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Area National Guardsman deploying to Iraq

By Shawnette Hinkle

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6797 and Ladies Auxiliary hosted "We Support our Troops" dinner in honor of area National Guardsman deploying to Iraq. The dinner was held at VFW Post 6797 on Sunday, July 20.

Soldiers being honored were Sgt. W. Richard Hinkle, Sgt. Jeremy Stanley, and Spc. Ernesto Bustoz of Post, Sgt. Gary Strickland of Tahoka, and Sgt. Brent Cruz of Crosbyton. Other guests in attendance were State Representative Joe Heflin, District Representative Lisa Brooks from Congressman Randy Neugebauer's office, and County Judge Lee Norman. District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht was unable to attend but sent her regards.

Commander of VFW Post 6797, Chuck Ratliff, was Master of Ceremonies. Ratliff spoke of the VFW, programs and the benefits of joining the organization. "We are here to help you and your families," he stressed.

District Representative Lisa Brooks presented the soldiers with a US Flag that has flown over The State Capital in their honor. She stated, "It is an honor to present you this flag in celebration of your life rather than the usual way it is presented to your families." She asked each soldier to call their loved one to the stage and present them with the flag.

Representative Joe Heflin and Judge Lee Norman spoke of the families and their courage to carry on while their loved one is deployed.

Guest Speaker, Col. Mike Gibler, returning for his fourth tour in Iraq, spoke of honor, integrity, and selfless service and how each of these soldiers possess these values or they would not be doing what they are doing.

VFW Post 6797 Ladies Auxiliary President, Janet Ratliff presented each of the wives with a blue star service flag pin. These pins are worn by the immediate family of a soldier serving in the Armed Forces of the United States during any period of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces of the United States may be engaged.

The dinner concluded with the benediction given by Pastor John Foster of The First United Methodist Church of Post. He asked that we pray for each of the soldiers and their safe return home and to pray and look over their families while they are gone.

For more information on VFW programs or assistance for soldiers and their families, contact Chuck Ratliff at 806-495-2026.



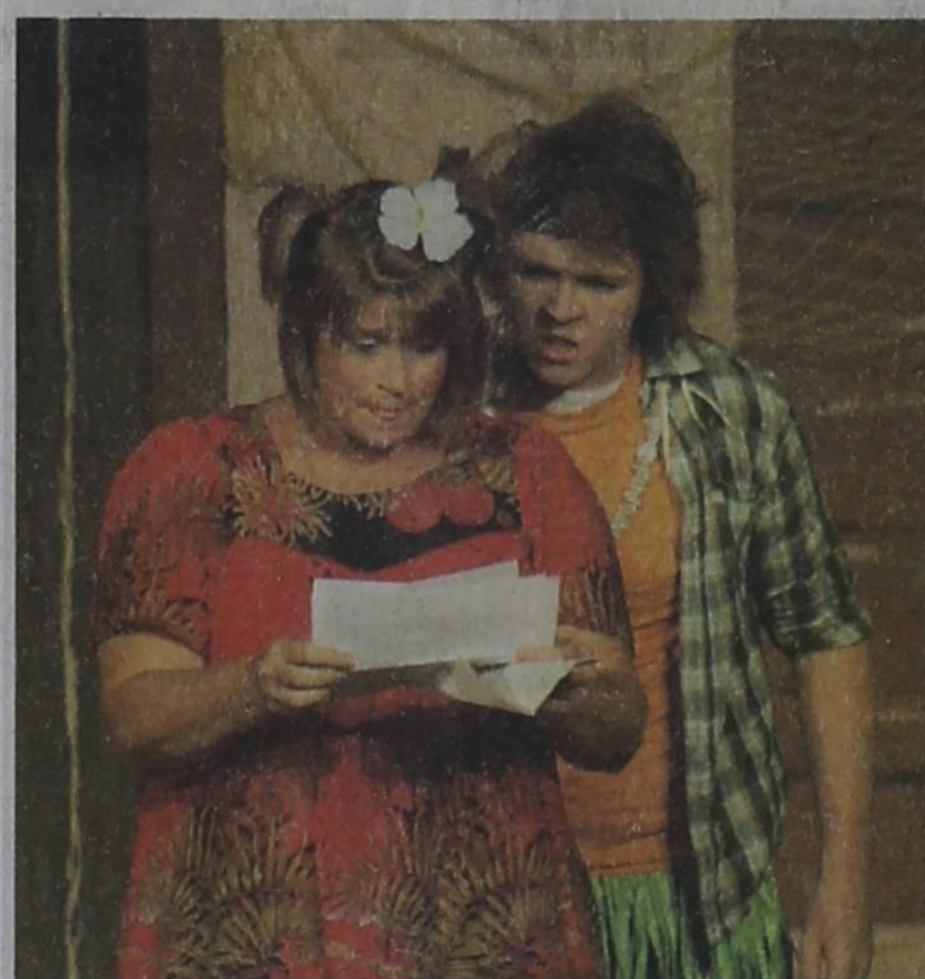
Soldiers leaving to Iraq

Top row (left to right) - Sgt. Jeremy Stanley, Sgt. W. Richard Hinkle, VFW Post 6797 Commander Chuck Ratliff, Col. Mike Gibler. Bottom Row - County Judge Lee Norman, Sgt. Brent Cruz, State Representative Joe Heflin, Spc. Ernesto Bustoz, Sgt Gary Strickland. (Photo by Merika Strivens)



July's Post City Merchant of the month Texas Treasures

Named Post City Merchant of the month for July is Texas Treasures. Participating in the presentation is (left to right) PCM Secretary, Naomi Matsler, Sue Trammell, Jack Trammell and Donna Degan.



The Garza Theatre's Last Tango in Pango Pango

Shipwreck Nelly played by Virginia Solomon (left) reads a letter to Pepe Le Moka Moka, Zach Kocurek (right) in very funny Last Tango in Pango Pango.

The Annual Harley Sadler Show is especially extraordinary with the additional vaudeville entertainment and the traditional salt water taffy sale and prize give-away. A must see show. See Post Notes for times and admission.



Ric Walton, Captain Egad tries to persuade Shipwreck Kelly to take Alpha, Jackie Slaugh (standing in back) Beta, Robin Taylor (floor left) and Gamma, Tianna Reyna (left floor) with him.

(Photos by Merika Strivens)

Post Notes

Rodeo Parade entries

Post Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting entries for the Post Stampede Rodeo Parade scheduled for Saturday, August 9 at 3 p.m. If you would like to participate with a float, 4 wheeler, golf cart, tractor, vehicle or your unique entry, please go by the Chamber office at 131 E. Main or call 495-3461. This year's parade will be in honor and memory of Jimmy Redman, parade chairman for the Centennial Parade. Please call and enter today!

Gordita sale at local church

The Church of God of Prophecy will be having a Gorditas plate sale on Friday, July 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Three Gorditas with beans, rice, salad and salsa.

"Last Tango in Pango Pango"

Garza Theatre, 226 E. Main proudly presents "The Last Tango Pango Pango", directed by Christy Morris. Seven performances only: July 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, at 8 p.m. and July 27 at 2:30 p.m. Admission - \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, students, military (with ID), and \$8 children 12 and under. Call 806-495-4005 for tickets and reservations.

Post Pee Wee football tryouts

Join us July 21 & July 28 at 6 p.m. at the practice field. You will need to wear t-shirt, shorts and running shoes. All students that are between the ages of 10 and 12 years of age are welcome! For more information call Delton Osborn at (806) 629-4088 after 5:00 p.m. or Russell Benham at (806) 629-4322 after 5:00 p.m.

Class of 1978 reunion

The Post High School Class of 1978 reunion will be held at the home of Bill and Donna Aten on Saturday, July 26. For more information, call Donna at 495-4088.

2008-2009 Post PTO pool party

The Post Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) will have their first meeting for the 08-09 school year on Tuesday, July 29 from 6-8 p.m. at the Post Public Pool. All parents and friends who wish to be involved with your child's education at the Post Public Schools including elementary, junior high and high school should attend. Kids swim free while parents get signed up for PTO and find out about our upcoming events! Bring a dessert and a towel! For more information contact postpto@aol.com or call Paige Huckaby at 263-4068.

