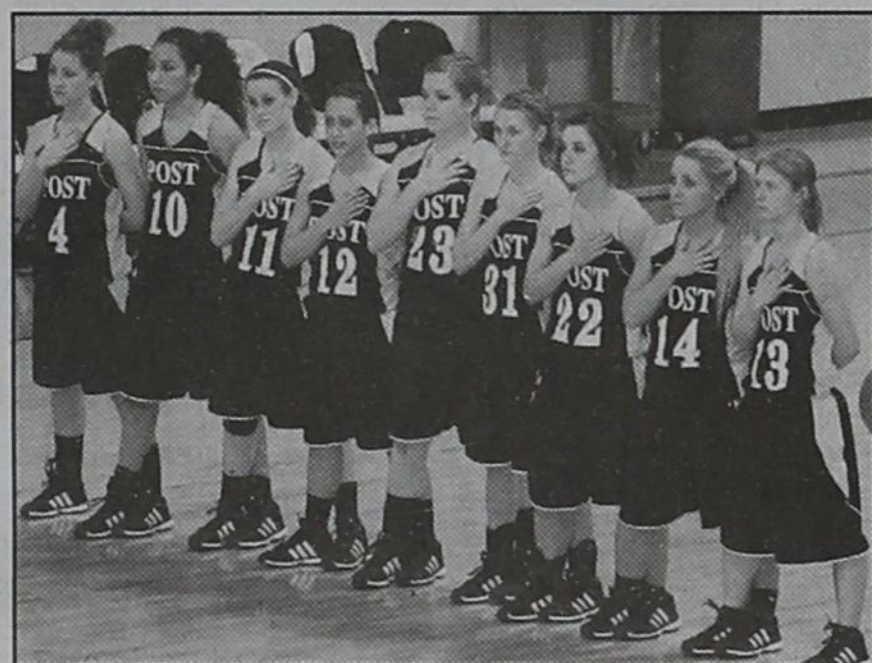


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2012 Post Antelope Track & Field Schedule

| Meet | Date | Location |
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| Olton Winter Relays | February 25 | Olton |
| Roby Lions Relays | March 3 | Roby |
| Evertt McAdams Relays | March 9 | Plains |
| Piper Relays | March 17 | Hamlin |
| Sundown Roughneck Relays | March 23 | Sundown |
| A-Town Relays | March 30 | Abernathy |
| Forsan Buffalo Relays | April 5 | Forsan |
| District 3-2A Meet | April 13 | Denver City |
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| Region 1 Meet | April 27 & 28 | Ratliff Stadium, Odessa |
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2012 Post Jr. High Track & Field Schedule

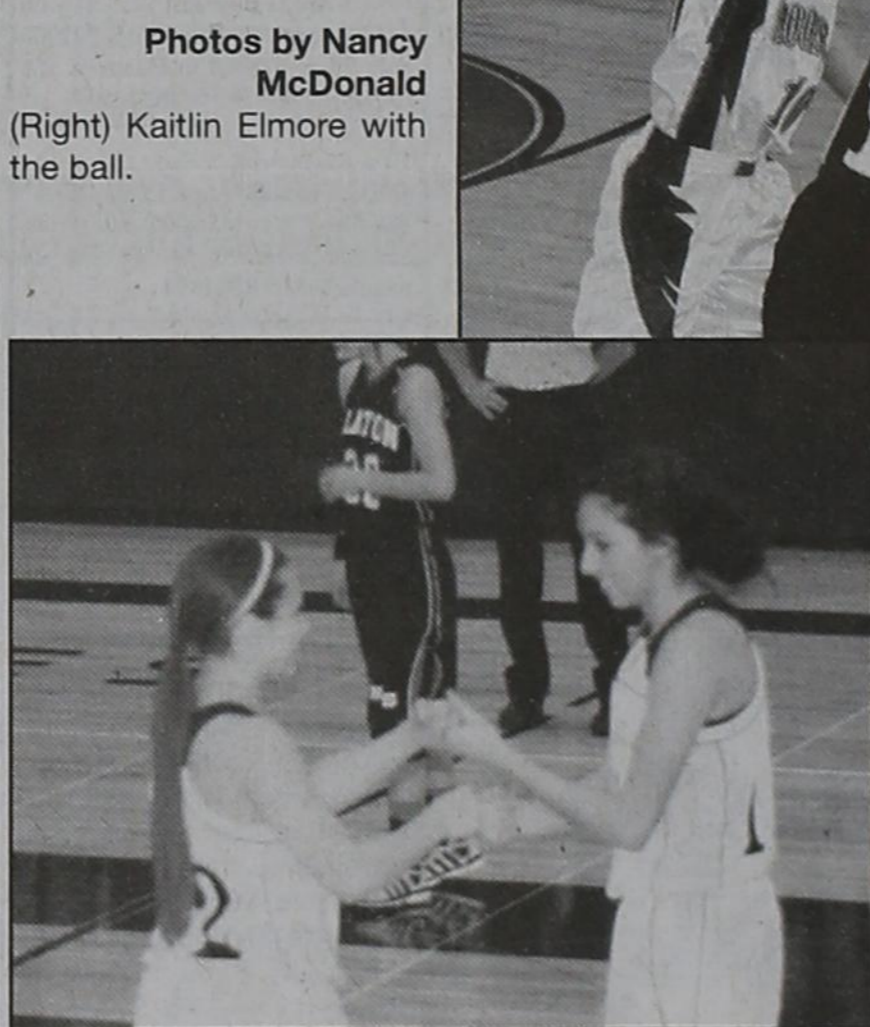
| Meet | Date | Location |
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| Olton Jr. High Meet | February 23 | Olton |
| Denver City Jr. High Meet | March 1 | Denver City |
| Tahoka Jr. High Meet | March 8 | Tahoka |
| Sundown Jr. High Relays | March 22 | Sundown |
| Abernathy Jr. High Meet | 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 Brettnee Reed



