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# 2013 Buyer's Appreciation Supper, Awards and Sale

The 49th annual GCJLA Buyer's Appreciation Supper, Awards and Sale began at 6 p.m. at the Post ISD Cafeteria. Announcer Ronnie Metsgar asked Greg Jones, Garza County Ag Agent to lead the opening prayer. A wonderful meal of homemade chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and peach cobbler was prepared by Trena Woods and Debbie Line.

The program then began with the Seniors Jaden Binford, Miley Mc-Kee and Audree Williams leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The ladies were also given a gift donated by The to Taylor Osborn. Jersev Lilly.

Administrators and school board members from both Post ISD and Southland ISD were recognized. Also, officers and advisors for GJLA were recognized.

The secretaries helping during the went to Dylan Morris. show and sale were recognized: Nancy Morris, Paige Huckaby, Cheryl Gill, Roxanne Osborn, Kelly Smith, Billie Williams and Janeece Wil-

liams. A big thank you was extended to this year's photographer, Kim Reiter for taking all of our pictures.

Showmanship awards are presented to a Senior and Junior exhibitor in each species. A showmanship judge selects one individual who shows their animal in an outstanding manner.

Senior showmanship buckles for Huckaby. Beef, Swine and Lambs are sponsored by Lynn/Garza Farm Bureau. Susan Boren presented the Buckles. Beef went to Taylor Graves; Swine went to Katie Dunn and Lamb went (Randy Conner)-Katie Dunn

Junior showmanship buckles for Electric Co-op Dickens Division (Judge Beef, Swine and Lambs are sponsored by Centennial Bank. McKenzie May presented the buckles. Beef went to Emma Thompson; Swine went to Bandy Osborn and Lamb

Grassland Co-op Gin sponsors the Senior showmanship buckle for Goats. Russel Barnett presented the buckle to Alexander Ramirez.

Gary McDaniel sponsors the Junior showmanship buckle for Goats. Billie Williams presented the buckle for Mr. McDaniel and it went to Haley Krauser.

Standard Energy Services sponsored the Junior showmanship for the Market Rabbits. Terry Payton presented the buckle to Victoria

Grand Champion Buckles:

Steer: Sponsor-Big Country Electric (Keith Williams) - Pake Jones Swine: sponsor- Crown Unlimited

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Carter T. Schildknecht) - Dylan Morris Sponsor-Milton & Billie Williams/Keith, Roxanne & Taylor Osborn(Milton Williams) Went to Tay-

lor Osborn Market Rabbit: Sponsor - Post Tire & Lube/West Texas Testers (Keith Williams) - Latham Huckaby

Heifer: Sponsor - The Graves Family (Sydney Graves) - Audree Williams

Reserve Grand Champion Buckles:

Steer: Gary McDaniel (Billie Williams) – Emma Thompson

Swine: Delton, Dusti, Brian, Blaine & Bandy Osborn (Dusti Osborn) - Callie Odom

Lamb: Garza Abstract (Paige Huckaby) - Matti Smith

Goat: Kenny & Carla Reiter (Jordan Nelson) - Kortnee McKee

Market Rabbit: Thompson & Thompson (Keith Williams) - Latham

Huckaby All Around Showmanship buckle was sponsored by Cap Rock Telephone Co., Inc. of Spur and went to Kolton Wink. (Milton Williams -

presenter) The Senior Top Hand Award is sponsored by Ronnie & Tricia Metsgar on behalf of the Scott Metsgar Memorial. Tricia Metsgar presented

this year's buckle to Taylor Osborn. The Junior Top Hand award is sponsored by The Altman Group. Barry Altman presented this year's buckle to Victoria Huckaby.

See LIVESTOCK SHOW PICTURES & RESULTS, Pages 6,7

# Results for the 2013 GCJLA Livestock Show

The 49th annual Garza County Jr. Livestock Show began on Thursday, January 17, 2013 with the weighing in of all animals. Friday, January 18, was a "prep" or work day for exhibitors to get their animals ready for Saturday's show.

Special guests and workers for the day were: Show announcer, Ronnie Metsgar; show judge, Kody Lucherk; Rabbit judge, Melyssa McDonald; Ribbon presenters, Taylor Osborn, Sara Greer, Addisen Rodriguez, Alexus Rodriguez, Haley Krauser, Hanna Krauser, Kolton Wink, Callie Odom, Julie Boren and Audree Williams. Ring help included Trent McDonald, Devin Blanton, Jimmy Blanton, Milton Williams, Keith Williams, Greg Jones and Sam Butler.

Saturday morning, January 19, the stock show began with Ronnie Metsgar's welcome and opening prayer. Haley Krauser led the Pledge of Allegiance. Then the livestock show began with the Swine show. Thirteen Duroc's, 15 Hamps, 15 Other purebred (OPB), 8 York and 17 Cross pigs were shown by exhibitors. Grand Champion Swine went to Katie Dunn and Reserve Grand went to Callie Odom.

See GCJLA RESULTS, Pages 6, 7

# **Post City Trade Day**



Photo by Chris Blackburn/The Post Dispatch

Saturday, Feb. 1, Post City Trade Days will take place downtown between 9 a.m. -5 p.m.