Caprock Springs Fellowship hosting B.B.Q.

Caprock Springs Fellowship will be having a B.B.Q. supper on July 26, 2008 at Trailblazers from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Proceeds from this meal will go to our missionaries. BBQ plates are \$7.00, so come eat with us.

Southland reunion scheduled August 2

The Southland Reunion will be held August 2, 2008 at the Post School Cafeteria, 211 W. 8th. Registration starts at 3 p.m. Meal will be catered by "River Smiths" at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$7.95 per person. Please send check with RSVP by July 25th to Southland Reunion, P.O. Box 455, Slaton, TX 79364. If you need more information call 806-828-6070 or 806-495-2097. Call your classmates. For everyone who has lived in Southland, gone to school in Southland, or taken part in the community.

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Post City, Texas ... Home of Ragtown Gospel Theater

Sarah Sawyers and John Schram wed in Carrollton, Texas

Sarah Leanne Sawyers and John Randall Schram were married in a 6 p.m. ceremony on June 14, 2008 at the Coyote Ridge Golf Club, in Carrollton, TX.

Bill Pink, of Oklahoma City, OK performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Steve Sawyers and Marcella Sawyers of Lubbock, Texas and the granddaughter of Carolyn Sawyers of Post, TX.

The bridegroom's parents are

Randall and Deanne Schram, of Iowa Park, Texas and the grandson of Eldon and Dorothy Patterson of Iowa Park, Texas and Judy Huff of Wichita Falls, TX.

Serving as maid of honor was Nancy Sawyers from Abilene, Texas, sister of the bride.

Aaron Haws of Norman, OK served as best man.

Serving as bride attendants were Regina Kenton of Oklahoma City OK, Nikki Griggs of Lubbock, TX, and

Renee Earnest of Colorado Springs, CO.

Serving as groomsmen were Jeff Robertson of Baton Rouge, LA cousin of the groom, Jeremy Kenton of Oklahoma City OK, and Cameron Hollingsworth of Norman, OK.

Kelli Pilkington of Norman, OK was the featured soloist. She sang "Ava Maria".



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Are you the next Got Milk Mom?

The Got Milk? Chief Health Officer Tour is stopping at Lubbock's South Plains Mall on July 30 from 11:00am-2:00pm with great free events for the whole family. Families can participate in the Chief Health Officer contest by recording a 30-second video explaining why their mom – or a mom they know – should be named America's Chief Health Officer of her family. Ultimately, one mom will win the title of "America's Chief Health Officer" and receive an appearance in a milk mustache ad. In addition, mom can enter the national Chief Health Officer Sweepstakes and have the opportunity to win a reward she so "richly" deserves – a \$100,000 Chief Health Officer salary.

Interview Opportunities Include:
A registered dietitian who can provide tips on how moms can help their families live a healthy lifestyle

Details on how residents can enter the Chief Health Officer Contest by "mom-inating" a local mom to become Lubbock's Chief Health Officer – one winner to appear in her own Milk Mustache ad.

Information on how mom can enter the Chief Health Officer Sweepstakes for the chance to win a reward she "richly" deserves – a \$100,000 Chief Health Officer's salary.

Information on free Chief Health Officer events in Lubbock where the whole family can engage in fun and educational activities.

Editor's note: I questioned about a mom from Post entering the contest, the answer was, "yes a mother from Post can definitely win the Chief Health Officer contest. They can either come to our event in Lubbock and record a 30 sec video on-site, or they can submit an essay or video online at whymilk.com."



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Vacation Bible School

The Graham Chapel Church of Christ and 10th and M Church of Christ will co-sponsor a vacation bible school on Saturday, Aug. 2, from 9:30 a.m. until two o'clock at the 10th and M Church location. Theme for the day will be "Miracles of Christ" and is for pre-school thru fifth grade children. Teachers from both churches will be preparing and teaching. Lunch will be served following the miracle of feeding the 5,000. Registration begins at 9:30 and classes begin at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring their children to attend this very special day of learning from the bible. Much work and planning is going into this activity.

Garza County Team Roping

The Garza County Team Roping for 2008 will be held on August 2, 2008 at 6 p.m. Books open at 5 p.m. The roping will be dedicated to Jimmie Redman with twenty-five percent of all donations going to the Redman Scholarship Fund. There will be Steer Stopping first, followed by the Team Roping. You must pre-enter. For more information, to enter or donate, call Randy Lewis 777-8295, Cass Tatum 549-7176, or Danny Vernon 495-2415.

"Art on Main Street" held August 5-9

Celebrating 47 years, Post Art Guild, Inc. presents "Art on Main Street", August 5-9 at Algerita Art Center, 131 E. Main. Entries will be accepted Tuesday, August 5 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Wednesday, August 6 from 9 a.m.-noon. Juror will be Mr. Joseph Adams, professor of art at Western Texas College in Snyder. \$2000 in purchase awards. Call Linda, 495-2207, Marie, 629-4337 or Sheri, 495-3493 for more information.

"Where The Spirit Dwells"

OS Museum located at 201 E. Main and Avenue I, invites you to view the 2008 summer exhibit, "Where The Spirit Dwells." Experience the spirit of the old and new world through the spectacular art and artifacts exhibited. An upstairs elevator is provided for your convenience. For more information, call 495-3570

Trailblazers BBQ brisket sale

A barbecue brisket plate with all the trimmings will be available for \$5 at Trailblazers Senior Citizen Center on Saturday, August 9 from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come enjoy a good meal before the rodeo parade. Donations to the center will gladly be accepted at that time. A special bucket will be available for those wishing to donate to a special fund to help Trailblazer director Lana McGee with expenses incurred by her recent major surgery. Raffle tickets for a shotgun will also be available for purchase.

Trailblazers selling tickets for 12 gauge

Tickets for the raffle of a Turkish Silver Eagle Sajah 12 gauge pump shotgun may be purchased at Garza County Trailblazers, 205 E. 10th street. One ticket cost \$1 or six tickets may be purchased for \$5. The drawing will be held Monday, August 11, at noon at the Trailblazers Center.

Celebration Days Street Party August 9

Post City Merchants will be sponsoring the annual "PCM Street Party" on Saturday, August 9. It will be held in conjunction with the Post Stampede Rodeo, August 7-8-9. All vendors are invited to sell their wares on the streets of Post. Please call Donna Degan at 495-0888 for more information, or come by Plum Crazy to pick up an application form.

Trailblazers seeking fresh veggies

Donations of garden vegetables will be gladly accepted at the Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center.

Community Ice Cream Supper

Graham Chapel Church of Christ will host a community wide fellowship and ice cream supper at their building, 15th and Ave. S., Saturday, August 16, 2008, at 7:00 pm. They will be joined in this effort by the 10th and M Church of Christ. Everyone in the community is invited to come and bring friends for a fun evening.

Fund-raiser for mission trip

Unchained Life Ministries will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a 26" RCA flat screen TV with surround sound, DVD system and entertainment center. Tickets are 3 for \$20. The drawing will be held on Labor Day, September 1. You need not be present to win. You may purchase tickets at The Post Dispatch and Holly's Drive-In.

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The Post Masonic Lodge group picture of the newly installed officers for the 08-09 Year.

The Post Masonic Lodge #1058 held officer installation on July 10 for the 2008-2009 Masonic Year. The installation was presided over by the Hon. David Counts, current Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Texas (similar to Vice President) and former State Congressional Representative for Garza County. Pictured above are: (back row) Trevor Thuett, Master of the Lodge; Archie Gill, Secretary; Paul Beebe, Past Master; (middle row) Terry Stodner, Installing Marshal; Jimmy Jones, Treasurer; Clifford Colvin, Junior Warden; Pat Pennell, Tiler; (front row) Benjie Smith, Senior Steward; Brian Smith, Junior Steward; Michael Isbell, Junior Deacon; Hon David Counts, Installing Officer; David Tyler, Senior Warden. Not Shown: Kelly Baker, Chaplain; Daniel Yarbrow, Senior Steward.