Photo by Nancy McDonald

(Left) Senior Madison Cash #14 drives the ball into the basket against the Roosevelt Eagle.



Photos by Nancy McDonald

(Right) Kaitlin Elmore with the ball.

(Left) Seniors Skylar Jones and Shirley Araiza with their encouraging ritual prior to every game tip-off.

Varsity boys Scores

Post vs. Slaton
 Post Record: 9 - 17
 Place: Post District Record: 1 - 10
 Final Score: 41 - 59
 Score by Quarter
 Team 1 2 3 4
 Post 19 9 3 10
 Slaton 12 20 11 16
 Team Free Throws 11 out of 21
 17 out of 29
 Team Fouls 1st Half 8 - 9
 Team Fouls 2nd Half 10 - 8

Post Players Scoring
 Dalton Holly 12
 Campell Kirkpatrick 2
 Jacob Perez 2
 Tavish Soto 4
 Pake Jones
 Vance Blair 3
 Parker Loftus
 Taylor Soto 5
 Corbin McDonald 13
 Dakota McDonald

Junior High Girls Scores

Post B team-combined score
 Denver City 22, Post 15 (2/6/2012)
 Team 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Total
 D. City 4 5 11 2 22
 Post 2 3 6 4 15

Post scorers: Seirra Scott 7, D'Kota Walls 4, Jena Soto 2, Adriana Trinidad 2
 Coach comments: The girls played hard the entire game. Couldn't quite get over the hump in scoring though. Proud of these girls and enjoyed my time with them this year.

Post 8th A team score
 Denver City 45, Post 12 (2/6/2012)
 Team 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Total
 D. City 14 10 11 10 45
 Post 0 6 2 4 12

Post scorers: Ali Whitfill 6, Tori Collins 2, Brogan Macy 2, Gabby Soto 2
 Coach comments: Not quite the outcome we wanted in this game. The girls played very hard despite the score. I greatly enjoyed coaching these girls this year.



Coach's Corner

by Steve Smith

Leadership is the key ingredient needed to develop a championship caliber program. Lou Holtz once said, "Leadership is the most important factor in the development of a championship team."

The greatest need of a team is an abundance of good leaders. They are needed during the off-season, the summer, in pre-season as well as

during the season. They are needed during the building and developing of individual skills, during the phase of putting these skills together into a team, and they are needed during each game.

Every class of athletes is important, but the most valuable class needs to be the senior class. Seniors, who play the best of their careers and have the most experience, have the potential to make the team successful or not.

Leadership is a skill that we all have and can use, but most actually use. Leadership can be learned and taught anyone can become one, but the choices they make determine their ability to lead. One of the greatest contributions a player can make is to become a good leader. Assuming a role as a leader a satisfying experience, but it requires a mental toughness and a disciplined control of your mind.