# The Pride of Post Band



Photo courtesy of Georgette Isbell for The Post Dispatch

The Pride of Post Band had several students selected to be a part of the 2013 Region 16 Honor and All Region Concert and Symphonic bands. The students performed with students from all over the South Plains area high schools on January 26, 2013 at the Lubbock Civic Center. Front row, from left: Sierra Isbell-Concert band Bb Clarinet, Kelbie Oden - Concert band Bb Clarinet, Jessi Isbell - Concert band Percussion, alternate, Jordan Barboza - Symphonic Band French horn, Hayden Belongia - Concert Band Euphonium, Cassie Eller - Concert band Bb Clarinet; back row: Stephen Rodriguez - Honor Band, percussion, Zachariah Quinonez - Symphonic Band French horn, Jace Fannon - Concert Band Euphonium, Ethan Self -Symphonic Band Trumpet, Alexis Ramirez-Symphonic band Bass Clarinet, Audree Williams - Concert band Alto Saxophone, Kelly Villalon - Concert band Bb Clarinet, Jayson Walden - Honor band Tuba

### Planning Meeting for SRP Prescribed Burn Association

There will be a meeting from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, in Aspermont at the Stonewall County Activity Center (directly west of the courthouse) to officially form the Southern Rolling Plains Prescribed Burn Association.

If interested in becoming a member, please plan to attend. The meeting will begin with a brief overview of what a Prescribed Burn Association (PBA) is, with featured guest speaker Butch Taylor, the man behind Texas' first PBA, the Edwards Plateau PBA.

Afterward, there will be a brief discussion about insurance coverages available to individuals and associations. The majority of the day, however, will be spent on the nuts and bolts of our PBA including establishing a first draft of bylaws and nominating officers.

This PBA will be modeled after other existing PBAs in Texas (see http://pbatexas.org), but will be tailored to the unique local needs of the communities that it will serve. The intent is to fill a gap in an 18-county area nestled be-

See BURN on page 4

### **Post Notes**

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to thepostcitydispatch@gmail. com.

### C.J. Memorial

Scholarship Applications The Community Recovery Center is now opening applications for the C.J. Schoenrock Memorial Scholarship. Qualifying applicants will be graduating seniors in Garza County seeking a degree in continuing education in the fields of counseling or education. The Scholarship Selection Committee requests all graduating seniors interested in applying for the scholarship contact Chris Atkinson or Merika Strivens with the Community Recovery Center at 806-495-3173 or through any

#### Burn association

email link on garzacrc.com.

An organizational meeting for those interested in becoming a member of the Southern Rolling Plains Prescribed Burn Association will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Stonewall County Activity Center, west of the courthouse in Aspermont. The association will consist of an 18-county area, including Garza County. For information, contact Derrick Holdstock with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at Derrick. Holdstock@tpwd.state. tx.us or 806-217-2911.

### Cookbooks available

The 2012 Garza and Scurry Counties Hometown Holidays Cookbooks are available for \$10 at the Garza County Extension Office. For information, call 495-4400.

### **GED** class

General Education Diploma classes are now in session and are free to the public. Classes meet from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 18 at Post High School. Enter through southwest doors. For information, email Ed Singleterry at esingleterry@postisd. net or call 495-2770.

### Post Elementary

Character Words for the week of February 4-8: PK/K/2/4-Self- Discipline; 1/3/5- Fairness. Feb 6- College Day- wear college gear. Feb 11- Progress Reports go home.

### Little League Sign-ups

Post Little League will have signups for baseball and softball Feb. 7-8 from 5-7 p.m. each day at the Middle School Commons. Ages 4-16 are eligible.

### Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact Editor Wayne Hodgin at 806-495-2816 or thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

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## Deaths

### **Jewell R.White**

Jewell R. White 94 of Lubbock and formerly of Post, died Saturday January 26, 2013 at the Heritage Oaks Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Lubbock.

Jewell was born to Huey Arthur and Viola (Gray) Roberts September 13, 1918 here in Garza County. She attended school at Grassland and graduated from Tahoka High School.

The former Jewell Roberts married Dariean White September 28, 1941 in Tahoka. Just after their marriage Dariean went into the service. He preceded her in death June 1, 1984. They farmed in Garza County until retirement in 1978.



JEWELL R. WHITE

the Post Church of Christ. She is also preceded in death by a grandson: Mark Blankenship November 1, 2003; son in law: Don Blankenship August 16, 2003; and by two sisters: Viola 'Little Jewell was a member of Vi" Greer and Mildred 'Bil'

King; and four brothers: William 'Dan' Roberts, Hubert Huston 'Shorty' Roberts Floyd Eugene 'Dolly' Roberts and Chancellor Waymouth 'Preacher' Roberts.

Survivors are a daughter: CEA-Ag Garza County Jan Blankenship of Lubbock; and a great-granddaughter.

Tuesday, January 29, 2013 most citizens don't underat the Grassland Cemetery, stand. Grassland. Charles McCook and Noel White officiated. support farmers and Arrangements were under commodity prices. Actuthe personal care of Dee and ally only 11% of funding Janet Justice, Justice-Mason in the farm bill goes to Funeral Home.

day at the Justice-Mason spending goes to such Funeral Home from 5 p.m. food and nutrition proto 5:30 p.m..