“Operation Spotlight” Uncovers Fuel Company Cheating Customers at Pump

By: Todd Staples

Tuesday, July 22nd, I announced results of “Operation Spotlight,” a major investigation into Petroleum Wholesale, L.P.’s fuel stations. The company operates under the name Sunmart in Texas, and has stations located in several cities across the state. Findings from “Operation Spotlight” have confirmed numerous Sunmart gas stations have cheated Texas consumers by giving them less fuel than they purchased, and strongly indicate this could have been a deliberate act by the company.

At a time when families are struggling to purchase fuel, I am sure all Texans would agree with me that despicable violations such as these are repulsive and must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Give the strong indication this company has intentionally cheated consumers, I have passed along the results of “Operation Spotlight” to Attorney General Abbott and his office has opened an investigation into the matter.

I initiated “Operation Spotlight” after becoming aware of some egregious violation patterns that pointed to the possibility of Sunmart intentionally shortchanging Texas drivers. The three-day operation ended on Sunday, July 20, with the following results:

- 990 of Sunmart’s 1,704 fuel pumps cheated consumers (58 percent)

- 47 Sunmart stations cheated customers on more than half of their pumps

- 15 of those 47 stations had every single pump cheating drivers.
- TDA shut down all of the non-compliant pumps.

While the investigation remains ongoing, TDA estimates the company could be fined more than \$100,000 as a result of their irresponsible actions.

Besides Texas, Petroleum Wholesale, L.P. operates Sunmart fuel stations in Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Utah and Arizona. Commissioner Staples has alerted regulatory officials in these states to inform them of this investigation.

While this specific operation may have ended, we are far from finished. We are going to shine the light on all violators who are looking to shortchange Texans. I will not stand for companies taking advantage of good citizens and I will work hard to protect all our consumers.

This investigation is ongoing. TDA inspectors will conduct follow-up inspections on each and every gas pump that was tagged out of order once it is recalibrated. We will also conduct re-inspections in the coming weeks on a random sample of the Sunmart stations. If we find continued violations, the penalties could rise much higher.

This investigation has given us great insight and we will use what we have learned to strengthen the regulatory process. We are raising the bar so there is a strong incentive for ALL gas station owners to be compliant; a goal which I believe is strongly shared by the 95 percent of the retail fuel industry that operates with honest business practices.

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The Paperboy

By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

Dumbest Idea Award

Winner of The Paperboy's Dumbest Idea Award goes to: Virgin Mobile, one of the largest cell phone companies in the country, and the National Network For Youth, a Washington, D.C., lobbying group for more than 150 organizations which help homeless youth.

Seems the two groups decided last week to begin testing a new fund raising idea. The new national Web campaign encourages young people to post strip-tease videos of themselves as a way of raising clothing donations for homeless youths.

As part of the campaign, entitled "Strip2Clothe," the campaign carries the moniker, "You take off yours, we donate ours." Young people were asked to post videos of themselves stripping to music. In exchange, clothing companies would provide donations of new clothes based on the number of times the videos were viewed. No full nudity was permitted. Rightfully, the idea has been greeted with outrage because of its tasteless nature and exploitation of teenage girls.

"It was a shock to everybody," voiced Trudee Able-Peterson, coordinator of outreach services at StreetWorks, a Twin Cities collaborative of outreach programs. "This is the message we send kids? That my granddaughter, who's 17, should strip to provide clothes for other kids?"

What in the world makes someone think this is a good idea? How can a group of people sit in a board room and come up with this and not think there would be some backlash from the public?

Honestly, I think there is something in the atmosphere which is somehow draining common sense from the human brain. That, or the moron farm is having another bumper crop.

When companies think of campaigns which make me scratch my head, it reminds me of a "WKR" in Cincinnati" episode I saw on television when I was a child. Mr. Carlson, the radio station manager, decided to drop turkeys from a helicopter over a mall parking lot. He thought they could fly. Next thing you know, it's raining 12 lb. birds all over the people and cars below.



Kay Bailey Hutchison

UNITED STATES SENATOR, TEXAS

Measured Steps to Ease Housing Crisis

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

The housing crisis is eroding the confidence of our nation's homeowners, financial institutions, and investors at an accelerating rate.

Americans are growing anxious that the equity they've paid into their homes may not provide the financial security that home ownership once guaranteed. Worst of all, nearly 1.9 million borrowers across the nation more than 50,000 of them in Texas who have filed for foreclosure on their homes this year live with diminished hope that their own symbol of the American dream will be realized.

The Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) each have similar roles in the home mortgage market. They buy mortgages from primary lenders like banks which make additional funds available to those banks to lend to other potential homeowners.

Fannie and Freddie were created by Congress specifically to make home ownership affordable and attainable for low and middle-income Americans. Since 2000, Freddie Mac has provided \$821.6 million in low-cost mortgages to

Texas families. And as of May 2008, Fannie Mae has purchased over a million home mortgages in our state. Across the nation, Fannie and Freddie own or guarantee \$5.2 trillion in home mortgages almost half of all outstanding mortgages in the U.S. Because current regulation requires each firm to have a financial cushion of cash or securities, plummeting investor confidence is the basis for the current climate of crisis.

Economists of all philosophies agree that the collapse of Fannie or Freddie would have a devastating impact on the U.S. housing market and further damage an already-fragile U.S. economy.

Concerns about their viability have reinvigorated Congressional efforts to pass a sweeping housing bill addressing the core issues of the financial crisis.

Central to the legislation are long-overdue reforms, which establish a new, independent entity to regulate Fannie, Freddie, and the 12 Federal Home Loan Banks that were set up after the Savings and Loan crisis of the 1980s. The new entity will have the authority to set capital standards and establish prudent management practices. These provisions are designed to ensure the safe and sound operation of Fannie and Freddie and better prepare them to weather unforeseen market challenges that

Opinions



Watermelons

by Hanaba Munn Welch

Buying a watermelon is like buying a car. You don't want to get stuck with a lemon.

Here's the first rule: Be nonchalant. Act like you know what you're doing - even if you don't. In the spirit of kicking tires, give the melons some thumps.

Not that I've ever been very good at kicking tires or thumping melons. If a tire is flat, you can tell it without giving it a kick. What's the point?

But melon thumping is different. Everybody does it, so there must be something to it. It's easy as kicking tires. But what are we listening for? This week I decided to do the research. I thumped several melons and bought three.

My results: A melon that thuds when thumped is ripe - maybe too ripe. A melon that rings when thumped may not be ripe enough. The perfect melon is somewhere in between. Good luck. So far I've eaten an over-ripe thudder and an under-ripe ringer, in that order. I enjoyed them both. The other melon remains to be cut. It sounds promising.

But you'd probably better do your own research. I'm no expert, even if our family crest does have a melon on it - or should.

In the historic photograph collections of most families, some old pictures seem to have been taken to show off the cars more than the people. I'm thinking of Uncle Horton's Reo and my grandmother's Columbia Super-Six.

But among our keepsake photographs, my favorites are the studio shots of my father, circa 1908, with prize watermelons grown by his father. Sort of says it all.

Remember, in those days, melons weren't made to fit in refrigerators. My father, barefoot but dressed in his finest, looks to be about 3 years old. The melons look older. Talk about some big watermelons.

Later, Daddy grew melons on our farm, usually next to the peach orchard. One year he planted a whole field of melons where cotton usually grew. I'm guessing he was disgusted with that cotton ground and wanted to follow his own father's melon-planting rule: plant melons on your poorest land.

The rule must work. We ended up with lots of watermelons that year. We loaded some nice ones one day in a small trailer and hauled them north across the Red River to Oklahoma to sell to families living in pale yellow railroad cars in a railroad work camp. The whole place looked to me like a dusty gypsy encampment minus the horses and campfires. That's how I remember it.

But I've searched the Internet, source of all knowledge, and I find nothing about transient families living in railroad car villages in Southwest Oklahoma in the mid-1950s.

So what do I know? Just that we sold them melons.

What we didn't sell, we froze in special jars. It's July in January when you thaw out a jar of watermelon for dessert - a little mushy, but still a taste of summer.

It's enough to make you want to thump a good melon.

White River Weekly Report

July 21, 2008

Gauge Reading	Rainfall for 2004
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White River Lake has 865,134,405 million gallons left available at the Intake or 10% capacity or 2,655 acre feet. Subtract 47,090,725 MG for evaporation this week in July that leaves 818,043,680 MG available as of today.