An opportunity to be a leader is a privilege and a challenge. It should be approached with confidence,

because nearly all players of good character, reasonable physical skills and ambition can learn to be a good leader. The need on any team for good leaders is great and the opportunities are limitless.

Good leaders need no mystical methods or profound philosophies. It is all quite simple. The leader expects and wants to do the right thing. Improper behavior generally springs from ignorance. If a player does something wrong, a good leader simply tells him or shows him how to do it right. This applies on and off the field and in and out of the classroom. All players must mean to do the right thing and work at it with good effort.

Success or failure of an athletic team will depend on the kind of leadership displayed. There have been many average teams that have become great through good leadership. There have been many potentially great teams than never develop because of poor leadership.

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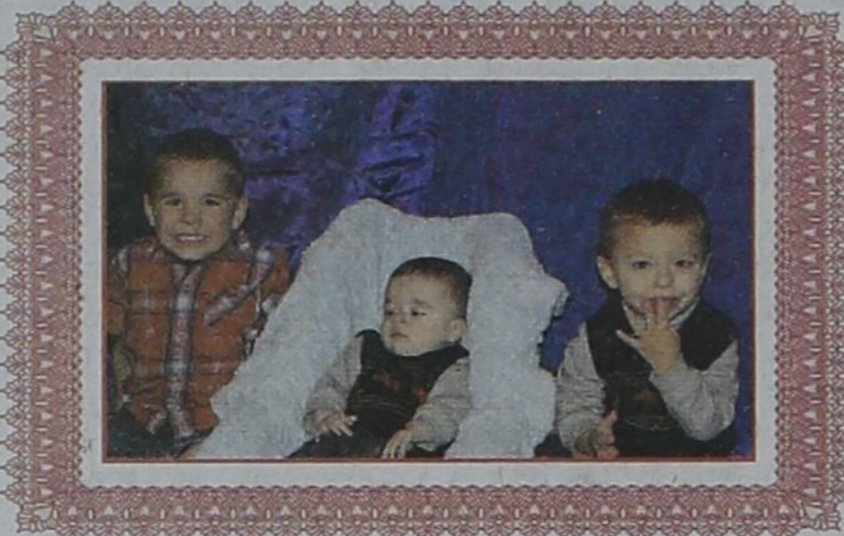
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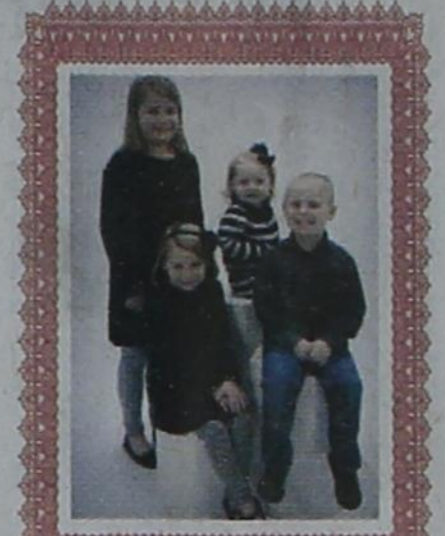
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Grand-daughter of Lin and Sue Warren



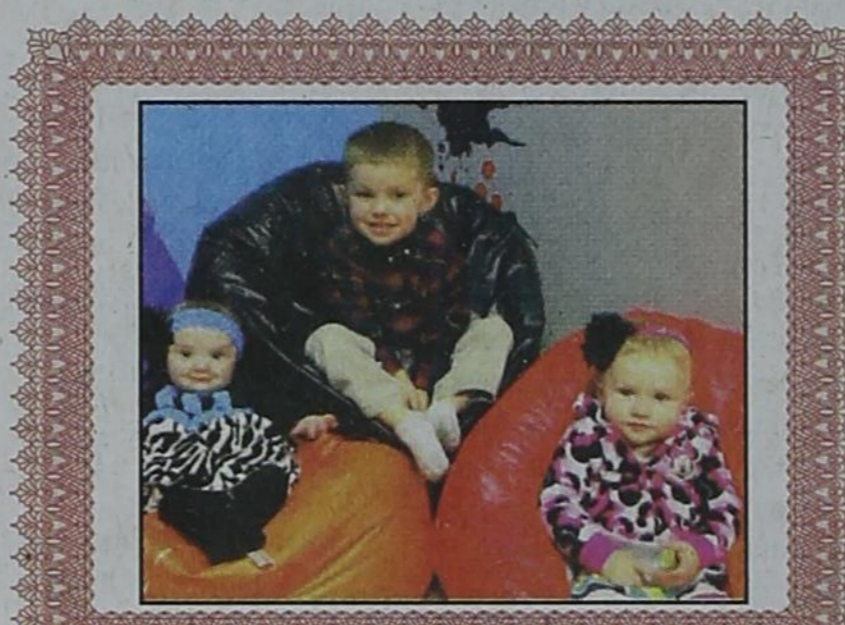
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Like the United Way, no longer operational in Garza County, the endowment will help local charities -- more and more every year as the endowment grows.