### **Ruth Hill**

Ruth Hill, 88, of Post, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2012, at the Golden Plains Care Center. She was born Dec. 28, 1924, to Wille and Bessie (Rylant) Windham, here in Post.

She attended Post schools and graduated from Post High. She married Wiley Arthur Hill on Dec. 24, 1942, in Lubbock. He preceded her in death Jan. 30, 1983.

Ruth and Wiley made their home here in Post. Ruth worked for Bowen Abstract and then for the Postex Cotton Mill. She worked there until it closed. She then went to work for Sam Bevers as a bookkeeper. She enjoyed playing pranks on people, as well as others pulling pranks on her. She daughter, Billye Ruth Lowe in Post. was a mother, grandmother who loved doing fun things with all her family. When Wiley Dee Lowe and his Ruth was around, everyone



**RUTH HILL** 

Ruth also was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Wylene Hill, on assisting. Burial followed program, others see a life-June 21, 1953.

She was a life long Baptist and a member of the the personal care of Dee the 2007-2009 recession, Calvary Baptist Church.

of Post, and a brother, Evgreat-grandmother erette "Heavy" Windham of Slaton; grandchildren and Ruth Deeann Powell Brenna Lowe.

and husband, Adon, of Ar- cord - high if 47 million lington; great-grandchil- low income people rely on dren Wiley Erik Lowe and the Supplemental Nutrihis wife, Kari, Daniel Pow- tion Assistance Program ell, Jesse Powell, Benjamin (SNAP), also known as Powell, Steven Lowe and food stamps. Some argue Brenna Lowe. Ruth is also that we should get rid of survived by a host of nieces the entire farm bill alto-

and nephews. at the Terrace Cemetery. saving support program.

# A Closer Look at the Farm Bill; Food Stamps

By Greg Jones

This is a quick look at the Farm Bill; the Gov-Services were 11 a.m. ernment program that

It is not just to help farm policies. More than Visitation was held Mon- 84% of farm bill- related grams as food stamps. Recent figures show

that one in eight Americans and one in four children go to bed hungry at night. Moreover, a regether, drop the safety net Funeral services were for farmers, and eliminate the Calvary Baptist Church Others say it would be in Post with John Bill He- nearly impossible to end drick of the Graham Cha- SNAP and leave milpel Methodist Church offi- lions of people wondering ciating and Brother Richard where their next meal will Butts, interim pastor of the come from. While some Calvary Baptist Church, see a bloated government

Arrangements were under During and following and Janet Justice of Jus- demand for food stamps She is survived by a tice-Mason Funeral Home soared, with middle-class families who found them-Pallbearers were Dee selves suddenly homeless Lowe, Adon Powell, Wiley and jobless pushing en-Erik Lowe, Daniel Pow- rollment to a record 47.7 ell, Jesse Powell, Benjamin million people by Sepwife, Melissa, of Littlefield Powell, Steven Lowe and tember 2012. Even during the recovery, demand has remained high and food pantries and soup kitchens continue to feel the strain. But the program bother many, especially some politicians see it as a bloated government handout. Fraud concerns

are also an ongoing issue. The USDA is slow to react to rising food cost. There is a 16-month lag between when the government assesses the cost of food and when it adjusts benefit amounts to accommodate fluctuations. The lack of affordable supermarkets in many cities means that urban dwellers, which represent a high proportion of those in poverty, must pay more for healthy foods. Food stamps are intended for buying cheap basic ingredients and unprocessed foods.

The U.S. Congress has passed a one-year extension of the farm bill that allocates money for food assistance, along with ag- not to farmers. ricultural programs.

reduce benefits has becomprehensive farm bill \$6 billion. that would cost \$500 bilbillion of cuts in the program over 10 years- the deepest cuts in a generathe formulas used to defamily receives. USDA as-

sumes families will spend 30% of their income on food when, in fact, most can afford to spend only 13% given rising costs for housing and healthcare. While some people' do not have to rely on food stamps to buy groceries there are those who need this support. While most think of a farm bill as consisting only of food stamps and farm subsidies, the program also offers support to beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as conservation programs, for example. These are programs important to our nation's food security and overall environmental

Agriculture, employs 14% of the U.S. workforce, or about 21 million people.

Agriculture employs more than six times as many workers as the U.S. automotive industry.

Agriculture is one of the few U.S. business sectors Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012, at food assistance programs. to boast a trade surplus, exporting \$132 billion in farm goods in 2011.

Americans spend just 9.5% of their income on food-less than any other country.

U.S. farms sold \$369 billion in goods in 2010that's bigger than the GDP' of nearly 200 coun-

The most profitable side of the food business is in processing and marketing, not the farmer's share. In fact, for every dollar that consumers spend on food, farmers receive just 20

Of the \$4.39 retail price of a box of cereal, farmers receive just 8 cents.

Of the \$3.99 retail price of a bag of potato chips, farmers receive less than 10 cents.

The United States has the safest, most affordable, and most abundant food supply in the world.