White River's daily average demand for 2007 was 1.26million gallons per day for all White River Customers.

The Well Field wells will produce 1.80 million gallons per day.

The Oil Company using water for mining has been stopped until the Lake level rises.

White River Municipal Water District is in Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan.

Remember that the Water District is there for you if we can assist you in any way let us know.

Source: Mickey Rogers GM White River, general manager, WRMWD

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gained well-deserved reputations for determination, professionalism and excellence. They wear the badge of policemen and women, sheriffs, deputies, constables, corrections and detention officers, game wardens and other officers.

Peace officers cover rural and urban Texas. They work our streets and highways, as well as airports, schools, waterways, parks and jails - wherever they are needed. In addition to fighting crime, they serve on the front line during disasters and emergencies and help safeguard us from terrorists. Many are tireless community volunteers.

The Texas Law Enforcement Code of Ethics emphasizes the high standards of the profession. "As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder, and to respect the constitutional rights of all persons to liberty, equality, and justice."

The work of peace officers presents daily risk and danger, sometimes leading to tragic consequences. With that brings more examples of the dedication and heroism of our peace officers. We can never thank them enough, but we can show our support and respect.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of National Night Out. Texans across the state will gather in citywide and neighborhood events to generate support for anticrime programs, to strengthen citizen partnerships with law enforcement agencies and to put criminals on notice that we are fighting back to

keep our communities safe.

You may want to check with local organizers about the date for National Night Out in your area. Because of summer temperatures, some Texas communities are changing the date of this year's National Night Out to Oct. 7.

I was privileged to be in Corpus Christi last year on National Night Out. There is no more effective tool against crime than a community that is united against it.

No one said it better than President Ronald Reagan, a strong supporter of National Night Out. "Such citizen action reaffirms those values of community, respect for the law, and individual responsibility that are so much a part of our national heritage... Strong, safe communities don't just happen. They are built by people who care and volunteer their time and energy to make the community a good place to live."

Congress, too, has an obligation to do all it can to provide support and protection to our peace officers. I am pushing the Daniel Faulkner Court and Law Enforcement Protection Act, which is aimed at strengthening penalties for criminals who target law enforcement officials and federal judges. It also would curb frivolous lawsuits filed against police officers and streamline the appellate process for those murderers who receive the death penalty for murdering a judge or police officer.

As we remember the rich heritage of Texas law enforcement on National Night Out, let's reaffirm our commitment to the rule of law and the people sworn to uphold it. It's a good time for all who respect the badge to honor those who wear it.



By: U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

The Badge of Honor

The Texas Rangers are legendary for their dedication, skill and heroism. Unforgettable names like John Coffee "Jack" Hayes, William "Big Foot" Wallace and Manuel T. "Lone Wolf" Gonzaulas are embedded in our history.

The hard-charging William J. "Captain Bill" McDonald, said to have inspired the phrase "One Riot, One Ranger," also gained fame for this motto: "No man in the wrong can stand up against a fellow that's in the right and keeps on a-comin'."

Generations of Texas peace officers have embraced those words and have

On God's Word

Fruit of the spirit...temperance

By: Tim Burnett

Diving into a study of temperance related to the fruit of the spirit (Galatians 5:23), it is important to understand that it is not strictly about behavioral modification.

While temperance does involve behavioral self-control, it primarily hinges on the spirit of God in the name of Jesus Christ. People can spend their whole lives acting good, but only with holy spirit inside, can they truly learn temperance just as Jesus Christ was and still is temperate. Christians also have the perfect information that came from the spirit of God that was spoken and recorded by His servants as found in the New and Old Testament. With the wonderful help of lexicons, concordances and dictionaries, the Bible contains all that is needed for godliness (see also 2Peter 1:3). Temperance is just one part of the things that pertain to life and godliness.

Continuing with verse three of 2Peter chapter one, "Whereby is given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

Please notice that the context is about partaking of the divine nature, and not about obtaining it. This is significant considering the common tendency to use fear and guilt to influence people to change their behaviors. As will be shown, this is not God's style.

The divine nature is about having the power and authority of "Christ in you." The first record of people obtaining this nature can be found in Acts 2:4. Once people get born again, they become literal children of God, with the spiritual seed Jesus Christ sealed in them (see also Romans 10:9-10, 9:8 & 26, 4:4-25; Galatians 3:16; Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:30).

"For by grace are you saved through faith" (Ephesians 3:8). It's by God's grace, through the faith of His son Jesus Christ, that we are saved, and not through our own works of believing. With this in mind, all behavioral factors involving temperance must be addressed with God's grace, mercy and tender-kindness. The behaviors of God's children can no more change their Father-son standing with Him than the standing that exists between earthly Fathers and children. Children can not extract the genetic bond with their parents. Likewise, God's children can not change the spiritual sonship bond with Him...no matter how badly they act in life.

Christians are given exceeding great and precious promises that by them, they might be partakers of the divine nature. They can have the divine nature sealed in them without being partakers of it. Being a partaker of the divine nature is dependent upon having first obtained the divine nature. At the same time, the divine nature can be sealed inside people who are living lives that keep them from being able to be partakers of it.

2Peter 1:5-7 provides an excellent list of things related to partaking in the divine nature and is summed up with the love of God. Verse eight shines more light on the subject, "For if these things be in you and abound, they make you neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The word temperance meant self control, strong, robust, having power over and possession of self, mastering, controlling, curbing and restraining one self.

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VOTER INFORMATION

Voter Registration: October 6, 2008 is the last day a person may submit an application to register to vote in the November 4, 2008 General Election. Also, October 6, 2008 is the last day for a voter who has moved to a different election precinct within the county to submit a change of address to be eligible to vote in the precinct of his or her new residence.

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Howard and Bhakta awarded scholarships



Meagen Howard-Griffis

Meagen Howard-Griffis, a graduate of Post High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Howard-Griffis received an Abell-Hanger Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$8,000, payable \$2,000 each semester for the first two years of higher education. The Abell-Hanger Foundation awarded 22 scholarships to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement. One Abell-Hanger Foundation scholarship was awarded to a student who plans to major in nursing.

This year the TILF awarded 393 new awards and will renew approximately 225 awards for a total of more than 600 scholarships for 2008-09, with the value of over \$1 million. Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Howard-Griffis competed in one act play at the 2006 UIL Academic State Meet and was a octofinalist in cross examination debate at the 2008 meet. She also participated in UIL solo and ensemble, informative speaking and ready writing throughout her high school career. She is the daughter of Terri and Tracy Morris and Eddie Griffis.

Howard-Griffis plans to attend The University of Texas at Austin and major in government.



Suhani Mukesh Bhakta,

Suhani Mukesh Bhakta, a graduate of Post High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Bhakta received the UIL Legislative Council Scholarship in honor the 2007-08 chairman, Carl Taylor Superintendent of Wellington ISD, in the amount of \$1000, payable \$500 each semester of the first year. The UIL Legislative Council Scholarship, awarded by TILF, honors the Council Chairman of the current school year and is awarded to a student who has competed at the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet, and has compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievements.

This year the TILF awarded 393 new awards and will renew approximately 225 awards for a total of more than 600 scholarships for 2008-09, with value of over \$1 million. Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Bhakta competed in cross examination debate at the 2008 UIL Academic State Meet. She also participated in UIL mathematics, science, tennis, basketball and cross country throughout her high school career. She is the daughter of Mukesh Bhakta and Daxa Bhakta.

Bhakta plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in undecided studies.

Extension Extras

4-H Officer Training

There is still room for those who want to participate in the District 2 4-H Officer Training on August 1. This event is FREE and open to all 4-H members who want to attend. You don't have to be an officer - just go and have fun!

Post Stampede Summer Series

Held every Sunday through August 17, rain date August 24 if needed. Entry fee is \$110 per child. The events are meant for children to have fun and learn to ride.

Calling All Volunteers!

Volunteers needed to help build the float for the Rodeo Parade. "Construction" will begin sometime next week. Call Barb Palmer for more information at 806-470-1295.