The Lubbock Area Foundation, keeper of the money, makes investment decisions, but the local board will make the decisions about which worthy causes it funds.

"The Lubbock Area Foundation does have some rules about who you can give it to," Windham said, noting that entities applying for funds must meet non-profit guidelines.

The fund is affected by ups and downs in the economy, but growth has still been the rule.

"Two years ago, they made 12 and a half percent on their funds," Windham said, pleased with the way the Lubbock-based foundation is handling the money.

The Lubbock foundation takes one and a half percent of the money as a fee for managing the fund and meeting Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements.

The Post-Garza County Endowment could put some money back into the community as early as this fall, Windham said.

Meanwhile, the board is intent on raising money as quickly as possible to meet this year's \$30,000 minimum amount. The sooner the money goes into the endowment, the sooner the funds can grow.

Debbie Macy is chairman of the Post-Garza County Endowment.

Similar fund-raising groups and endowments exist in Levelland and Plainview.

For more information about the Lubbock Area Foundation, see www.lubbockareafoundation.org.

A statement on the website summarizes the purpose of the foundation:

"Lubbock Area Foundation works to address the needs most relevant to this community, providing lasting benefits to the people of the South Plains, and providing donors a charitable home through which their contributions can

help the community now and for generations to come."

Besides Macy and Windham, other members of the Post-Garza County Endowment Board are Thressa Harp, Curtis Hudman, Patty Kirkpatrick, Janie Lopez, Lee Norman and Harry Record.

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follow a traditional format -- a meal with dinner music and a silent auction.

Also on the agenda, the Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District will recognize a local conservationist at the banquet with the Rancher of the Year award. The district recognizes farmers and ranchers, respectively, at the banquets in alternate years.

Tickets are for sale now from the chamber. The price is \$25.

The banquet will be held at the Post Community Center.

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some experience and adequate equipment for time-exposure photography: a camera with a 28-80 zoom lens and a bulb setting, a sturdy tripod and a cable release. Students should

know how to manage their camera's basic settings manually, including shutter speeds and aperture settings, ISO adjustments and white balance and should be able to operate a shutter release cable or remote shutter control.

"If you are a beginner and wish to participate, let us know ahead of time and plan to come early as there will not be time for individual instruction during the workshop," the workshop announcement reads.

Underwood's daytime session will accommodate photographers with various levels of expertise. Instruction will begin indoors, and then Underwood will take the class into the field.

Fees can be paid by check, MasterCard or Visa. For more information or to register, call (806) 495 4148 or email ccarts@poka.com. Make checks payable to Caprock Cultural Association.

A news release from Caprock Cultural includes biographical sketches of both men:

Wyman Meinzer, who has a stellar reputation for his personal attention to his students, is the only official State Photographer of Texas. He re-

ceived this honor in 1997 by the Texas State Legislature and then Gov. George W. Bush and still holds it today.

Raised on the League Ranch, a 127,000-acre ranch in the rolling plains of Texas, Meinzer graduated from Texas Tech in 1974 with a bachelor of science degree in wildlife management and was voted Outstanding Alumnus in 1987 by the department of Range and Wildlife Management at Texas Tech University. He also received the Distinguished Alumnus award in 1995 from the School of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. The photographer was selected Texas Tech Mass Communications Teacher of the Year in 2005 and received the Distinguished Alumnus award from the university in 2009 recognizing his outstanding achievement and dedicated service.