96% of U.S. farms are run by families, farmer partnerships or co-ops.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing depends on farmers to produce paper currency=75% of every bill is made of cotton.

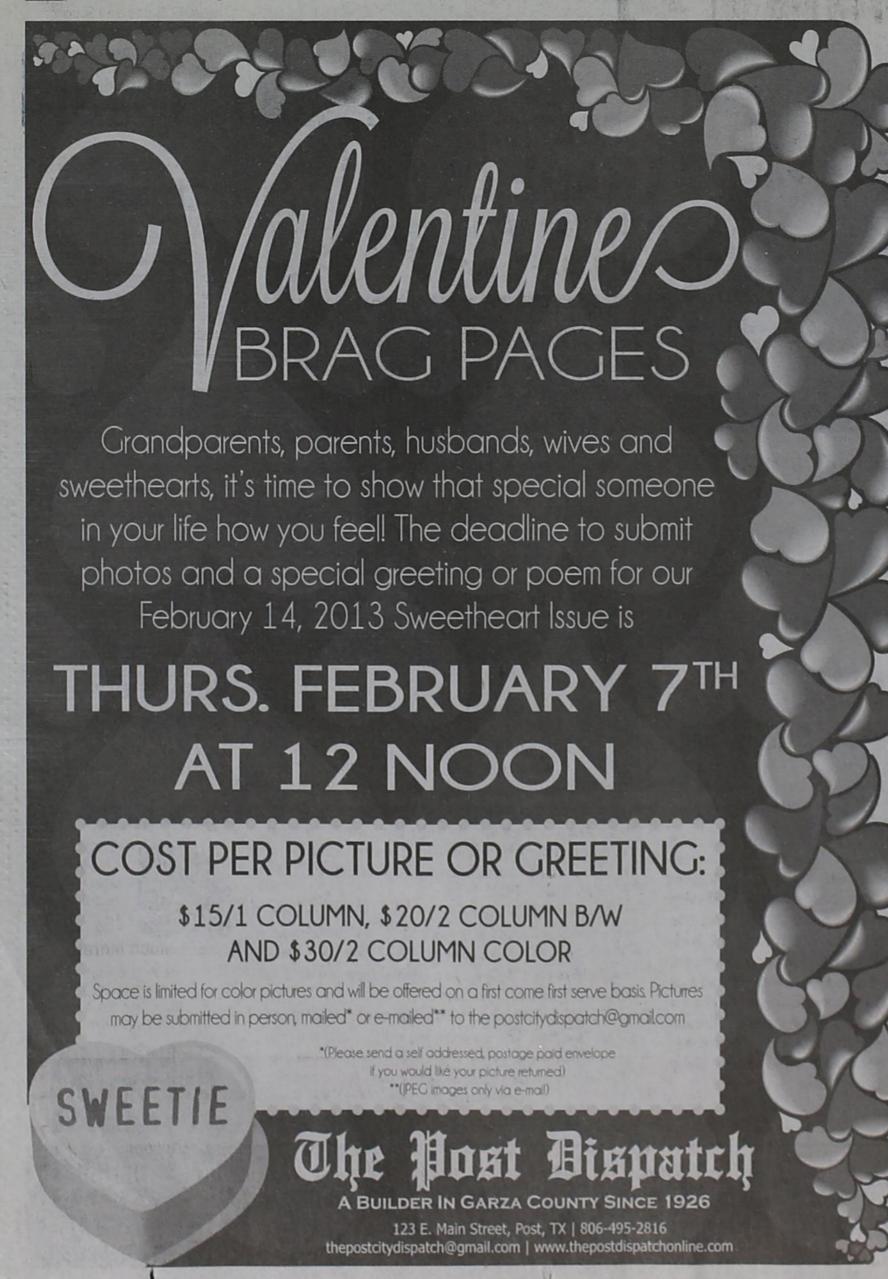
Commodity policies in the 2008 farm bill cost less than one-quarter of one percent of the federal budget- about 25 cents out of every \$100 paid in

Only 11% of funding in the farm bill goes to farm policies.

More than 84% of farm bill- related spending goes to food and nutrition programs like food stamps,

Farm policy funding has Republicans' desire to fallen sharply in the last decade. It was slashed in come a major obstacle 2008 farm bill by \$7.4 bilto passing a wider, more lion, and again in 2010 by

U.S. farm policy cost lion. They are seeking \$16 Americans just 2.3 cents per meal of 6.9 cent a day. - Compared to other major agricultural producers tion. Many also question around the globe, the U.S. ranks near the bottom of termine how much each the subsidization and tariff scale.



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# Clairemont - gone but nor forgotten

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According to the Texas State Historical Association, Clairemont was formed on land owned by R. L. Rhomberg when Kent County was organized in 1892. The town was named for Claire Becker, a relative of Rhomberg. A post office was established in December 1892 with Loulah Posey as postmistress.

A courthouse and jail were constructed from local red sandstone and completed in 1895. By that time the town had several stores, a bank, a newspaper, and a hotel.

Although the Stamford and Northwestern Railway had bypassed Clairemont to the east by 1909, the town continued to prosper. Cotton and cattle ranching dominated the economy, and oil later became important.