Mark Your Calendars! Post Stampede Rodeo August 7-9.

State Sheep/Goat Validations

The state-wide sheep and goat validation tags must be ordered by August 25, 2008. The cost is \$10 per tag, payable upon ordering them. Contact the Extension office for your 2009 tags.

Fall Fair Entries

For those wanting to exhibit and the upcoming fair(s), entries are due August 8, 2008. Please come by the Extension office to enter for these fairs prior to the 8th of August. There are also new competitions at the fair. Best Dressed Rabbit Contest is a costume contest. Kids who have one bunny or prefer sewing and embellishing can enter their bunny dressed up. Call Barb Palmer for more information. 806-470-1295 or email her at barb1102@gmail.com.

Shotgun Project

Shotgun practice will be held Mondays at 6 p.m. at Palmer Gun Club until the Garza County 4-H Shotgun Sports Trap Shoot August 2. Early registration is underway and will be open until July 29th. The fee is \$10.00 plus \$5.00 per round. Late entries will pay \$20.00 plus \$5.00 per round. Be there at 8 a.m. to register and the Shoot begins promptly at 9 a.m. Concessions will be available. Fax registration forms to 806-495-2776. For more information contact Celia or Ray Mason at 495-2776 or 806-781-8022.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.



Gold City appeared live in concert at the Ragtown Gospel Theater on Sunday afternoon, July 20th, 2008.

A Golden Afternoon

By: Michael F. Taylor

The highly acclaimed southern gospel group Gold City appeared live in concert at the Ragtown Gospel Theater on Sunday afternoon, July 20th, 2008 to the delight of a packed audience. Gold City, which has received numerous SINGING NEWS FAN AWARDS; including Album of the year, Song of the year, Group of the year and Individuals of the year awards, did not disappoint. Gold City's unique blend of tight four-part harmony and a deep belief in the gospel message that they spread, with a touch of comical showmanship combined to reach the heart of everyone that was in attendance. Gold City thrilled the audience with their long list of hits, including "Midnight Cry" and "I'm Not Giving Up".

Once again, the whole crew of performers, actors and volunteers at Ragtown Gospel Theater came together to create a night of enjoyment, laughter, tears and blessings. Chip and Glenn Polk have truly created a place where professional, wholesome, Christian entertainment keeps the patron glued to their seat, with the exception of standing ovations, of course.

The magical evening did not end with the last song by Gold City. Glenn Polk starred in the spiritually uplifting "Paul the Apostle" with a wonderful group of supporting cast members. One should not forget the musical performance of Chip Polk to open the afternoon's festivities, as well. For anyone who missed this spectacular day of gospel entertainment, do not despair. Chip and Glenn and the whole Ragtown Gospel Theater crew have many more outstanding shows ahead. Keep spreading the good news and blessings!



Post Volunteer Fireman, Doug Flanigan responded to a fire at Two Draw Lake. Bud Anderson was cutting this trailer into scrap metal when the wood flooring caught on fire as well as the nearby tires. The fire was contained. We are reminded by EMS, Rodney Tidwell and Michael Isbell, Emergency Management Coordinator, of the burn ban that is in affect and to use caution when attempting these tasks and to always have a good water source on hand. (Photo by Merika Strivens)



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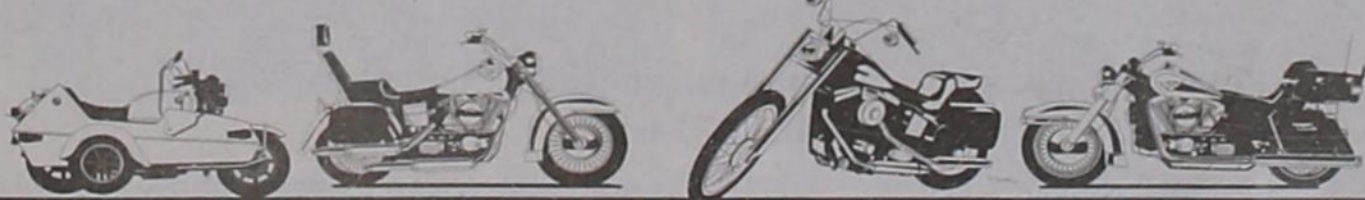
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Obituaries

Nora Lorene Puckett

Lorene was born Nora Lorene Puckett on September 20, 1917 in Hunt Co., Texas to Milt and Nora Puckett. She died Friday, July 18, 2008 in Post. She graduated from Post High School and Lubbock Business College. She was a longtime resident of Amarillo where she was the director of Meals on Wheels. She was one of the people responsible for starting the Amarillo Meals on Wheels and was the director until her retirement. She was a 33 Year member of the Top of Texas Chapter of the American Business Women's Association where she held every office and had numerous awards. She was a longtime member of the Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo and was active in the Singles Sunday school Class.



She is survived by 4 nieces: Twana McCrary of Post, Janet Green of Ft. Worth, Sharon Marr of Victoria and Judy Puckett of Arlington.

Pallbearers were Steve Short, Casey Short, Randall Petty, Dennis McDonald, Josh Cross and Don Schofield.

Honorary Pallbearers include the Amarillo Meals on Wheels volunteers.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 21st in the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel in Post. Interment will be in the Terrace Cemetery in Post.

The family would like to express our thanks to the management and staff of the Golden Plains Care Center in Post.

Billy Joe Lofton

Services for Billy Joe Lofton, 78, of Post will be at 11 AM Thursday in the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dale Dozier of Abilene officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery will be under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Monday, July 21 in Post. He was born Oct. 11, 1929 in Post to Alvin and Jessie Lofton. He married Peggy Palmer on Feb. 5, 1949 in Lubbock. He was a tool pusher in the oilfield prior to his retirement. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife: Peggy of Post, 1 Son: Joe Lofton of Lubbock, 4 Daughters: Kay Haworth of Rock Springs, Wy, Judy Sue Rudd of Houston, Kris Lofton of Ashfield, NC and Teresa Wise of Owosso, Okla.; 4 Sisters: Joyce Nelson of Post, DeElva Martin of San Jose, Ca., Jean Little of Post and Gloria Ann Strouder of Okla. City, 13 Grandchildren and 9 Great Grandchildren.



(William Monroe continued)

Sandefur, Sheral Sanford, O.H. Majors, Don McCain, Sonny Ritchie, Kenneth Tippen, Brandon Tobias, Tyler Tobias, Shane Whitaker, Scott Whitaker, Ricky Metzler, Davy Montgomery and Daryl Townsend.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to the responding police officers and Cari Ingram with the Crisis Team.

Online condolences may be made at Lake Ridge Memorial Chapel and Memorial Designers at www.memorialdesigners.net.

Margaret Sue Katherine Rodgers Thompson

Services for Margaret Sue Katherine Rodgers Thompson, 77, of Ore City, will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 24, 2008, at Grubbs-Loyd Funeral Home in Diana, with Don Ross officiating. Interment will be in Ore City Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Grubbs-Loyd Funeral Home in Diana.



Margaret Sue Katherine Rodgers was born June 10, 1931, in Abbeville, Texas, to Roy Frederick and Ildra Lee Rodgers. She went home to be with her

Lord on Monday, July 21, 2008, at home in Ore City, Texas, surrounded by her devoted husband and her loving children and grandchildren.

She married May 14, 1949, to William Theodore Thompson, in Booker, Texas. Their five children, Kathy, Patty, Mike, Mary and Suzy, were raised in El Paso, where the family lived until the early 1980s.

Mrs. Thompson attended college in El Paso at The College of Mines, later named Texas Western, and now the University of Texas at El Paso. She worked at White Sands Missile Range in the early 1960s, and then went on to work for the newspaper in El Paso, where her husband also worked. She was employed at Government Employees Credit Union in El Paso for more than 15 years and was always known for her gracious and friendly treatment of others.

Mrs. Thompson enjoyed many hobbies, including reading and sewing, but she loved birds, and the hummingbirds would flock to her front porch all summer long. In recent years, she kept a colorful flower garden and was known for her incredible green thumb.