After 33 years as a professional photographer, Mein-

zer has photographed and/or written 24-plus photography books, and his images have appeared on more than 250 magazine covers as well as on numerous book covers for other authors' works. His images have appeared in "Smithsonian," "National Geographic" books, "Natural History," "Time," "Newsweek," "U.S. News and World Report," "Audubon," "Sports Afield," "Field and Stream," "Outdoor Life," "Texas Parks and Wildlife," "Texas Highways," "Korea GEO," "German GEO," "Das Tier," "Airone," "Horzu," "BBC Wildlife" and many others. (Visit wymainzer.com for more info.)

Wes Underwood is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a master of science degree in agriculture education. He is currently the photography coordinator at South Plains College in Levelland.

Underwood's love for the outdoors comes through very

clearly in the type of photography that he does. An avid outdoorsman he finds no greater pleasure than to be on a site to shoot as the sun breaks in the morning or sets in the evening. For the Post photography workshop, his workshop will begin indoors; however, depending on the participants and weather -- who knows where Underwood will take the class?

He has been published in many national magazines including "The Cattleman," "Saddlebaron" and "The Agriculturist." Underwood's use of natural light to enhance photography is a trademark of his imagery. The photographer was featured on "Texas Country Reporter" for his work photographing lost and forgotten cemeteries across the Southwest; to date he has shot over 10,000 images on the subject and adds to the collection constantly.

For more info: wuphoto.com.

Texas Primary Date Still Shaky

By Hanaba Munn Welch

County clerks and other election officials are trying to follow a normal scenario, just as if they believe the Texas Primary Election set for April 3 will happen on April 3. But the date, moved forward already from March, could change again.

"Anything could happen," said Jim Plummer, county clerk. "It's all up to that court in San Antonio."

The San Antonio court, part of the federal system, continues to deal with challenges to the map approved by the state legislature in its last session -- a redistricting requirement that follows each U.S. Census. The court was set to hand down a ruling on Monday, but disagreements between the minority groups challenging the legislature's map kept an agreement and the ruling from happening.

Plummer and others of his ilk met Tuesday in Lubbock, hoping they would be moving forward with plans for the state-wide primary based on a court ruling. Instead, they discussed different possibilities as to how the election could play out.

"It was mostly just election

administrators, county clerks and voter registrars ... from north of Amarillo all the way down to San Angelo," Plummer said.

Hosted by Lubbock County, the gathering drew over 100 people, Plummer said.

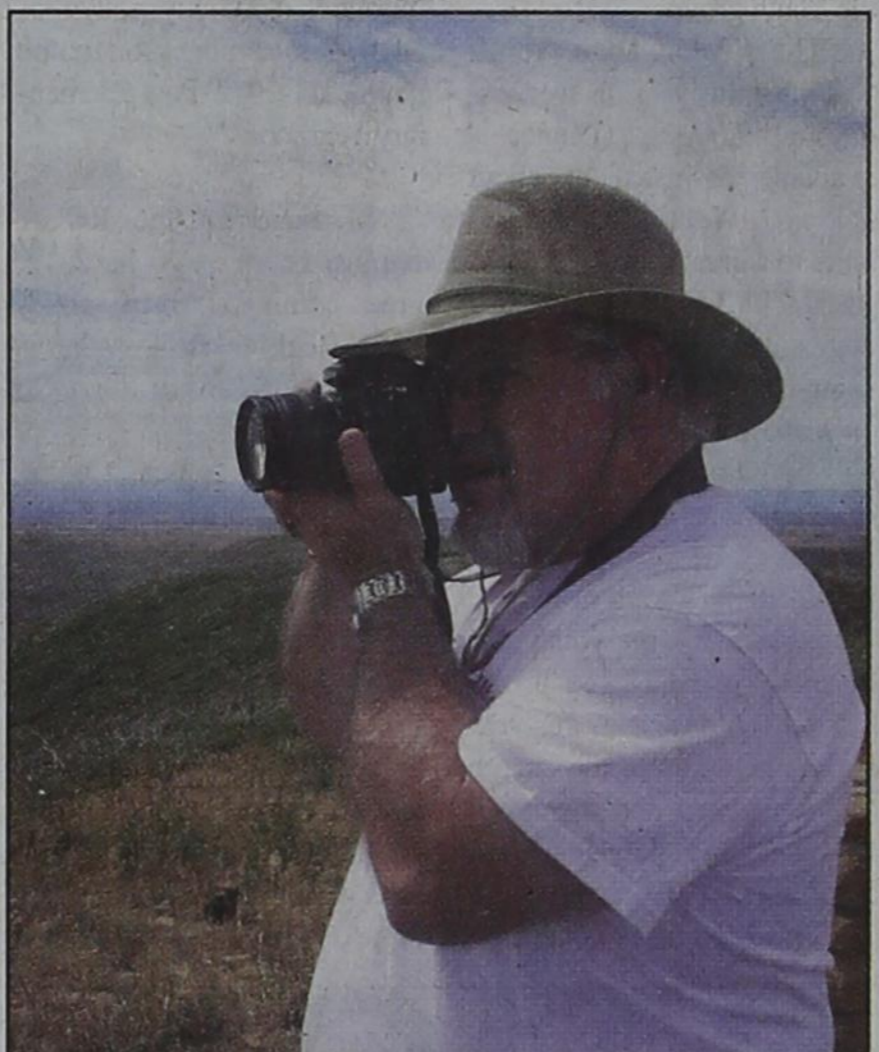
"We talked about different scenarios," he said. "Everything from campaign signs all the way to the second filing period."