The population, a reported 150 during the 1930s and 1940s, grew to 300 in the 1950s, when the town's five businesses indicated a small-scale oil boom.

Clairemont had several newspapers through the years, including the Kent County Sentinel, Kent County News, Clairemont Enterprise, and Western Courier.

The lack of an adequate water source, declining cotton prices, and the removal of local oil camps, however, forecast an end to prosperity. After a two-year court battle, Jayton became county seat in 1954.

Loss of the county offices and consolidation with the Jayton schools in the 1950s caused a rapid decline. When the post office closed in 1970 Clairemont had two businesses and a population of thirty-five.

The Clairemont courthouse burned shortly after the records were transferred to Jayton, and only the bottom story was preserved.

Although several families lived in the area in the late 1980s, the sole resident of Clairemont was Margie (Ma) Hart. She operated the only remaining store nicknamed the "Buzzer Den" for an earlier rash of rattlesnakes-which had become a popular local gathering place. Source - Texas State His-

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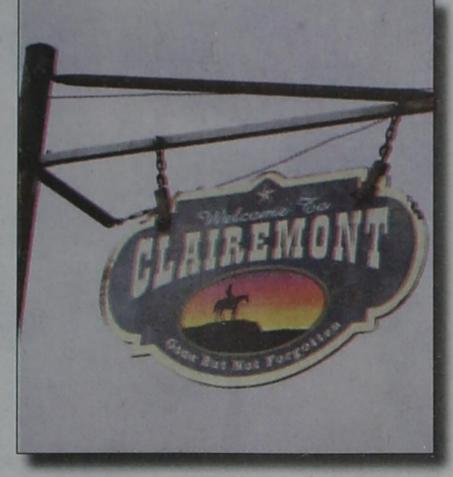
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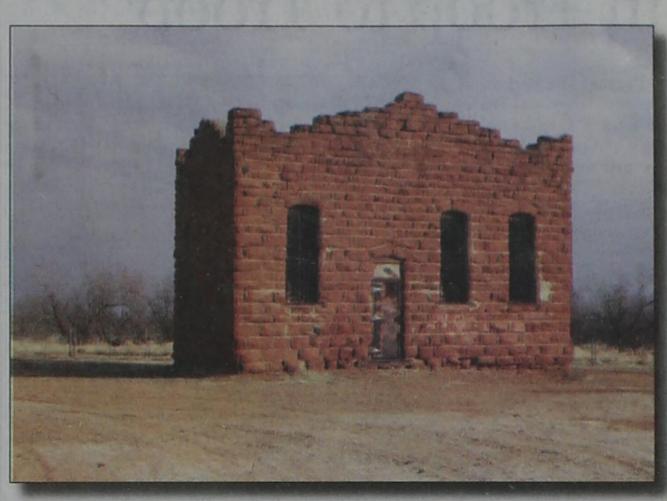
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# Girl Scouts participate Rain in Troop to Troop

Through the Girl Scout Project Troop to Troop, customers sponsor packages of Girl Scout cookies that are sent by Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains Council to our men and women in uni-

The program provides a way for our customers to send cookies to the Armed Forces and to support the local Girl Scout Troop and Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains at the same time.

If anyone would like to have packages of cookies sent to the military, contact any Girl Scout and make your order.

The cookies are paid for here and the Girl Scout Council takes care of the delivery of the sponsored cookies to the Armed Forces.

Over 37,000 packages of Girl Scout Cookies were sponsored in Girl Scouts Airborne Angels



Local Girl Scouts present board member Pat Cruse with complimentary cookies.

of Texas Oklahoma Plains Blue Star Mom's Council in 2012.

The cookies were delivered by nonprofit agencies to servicemen and women stateside and overseas.

Cookies have been distributed to the following organizations throughout the council:

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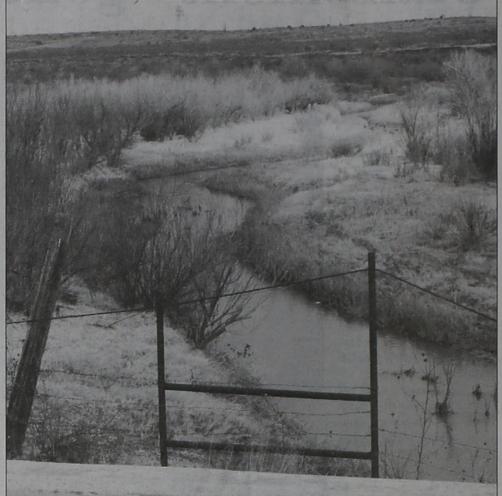


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The North Fork of the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River is shown Monday crawling along under Hwy. 380 east of Post. Garza County remains dry despite some moisture this week. No moisture is forecast for the upcoming week.

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tween the existing North Central Texas PBA to the east, the Texas Panhandle PBA to the north, the edge of the High Plains to the west, and the I-20 corridor to the south. Counties involved include Baylor, Borden, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Fisher, Foard, Garza, Hardeman, Haskell, Jones, Kent, King,

and Wilbarger.