She and her husband loved to travel with the family, and the yearly vacations were planned and executed with great precision. She and Bill traveled by car to Alaska and Canada in the early 1970s for two weeks, and it was one of their favorite trips. She was an avid basketball fan, having played with distinction during her high school years. She was a great fan, friend and supporter of the 1966 NCAA Championship Team, The Miners of Texas Western College. She was awarded her pilot's license in 1965, and she and Bill were able to fly with all five children to Longview to visit their grandparents and cousins on several occasions.

She was a member and president of the El Paso Chapter of the 99's, an international organization of women pilots, and she flew in several Powder Puff Derby's across the country. Her love of flying was shared by her husband and entire family, and her many friends in the El Paso Chapter stayed in touch when the family moved from the area.

After moving to East Texas, Bill and Margaret settled in Ore City, where her parents, Roy and Ildra Rodgers lived also. Over the years, their children gravitated to the area to be close to their parents, and there was always room in their home for all the friends and family to visit, especially at Thanksgiving, when Margaret usually served dinner for more than 40 people.

She was a loving wife, mother, daughter and sister. She was loved by all who came in contact with her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Ildra; her sisters, Maurine and Glenna; and her brother, Roy Lee.

She is survived by her husband, Bill; son, Mike and Linda Thompson of Ore City; daughters, Kathy and David Tyler of Post, Texas, Patty and Danny Ratcliff, Mary and Doug Thompson, all of Ore City, and Suzy and Jerry Simmons of Longview; sister, Jean Cloud of Ore City; sisters-in-law, Helen Rodgers of San Angelo, and Rosalynn Rivers of Fort Smith, Arkansas; brother-in-law, Vernon Born of Garland, Texas; 16 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; seven nieces; four nephews; and friends all across the state of Texas.

Visitation with the family will be conducted from 5-8 p.m. today, July 23, 2008, at Grubbs-Loyd Funeral Home in Diana.



William Monroe "Bill" Biddy

William Monroe "Bill" Biddy, 73, died Sunday, July 20, 2008. He was born January 14, 1935 to James Dallas "Coley" Biddy and Jody Kirkland Biddy in Paducah, Texas. He married Janice Montgomery Biddy on November 26, 1958.

Bill Biddy was a 1953 graduate of Paducah High School and an active athlete. He won Golden Gloves competition from 1950 to 1953 while also participating in football

and baseball. He continued his athletic pursuits throughout his lifetime often running sprints in seniors' competitions.

Bill served in the Army prior to 1961, before he began selling Allstate Insurance at the downtown Lubbock Sears location that is now Lubbock City Hall. A respected businessman, Bill began acquiring rental property while working as an Allstate agent. When he retired from Allstate in 2000, Bill continued to be active in real estate and automobile sales as Bill Biddy Properties.

He was an active supporter of the FFA. Bill always displayed a mother hen and her chicks at the South Plains Fair with a sign that read "This old Biddy and Chicks courtesy of Bill Biddy" along with a large variety of animals for the children's petting zoo. The Texas Tech Athletic Department benefited from Bill's participation as a TTU Car Coach, TTU Scholarship Supporter, Honorary TTU Track Coach and Red Raider Club member.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Dallas "Coley" Biddy and Jody Kirkland Biddy; brother, James Dallas "JD" Biddy; sister, Dora Biddy Ostermeier and her husband Rudy Ostermeier.

He is survived by his wife, Janice; two daughters, Staci and husband Joe Marts of Post, and Sebrena and husband Doug Townsend of Georgetown; four grandchildren, Zane and Cody Bill Marts of Post, Courtney and fiancé, Jerry Moss and Keyli Townsend of Georgetown; niece, Connie Biddy and husband Gary Beauchamp of Amarillo and their son Greg Beauchamp, wife, Kim, of Amarillo and Connie's daughter Jennifer Beauchamp of Dallas; and a second niece, Jan Ostermeier and her husband Hugh Parker of Dallas, their son, Ricky Parker of Dallas, their daughter Kim Parker McKinney, and husband David and their son, Zack, of Dallas.

He is also survived by his brother, J.D. Biddy's wife Ruth and hundreds of relatives who shared his love of life. Cousins in the Lubbock area who enjoyed his frequent visits and calls include Geraldine Hester, Louise Thompson, Elizabeth "Nig" Hopper and Phil Price. Also holding a special place in Bill's heart was Georgia Ruth Creamer, her husband, Sherrill, their daughter Michelle Tobias, her husband Ray and their sons Tyler and Brandon and his wife, Kathryn.

Visitation will be 6:00PM to 8:00PM, Wednesday, July 23, 2008 followed by services at 4:00 PM Thursday, July 24, 2008 at Lake Ridge Memorial Chapel and Memorial Designers, 6025 82nd, Lubbock, Texas. Music at the service will be provided by Tommy Boley and Jody Nix. Honorary pallbearers are: F.C. Hargrave, Corky Oglesby, Wes Kittley, Dale Keith Jones, Hal

Vicki Rhea Ekdahl Wilson

Vicki Rhea Ekdahl Wilson, 51, of Post, Texas and formerly of Stamford, passed away on Sunday, July 20, 2008 in Lubbock, Texas. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Orient St. Church of Christ in Stamford with Wes Horn officiating. The family will be receiving friends at the Tankersley Funeral Home in Stamford, on Tuesday from 6 until 7 p.m.



Vickiewas born November 13, 1956 in Lubbock, Texas. She was raised in Stamford where she attended schools. After high school she attended American Business College in Lubbock. Vicki had been a resident of Post for the past five years. She was a member of the Graham Chapel Church of Christ in Post.

She is survived by her parents, Ed and Peggy Ekdahl of Ericksdahl, 1 brother, John Ekdahl and wife Jill of Stamford, 3 sisters, Teri McClaren of Lubbock, Carla Smith and husband Don of Austin, and Kim Meredith and husband Lonnie of Haskell, four nephews, 2 nieces, and a close friend, Kay Tanner of Post, TX.

The family requests that that memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association, P. O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312 or the Kidney Foundation, 1802 Pine, Abilene, Texas 79601 and please include name with memorials.

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Company C, 39th Regiment, Texas State Guard

This regiment was helping control traffic and ensure the safety of the bicyclists Sunday for the Bike for MS Tour. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

The weather has been the same every day this week. Hot and Dry.

The Triple G Farm Mid-Summer Bash was held this past weekend at the home of Danny and Susan Gonzales. There were approximately 60 people there enjoying tons of good cooking, washer pitching, a hay ride and of course lots of visiting. The Collazo reunion was held the day before so there were quite a few family members still in town that got to attend.

John Coleman, Susan, Justin and Julie Boren along with John Sr. traveled to Cheyenne, Wyoming to attend the rodeo as the do every year. Susan said they will probably do some things in Colorado as well. Susan's going to have to hurry back because I hear her co-worker, LeAnn Hodges and her husband Dan are going on an Alaskan Cruise for their 35th anniversary.....sounds fun!

Jerry and Judy Bush had company last week. Judy's brother, Jerry Don McCampbell was in town for a few days. He drove in on Thursday and spent some time before

picking two of his grandchildren up that had been at White River Youth Camp for the week.

All of us here in Close City want to send our sympathies out to Billie Jean Cross for the loss of her daughter, Debbie. Billie Jean is a special member of our community and our prayers and thoughts are with her and her family.

On another sad note...Some of you may remember my great uncle, Arthur McCampbell and his son, Chester McCampbell. Chester's grandson Larry was killed in a road side accident last week. He was doing some contract work for the highway department in San Angelo. Larry's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McCampbell of Stanton.

Visitors.....We've had a few visitors out this week, Delfina Castillo, Travis Lancaster, Robbie Wilke brought Lexi by and I got an unexpected surprise when my Uncle Dub (W.O. Fluitt) walked in with my other Aunt and Uncle, Harold and Jeniece Reno, who live in Brownwood. We all had a nice visit.

Lets not forget our ones in the nursing homes; Ruby Carpenter and Doug Tipton in Post and Mary Ethridge in Lubbock. Also remember to keep our troops in your prayers

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that they come safely home.

We have Lots of Birthdays this week...

- July 26th - Lexi Gonzalez
- July 27th - Matt Norman
- July 27th - Megan Bush Everitt
- July 27th - Cindy Terry Herridge
- July 28th - Will Yarbro
- July 28th - Kim Fluitt Winn
- July 28th - Jacob Gonzalez
- July 30th - Jean Morris

Anniversaries...