One of the most interesting aspects of the goings-on is the second window of opportunity for candidates

to file for office and, if they choose, to drop out -- a yet-to-be-determined second filing period necessitated by the changes in political boundaries that will accompany the new map, when the new yet-to-be-drawn map becomes effective.

If it sounds confusing, that's because it is.

"We've been advised to plan on April 3," Plummer said Wednesday morning, even as the official date for the Texas Primary grows even less likely to change.



Courtesy Photo

Outdoor photographer Wes Underwood, a native of Idalou, shoots into the wide-open spaces, his favorite subject matter. Underwood, chief photographer at South Plains College, is teaming up with photographer and writer Wyman Meinzer to offer a weekend photography seminar in Post the last weekend in February. Caprock Cultural Association is sponsoring the event.



Vandalism has given graffiti a bad name, even in Italy, where graffiti sometimes get written in English, which gives English a bad name.

When I was a kid, nobody knew the word graffiti. Seniors wrote on water towers, kids in grade school used their pocketknives to carve their initials in their desks, and people wrote all sorts of stuff on restroom walls. But nobody dignified any of it with such fine-sounding term as graffiti, a word then known only to archaeologists, art historians and Italians.

Graffiti, by the way, is the singular, meaning one scribbling as opposed to plural scribbles. Interestingly, my computer tells me scribbling can't take an "s," but I just gave it one. So there.

If you want to feel smug, flaunt a rule of grammar in public and get away with it. Smug and above the law. That's me. I guess that's how some little hoodlums felt last week after they graffitied our otherwise un-defaced neighborhood.

How little were they? I'm guessing "Our Gang" age. No sane adult would lose sleep to spray wiggly lines and some barely legible letters on vehicles. It's not something to brag about the next day at work.

Our unassuming neighbor, enemy to no adolescents he can think of, got his nondescript pickup circumscribed with orange fluorescent paint. A Suburban down the block caught some white paint. My car escaped. So did a nearby Corvette.

The next morning, cans of spray paint were here and

there, as if the graffitiists had been scared and had tossed all tools of the trade as they ran off. Speaking of plural, no doubt they were. Misbehaving juveniles like company. Right?

On the other hand, when I myself made my first and only foray into the world of graffiti, I acted alone. I drew on the bare wood walls of our attic staircase landing with a pencil. No words were involved. I was 5. Maybe I knew how to write my name, but I didn't sign my work.

When Mother saw what I'd done, I lied and said I didn't do it. It's hard for an only child to get away with anything. I got a spanking. End of graffiti career.

Could it be the little scribbles who hit our neighborhood missed some spankings in their earlier formative years? Maybe.

Now, if they're caught, they'll be in line for more serious punishment. More likely they'll get away with it and go on to greater misdeeds. Pity.

Meanwhile, our whole neighborhood is left to fume. Fuming isn't good. It makes you frown and, by definition, brings no closure.

Rather than fume, I'd like to express myself in big letters to the vandals:

YOU'RE NO GOOD.
You're work is wimpy. Those little circular strokes you used to put the line on Al's pickup wouldn't even look good on a cake. If you're part of the same bunch that drew the swastika in another part of town, you got it wrong too. You lack a lot.
I feel better.

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