Given the extreme nature of the 2011 fire season, as well as previous busy fire seasons in 2006, 2008, and 2009, prescribed burning, or more appropriately the lack thereof, is becoming an important issue in Texas. Utilization of fire, where and when appropriate, is increasingly becoming an important tool for land managers, fire departments, and natural resource agencies as a way to reduce hazardous fuel Knox, Motley, Scurry, Stonewall, loads. These fuels, if burned un-

der the extreme conditions of a wildfire, could cause greater damage to property or rangeland resources and could pose greater risks to emergency responders and the public, than if they were burned under prescribed conditions for the purposes of rangeland or wildlife management, or hazardous fuel mitigation at the wildland/urban interface.

While a Texas landowner has the right to utilize prescribed fire under the law, they often lack the experience or confidence to carry out the burns without technical help. This is where PBAs can help. PBAs are organized landowner cooperatives that are user owned, controlled, and operated. PBAs share knowledge, experience, and equipment among contributing members to increase the application and safety of prescribed fire as a management tool. The primary benefits to landowners are these:

- Support of a locally led and run organization of neighbors helping neighbors,

- Reduced costs of fire man-

- Reduced risk through increased experience, equipment, training, and technical assis-

- Community support and

- Ability to get more prescribed burning done on your land and the satisfaction of helping your neighbors do the

For more information about the formation of this PBA, or

if you cannot attend the meeting but would like to become a member or would like to be included on regular PBA updates, contact Derrick Holdstock with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at Derrick.Holdstock@tpwd.state.tx.us or (806)

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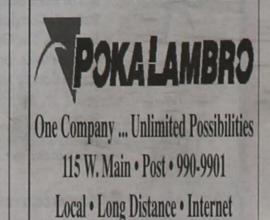
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# **Nancy's Notions**

# Super Bowl Modeling A look at the personal

xcitement is building as everyone is gearing up for Super Bowl ✓ Weekend. Much planning goes into the game day whether it's buying a new, larger television or rearranging the living room so it seats more friends with a good view of the screen. Super Bowl Sunday also seems to be synonymous with story!

lots of good food, fellowship, commercials and friendly competition.

Have you considered what you want your children and grandchildren to take away from the day? Remember, children learn from modeling. They are watching so every decision you make helps

mold your young ones

into the person they are becoming. For example, if your Sunday ritual includes church services, will you go to church or will you choose to stay home and prepare for company? I challenge each of you to find a teachable moment.

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Research some of the headline players like Michael Crabtree from TTU, Colin Kaepernick, or rookie kicker from UT Justin Tucker. At the top of my list would be Baltimore Ravens right tackle Michael Oher #74. Oher and his adoptive family, the Tuohys, was the subject of the 2009 hit movie "The Blind Side." What an inspirational story of power and determination. The movie told the story of how the Tuohys took in the teenage Oher, living on the streets of Memphis at the time, and eventually, adopted him. The movie also explored Oher's considerable football talent and the recruiting

race that ensued his senior season. If you haven't seen it, borrow or rent it and watch it together as a family. Talk to your children about goals, honesty, hard work and being true to yourself. From what I've read he is projected to be a weak link on the line but he has a great

If you aren't into football, have a favorite commercial contest, talk about the many people working behind the scenes or list careers including engineers, electricians, and entertainment.

You also can easily involve your children in the kitchen. Let them help plan the menu and even prepare a dish. I found a fun, healthy salsa to try on your company from the American Dietetic Association that children can help with. Let me know what you think.

#### Black Bean and Tomato Salsa

Ingredients 1 cup seeded, diced plum tomatoes 1 cup canned black beans, rinsed

2 tablespoons chopped scallions

1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro or parsley 1 tablespoon lime juice

1-1/2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil 1/2-1 teaspoon minced canned chipotle in adobo sauce 1/8 teaspoon salt, or to taste

Directions: Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl; stir to blend. If not serving immediately,

cover and refrigerate for up to 2 days. Nutritional Information (Per Serving): Calo-

ries: 83; Protein: 4 g; Sodium: 283 mg; Cholesterol: 0 mg; Fat: 2 g; Dietary Fiber: 4 g; Carbohydrates: 11 g Exchanges: 1 Starch

Nancy McDonald is the family and consumer sciences agent for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County.

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE** 

Justice-Mason Funeral Home

301 West Main Street

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# Legends

# history of John S. Boren

never tire of reading about the lives of ear-L ly pioneers of Garza County and the area. As an avid reader of Legends, I don't think you do ei-

ther, and I thank you for your continued interest. And how do I know that?

Well I'll LINDA share my PUCKETT secret. If I miss an

issue, it's brought to my attention by a phone call or I meet up with my audience at the grocery store.

By the time you read this, the new book, "Post" will have arrived. I hope you pick up a copy (or more) at local merchants or drop by the museum gift-shop. All proceeds go to Garza County Historical Museum.

Since 2010, we have covered many stories, so now I have to look back to make sure I'm not repeating myself. This week let's look at the "Personal History of John S. Boren". He was born in Carroll County, Arkansas, November 27, 1868. His parents were George E. Boren and Sarah Hodges. The family moved to Texas, staying a year at Brooksville in Williamson County, and in 1877 moved on to Coleman County staying there for about a year. They finally settled in Bell County on a farm on the Lampasas

River.