- July 29th - Mike and Eva Gonzales

See ya next week and ya'll come out and see us sometime!

Be sure to call and let me know about any happenings going on, birthdays, anniversaries or any one that may be sick. You can call me at the gin or email me at close.city.coop@pcca.com

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Inspirations

DOWN TO THE TABERNACLE

By: Michael F. Taylor

I don't know about you, but this is simply one of my favorite times of the year. Why, you ask? Because it reminds me of church youth camp as a young man growing up in West Texas. School was over, homework a thing of the past - at least for a month or two- and that good old fashioned camp meeting was just around the corner. I know that today young folks have so many things to distract them such as; Lap Top Computers, Cell Phones, MP3's, I-pod's, PSP's, CD's, DVD's and a whole slew of other initials and acronyms that I do not even know about. But in my youthful days, we didn't have a whole lot of those distractions. And, NO, to my daughter's question, I did not come to West Texas in a covered wagon!

Youth camp was a week filled with fun, games and excitement around kid's that I only had the opportunity to see once a year. But youth camp was so much more than just a few hundred kids getting together for that week to play games in an outdoor environment. It was time when we were given an opportunity to come face to face with God. At the tender age of twelve, I remember going to that outdoor Tabernacle and having a great time clapping to the old fashioned southern gospel hymns that we sang to the top of our voices. I remember listening to that old country church preacher telling this freckle faced boy that Jesus died for him on the cross, and inviting that boy to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. I remember feeling that urging from the Holy Spirit, beckoning me forward to an altar of prayer where I found that my sin could be forgiven. I remember the elation that came over me as I stood to my feet and made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Words fail me to express the joy that came over me that day. Words fail me today to tell you how much God has done for me since that very hour.

It brings to mind the story of a young boy. Nine year old Jimmy went to Sunday school and upon returning home, began to tell his mother what he had learned. "Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt." When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge, and all the people walked across to safety. Moses then used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters and call in an air strike. They sent in bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.

"Now, Jimmy, is that REALLY what your teacher taught you?", his mother asked. "Well, no, Mom, but if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

Many times, what God does for you and I, is seemingly beyond belief or understanding. God's grace is so sufficient, His love so encompassing, His mercy so great, that my mind cannot comprehend it all. Job 5:9 tells us, "He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted." NIV

The greatest miracle ever performed can be found in Ephesians 1:7-8, "In Him, we have redemption through His blood, the forgive-ness of our sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding." NIV

This verse teaches us that He has all wisdom and understanding. What glorious news it is for you and I that we do not have to understand it all. We simply can accept His gift of forgiveness and sacrifice, and the "riches of God's grace" are bestowed upon us. I may not understand it all, but I will accept His grace anyway. I did not understand much (anything) about theology that sweltering summer evening so many years ago, but I knew one thing for sure. My sins had been forgiven! My burdens had been lifted and I knew without a doubt that Jesus would now walk with a twelve year old boy. Jesus Christ has continued that walk with me over the sands of time. I have not always followed the path He prepared for me, but He always has been there to lead the way back. Back to the Tabernacle. I pray that this week, you will take a trip
DOWN TO THE TABERNACLE!

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Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of Testamentary upon the estate of THURMAN FRANCIS deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 21st day of July, 2008, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such

letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, the county below named, are hereby required to present the same at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed and within the time required by law to her attorney Preston L. Poole, Jr., at P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356.
DATED: 21 July 2008
Carolyn Jane George, Independent Executrix

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WOODSON ELMO MCCOOK, Cause # 1879, Garza County, Texas

Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of Testamentary upon the estate of WOODSON ELMO MCCOOK deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 18th day of July, 2008, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letter. All persons having claim against said estate, which is being administered, the county below named, are hereby required to present the same at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed and within the time required by law to his attorney Preston L. Poole, Jr., at P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356.
DATED: July 18, 2008
Charles Lee Mc Cook, Independent Executor

Legal Notice

The City of Post is requesting proposals for Independent Audit Services. Proponents must be

certified public accountant(s) with full knowledge of and experience with Government Accounting and GasB-34 requirements. Proposals will be accepted at Post City Hall, 105 E. Main Street, Post, Texas, 79356, until Friday, August 8, 2008.

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Notice

Post Independent School District is currently requesting bids for Milk, Gasoline and Diesel for the 08-09 School Year.

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Chamber Corner

By: Shawnette Hinkle

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Upcoming Events - The 68th Annual Stampede Rodeo and Post City Celebration Day - August 7-9. Mark your calendars, tell your neighbors, call your friends and family and get ready for an event filled with fun and entertainment! The rodeo begins on Thursday and continues thru Saturday. There will be a dance Friday and Saturday evening after the rodeo. The fun doesn't stop there!! Check out Main Street Post, Saturday for a day of shopping, live music, cowboy poets and the "Grand Opening" of The Heritage House. Don't forget the annual Rodeo Parade at 3:00 p.m.! We are in need of Rodeo Parade entries. If you or your organization would like to be in our parade please contact Shawnette at the Chamber office, 806-495-3461. Entries can be anything (ATV, scooters, horses, golf carts, etc.) not just floats.

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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago
July 23, 1998

Celebrating her Quincienra on July 4, Erin Ayala was escorted by Timothy Pena. Joining in the Quincienra at the Holy Cross Catholic Church were Jimmy Soria, Luis Zubia, Armando Rodriguez, Alex Rodriguez, Barbara Ayala, Rachel De La Rosa, Belen Rodriguez, Jeremy Ayala, Ben Ayala Jr., Timothy Pena, Veronica Pena, Kristy Saldivar and Crystal Rivera.

The Post area experienced a total of 29 days with 100+ degree temperatures, according to weather reports kept at the Garza County Sheriff's Department. Post recorded a high temperature of 108 degrees.

Tiffany M. Jackson, daughter of Alton Steel and Barbara Smith of Post, enlisted in the U. S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program. Jackson is a graduate from Post High School.

20 Years Ago
July 27, 1988

In recognition of their encouragement and support of the Garza Theatre and the development of the arts in Post, the Second Annual Shakespeare festival and the 1988 performances of "A Midsummer Nights Dream" was dedicated the Giles and Louise McCrary, the Caprock Cultural Association and the Garza Theatre Board.

Approximately 70 guests attended a bridal shower honoring

Debbie Tyler, bride-elect of Mike Jones in the First National Bank Community Room. The guests were greeted by Lee Ann Hodges; the honoree; her mother, Nellie Tyler; and Mona Jones, sister of the prospective groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cockrum observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, July 24, with a family gathering hosted by their son and family at the Barcelona Court in Lubbock. The Cockrums were married in Post in the First Christian Church.

30 Years Ago
July 27, 1978

David and Ruth Ann Newby were honored during the open house at the new senior citizens center in the Algerita Hotel. Some 140 persons applauded as Newby was presented a brass gallery tray by the Garza County Heritage Association. Participating in the presentation were Mrs. Maxine Marks, Mayor Giles McCrary, Mrs. Ruby Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Gwen Boren.

The Santa Fe railroad closed its Post depot after 61 years of local service. Depot Agent Jess Compton locked it up for the last time this week in 1978. Compton operated the depot for four years as "a one man operation."

Post's six 1978-79 cheerleaders attending summer camp at Southwest Cheerleader Camp on the campus of Cisco Junior College were Dana Bird, Holly

Giddens, Kerri Pool, Amy Thuett, Dana Babb and Susan Sawyers.

40 Years Ago
July 25, 1968

One hundred and thirteen persons, including eight former teachers and 24 former students, attended the dedication of the Texas Historical Marker and Medallion at the old Close City school building. The marker was dedicated by Mrs. Mattie Belle Fluitt of Post, a former resident of the community. County Supt. Dean Robinson introduced former teachers Gladys Maxey Floyd, Pearl Lohn Storie, Alice Riley Bowen, Elsie Josey Wright, A. T. Nixon, Lucille Nixon and Pearl Davidson.

Donna Maddox and Patti Parrish were named as winners in the senior and junior divisions, respectively, of the Garza County 4-H Dress Revue.

Staff members of Harold Lucas Chevrolet-Olds were Powell Shytle, sales manager; Louise Dietrich, office manager; Myra Cooper, bookkeeper; Bob Feagin, mechanic; William Scott, wash and lubrication; Eddie Holly, mechanic; Joe Martinez, mechanical technician and Charles Anderson, body shop technician.

50 Years Ago
July 24, 1958

Twenty-one contestants as of this week in 1958 had entered the "Miss Post" bathing beauty contest. They were Beth Kemp,

Melanie Thompson, Shirely Wallace, Minnie Lee Mathis, Janene Haynie, Jeanette Hutto, Jane Francis, Peggy Ramsey, Patsy Payne, Ruthell Martin, Jane Maxey, Barbara Shytle, Jan Polk, Margie Casteel, Shirley Heinz, Lois Edwards, Kay Gordon, Ruth Miller, Kay Martin, Alice Joy Nichols, and Sandra Kennedy.

A reminder that new postage rates would go into effect on August 1, was issued by Postmaster Harold Voss. The postmaster cautioned that regular first-class letters would require four cents postage an ounce; air mail postal cards five cents each, and regular postal cards three cents each.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Parsons and sons, Mike and Dale, moved to Olton, where Parson opened a funeral home.

60 Years Ago
July 22, 1948

The conclusion of the Post Boys Club's Fun Night Boxing was held at the Postex Park this week in 1948. Results were John Schmidt vs. Nolan Williams and Kenneth Poole vs. Jimmy Minor - ending in a draw. James Gibson over Donald Hodges, Jackie Odom over Ross Anthony, Jerry Windham over Larry Welch, Tommy Malouf over Bernard Welch, Jack Schmidt over Don Brown, Dale Gordon over Jerry Brown, Herbert Hays over Jimmy Short, Jerry Hays over Richard Graves and George Graham over Larry Sanders. In extra bouts, Alvin Moore,

Jrs., won over Pete Costello and James Hosey won over Johnny Moore and A. J. Brown beat J. D. Smith.

Guys and Gals by Gay Nellie: Twila Welch, who was salutatorian of the '48 PHS seniors was awarded a scholarship

to Tech by Dunlap's Dept. Store; Boyd Bowen returned home after attending summer school in Oklahoma City; El Wanda Davies was reported to be getting along fine after an emergency appendectomy.

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Mrs Sara Ault of Post shown here with Grandma and Grandpa dolls which she created. She has received numerous "Best of Show" awards, having entered them in area county fairs and art shows. She has recently donated them to the Garza County Historical Museum's permanent collection.

Deadline: Tuesdays @ 5 PM

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The Post Dispatch

The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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ACROSS

- Cowboy starts: kick-_____
- TXism: "couldn't buy hay _____ nightmare" (poor)
- ex-Cowboy Alkman 7 showy actors
- agcy. that monitors air of TX cities (abbr.)
- leathery scarf
- TXism: "if _____ any better the sheriff wouldn't allow it"
- TXism: "couldn't hit the _____ barn"
- Corpus Christi: "The Sparkling City by _____"
- TX Indians used this flower to make dye & jelly
- Alkman toss 22 historic Washington Co. site: "Houston House"
- homemade brew: sour
- calf meat
- TXism: "_____ shave" (near miss)
- ex-Cowboy "_____ Tall" Jones
- steamed rice dish 35 in Austin: State Library
- accommodation at Day's Inn (2 wds.)
- Las Colinas Mandalay waterway
- coffee additive
- TXism: "_____ as a lamb"
- peculiar
- TX tradition

DOWN

- TX Ranger film: "_____ Wolfe McQuade"
- Sea _____ State Park
- TXism: "_____ piece"
- woman at A&M
- TXism: "it don't _____ up"
- this Beatty starred with TX Jimmy Dean in film "Big Bad John"
- Dallasite founder of the Family Stone
- TXism: "call _____ day"
- Telegraph & TX Register was "_____ the TX Revolution"
- TXism: "_____ seeing eye to eye"
- it's bigger than TX 15 the state _____ has a 5-pointed lone star
- historical period 20 Mr. Neiman
- Gov. _____ Ferguson
- TX Ranger signee Palmeiro (init.)
- TXism: "_____ pickings"
- Andrews h.s. class
- Sir _____ Coward 38 contributor
- White of the "Wheel"
- get in the contest 41 TX lake: El _____ del Rey
- Houston _____ the army at San Jacinto
- Pepe _____ Pew 47 to make over
- TXism: "I'm _____ to you"
- Waller of film "Bandit King of Texas"

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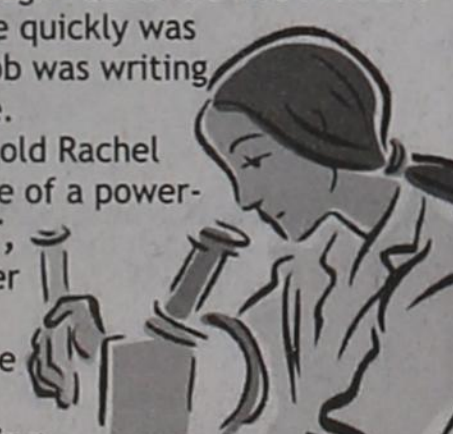
Brain Boost!

THE NOT JUST FOR KIDS PAGE

VOL 17 Springtime Savior - Rachel Carson

Rachel was born in 1907 and grew up on 65 acre farm in Pennsylvania. Her mother taught her to love and respect nature. Rachel wanted to be a writer. Her first article was published when she was just ten. Later, while taking a college biology course, Rachel became fascinated with the interconnectedness of nature. It was then she realized she wanted to be scientist. Although Rachel did not even see an ocean until adulthood, she quickly was drawn to the sea. Her first job was writing radio scripts after ocean life.


When a friend wrote and told Rachel that birds were dying because of a powerful new pesticide called DDT, Rachel went into action. After four years of research and talking to scientist around the world Rachel published her bestselling book, *Silent Spring*.



Plants, Pests and Pesticides

To help plants grow, farmers and gardeners often need to control pests (insects that cause harm to a plant). Pesticides are poisons that help control these harmful pests. The problem is sometimes pesticides not only kill the pests we are trying to get rid of, like mosquitoes and aphids, but it can also kill good insects and make the animals that eat the insects sick. When rain pours down on fields that have been sprayed with poison the runoff fills the streams and rivers. Animals and birds that drink the water may then too be harmed. Scientist, like Rachel Carson work hard to find ways to help farmers find the balance between getting rid of pesky pests and not hurting the environment.

Silent Spring has been called the most influential book in the last 50 years. It has been translated into over 15 languages. Today, it is viewed as the book that began the environmental movement.



WORD WONDERS

An acronym is a word formed from the beginning letters of a compound term.

Example: DDT - Dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane

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ACROSS

- Global Position System
- Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus
- National Aeronautics & Space Administration
- Deoxyribo Nucleic Acid

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- Personal Identification Number
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Rachel Carson (1907-1964) Sixteen years after her death, President Carter awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The highest honor bestowed on American civilians.

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The Post Fire Station had all but 'gone to the dogs' last Saturday. All kinds and all sizes of dogs showed up to get their annual flea and tick dip. Some got more than a dip, they received rabies and distemper shots, given by a veterinarian.

The Rotary Dog dip brings out more than the dogs. To hand out a little love to the pre-bathers are Gray Dean Beasley, Grady Shytles and Addison Ramirez. (Photo by Merika Strivens)



Jody Nix & the Texas Cowboys to play at The Post Stampede Rodeo, August 7-9th

Jody Nix & the Texas Cowboys (pictured here) will provide music for the rodeo dance Friday, August 8. Admission to the dance is \$10.00 per person and the music begins immediately following the rodeo. The 68th Annual Post Stampede Rodeo is August 7-9. The Grand Entry starts at 7:45 p.m.



Yard of the Week

Hotel Garza's waterfall garden is this week's "Yard of the Week" recognized by the Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. Standing (left to right) are Jim Plummer, Marie Neff, Linda Puckett and Janice Plummer. (Photo by Merika Strivens)

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