When John turned 21, he decided he needed to be on his own so he moved to Fisher County, his parents followed later. He didn't take to farming; he wanted to be a rancher. He sought out a distant relative of his, A.T. Long who had bought the OS Ranch. Mr. Long gave John a job as a wrangler and brought him to Garza County in 1889. He worked for Mr. Long for a few years and then went to Hale County, taking a claim on Running Water Draw.

He was working on a ranch at Matador when he received a letter from his brother stating he could buy four sections of land in Garza County. He saddled up that day and headed back to Garza County, settling on the four sections located in the southwest part of the county where his two brothers also had taken up land. He used the JO brand and lived in a dugout while making improvements on his land. In the summer of 1900, he wrote to Kate Bunker, a school teacher he had grown up with and asked her to be his wife. On October 7, 1900 they were married and started their journey back home. They came to Sweetwater on the train, and then took the wagon and team that he had left at the wagon yard, bought their supplies, then went to Roby where they were joined by Mrs. Buddie Boren and her new son, Walter. The new Mrs. John Boren

(Kate) wrote her sister a letter telling her of all her experiences.

Dear Sister, I don't have much to write about, but John and I have our ups and downs. You ought to be here and see what a jolly idle life I have. John is working on the "dugout" as it was so far for him to drive back and forth from Buddies' every day, we are camping in the top half of our house while he is digging the bottom half and as John does all the cooking, I haven't a thing to do but wash the dishes, which consists of four tin plates, two knives, three forks, three spoons and a bucket or two. But for all that we haven't failed to have company every day since we have been camping.

We went over to Mr. Boren's (Buddies') and in the evening when we came home, Mr. Ed Kelley and Mr. Will Williams, both bachelors, were here and they told John when he went down to Snyder to get his things, to go to the furniture store and pick out something he needed or wanted and they would pay for it as a wedding present. Wasn't that nice of them?

Well this is a good stopping place. We'll finish Ms. Kate's letter in Part two next week. Have a great week and be thankful you're not camping out in a dugout, because you couldn't watch the Super Bowl.

Linda Puckett is director of the Garza Museum and Historical

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**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2011-2012** ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE INDICATOR SYSTEM REPORT

In accordance with Texas Education, the Southland Independent School District Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing on the District's AEIS (Academic **Excellence Indicator System) Report on** Monday, February 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. The hearing will be held in the Southland Board Room.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Market Rabbit

# Garza County Junior Livestock Association Results

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# 1013 Livestock show



### **GCJLA RESULTS**

From Page 1

Following the Swine were the Market Rabbits. There were 8 rabbits entered. Latham Huckaby had the Grand and Reserve Grand Market Rabbits. Following were the Pee-Wee Rabbit exhibitors.

Katie Reed, Kailea Norman, Jackson Pruitt, Jaten Hataway, Bryan Saucedo, Justess Travino, Aubree Porter, Lane Norman, Jayden Kirkland, Briley Winkle and Johnny Paul Winkle were our Pee-Wee exhibitors.

There was one Heifer in this year's show, exhibited by Audree Williams. We had seven Steers; three ABC, one English and three Ex-

otic. Grand Champion Steer went to Pake Jones and Reserve Grand went to Emma Thompson.

The airplane contest before the start of the Lamb show had three winners this year: Haley Krauser, Addee Williams and Kasen Wink.

This year's Lamb show had nine Southdown, one Fine Wool, four Cross and 18 Medium Wool. Grand Champion Lamb went to Dylan Morris and the Reserve Hataway, Rhealee Key, Wyatt Ken-Grand went to Matti Smith. ney, Collin Reed, Aubree Porter,

The Goat show had thirty-seven entries. The Grand Champion Goat went to Taylor Osborn and Kortnee McKee had the Reserve Grand champion Goat.

The Pee-Wee Goat show concluded the show with two classes of chael Ta exhibitors. In the first class from age 2-4 were Leightyn Reiter, Jaten Winkle.

Hataway, Rhealee Key, Wyatt Kenney, Collin Reed, Aubree Porter, Lane Norman, Payton Nelson and Kody Osborn. In Class 2 from age 5-8 were Bryan Saucedo, Carson Key, Christine Reiter, Cooper Osborn, Mason Reed, Rylan Morris, Hanna Krauser, Kasen Wink, Michael Tadlock, Emily Hadderton, Johnny Paul Winkle and Briley

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# The 501

# The disappearing act

ave you seen the email message L that's circulating about the nine things that are on the verge of disappearing from life as we know it?

Two are ways I've been known to make a living. One is the post office, and I don't want to say what the other

> one is. And just as my husband

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married books are on their way out, except for ebooks. Oh well. Maybe we'll find an epublisher.

Our topic? So as not to leave you wondering, it's a book about an architect who was active at the turn of the century.

And there you have proof that we've moved well into the 21st century. "Turn of the century" doesn't necessarily mean 19th to 20th now that we've gone from the 20th to the 21st. That term no doubt creates a few years' worth of confusion every time one century follows another.

Speaking of centuries, my friend Eunice is turning 100. By the time you read this, she will be looking back over several successive decades. Eunice either makes me feel old or young. I'm not sure which. Maybe a little bit of both.

Back when 2000 rolled around, I was working as a news reporter. It wasn't news, but we reporters all did perfunctory reviews of the century that was about to be history. What amazed me was that I

could remember the entire second half of it and had a pretty good grip on the first half, thanks partly to the age of my parents (older than most) and to all the fading touches of the past still in place during my childhood. One was the ragman who went though town collecting , rags, his wagon pulled by mules. No doubt, his profession had been quite ordinary at one point in history - common enough to turn "rag man" into "ragman" sort of like "e-mail" has become "email." And forgive me if I've talked about the ragman before. He impressed me. Or his mules did.

Besides the ragman, other relics still in place during my earliest years were the brass spittoons in the bank building, between the elevators on each floor. They represented a time when chewing tobacco had been in vogue.

Now that people are chewing and spitting tobacco again, spittoons should be poised to make a comeback. But who would empty them? Nobody.

On the other hand, now that robots are finding work in car factories, robots could also handle spittoons. That's would be a nice blend of past and future. Remember where you heard it first.

As for the nine-item list, I'll not regurgitate it for you in toto. You probably got the email too.

Besides, who's to say some things won't make a comeback anyway?

Eunice once told me that when she was a young housewife, she recycled her bathwater to mop the floor and water her plants.

Eunice the recycler and water conservationist. One of the comebacks.

Hanaba Munn Welch is a contributor and columnist for The Knox County News-Courier.

## The Idle American

# From Shaving Signs to Super Bowls...

hen this column began in '02, half-hearted promises were made to provide occasional recipes and helpful hints. Alas, only one of each has been offered so far.

With Texas Motor Speedway's introduction of bacon-flavored cotton candy to its concession menu, I'm going to provide one of my mamma's favorite recipes—salmon patties with whipped cream. Now if I can just find it.

Today, I offer my second helpful

hint: Make sure you have fresh batteries in your TV remotes. This is a "must" for the extraction of the powerful, engaging and memorable moments of Super Bowl XLVII....

DON **NEWBURY** 

Schedule practice runs to make sure all the buttons are functioning.

After all, there will be frequent "pauses, fast forwards and back-ups" for an event that will be viewed--as well as recorded--in tens of millions of households.

I typically record most TV shows for later viewing--even if only 30 minutes later -- to bypass commercials. (I realize, in the words of new friend Rick Dahlgren, "this is not 'rocket surgery'.")

For the Super Bowl, however, I flip-flop. The game's outcome is of little interest to me, but I don't want to miss a commercial. I'm already "up to hear" (up to "see," too) with pre-game stuff, including Ma and Pa Harbaugh's 100% certainty of their sons coaching both winning and losing teams, since brothers John and Jim Harbaugh are opposing head coaches....

It's the ads that make us smile when not much else does. They'd better, since 30-second spots are going for up to \$4 million each and projected to cost \$5 mil by '16.

By recording the event, we can zip from commercial to commercial, ignoring a game known for becoming lopsided.

We'll join millions of others the next day as media experts dissect the "winners and losers." Then, for a few months, we'll remember the really good commercials. Recalling which products go with which ads, however, is quite another matter....

Ads have come a long way since Burma-Shave signs entertained a nation. At their height in the 50's, 7,000 verses were nailed on fence posts across the US.

The "ditties"—many written by Nebraska University student Warren Buffett--helped us smile through depression years. And the extra money helped him smile through college.

We lived in comparative slow motion, nostrils soothed by aromatic roses along the way. Cars were slower, highways were rougher, and TV had not yet arrived. Yes, it took less to amuse us. Those signs did the trick, though, particularly during unscheduled stops along the road for tire repairs. We kids ran on ahead to see all six signs....

The signs cost next to nothing, save for the cost of planks of wood, paint and clever words. By comparison, each 30-second TV spot costs advertisers up to 40 cents per viewer!

Why wouldn't "losing" ad people groan, "Alka-Seltzer it up" and seek other lines of work?

This is the fate of ad-making dice-throwers for "the ultimate game." (In 1972, Dallas' Duane Thomas questioned, "If it's the

ultimate game, how come they're playing it again next year?")...

I miss days when conversations began with "Have you heard the one about?"

Sometimes I visit websites featuring the old Burma-Shave poems. The final "dittie" was posted exactly 50 years ago for the "goodto-the-last-strop" lather: "Our Fortune/Is Your Shaven Face/It's Our Best/Advertising Space." Shortly before, this one was seen along the way: "Farewell O Verse/Along the Road/How Sad to See/You're Out of Mode."

A few whine that the Super Bowl is "much ado about nothing." These folks need to get ready for another heaping helping of "ado."...

No doubt, longtime West Texas Congressman Charlie Stenholm is happy he served in a gentler era, when folks smiled more.

He regaled audiences with a terrific Super Bowl story I have "appropriated" for repeated nongovernment use.

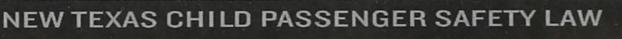
Charlie told of a Super Bowl viewing party planned for youth following church worship services....

The youth minister, afraid there might not be enough food for a larger-than-anticipated crowd, scrawled a sign for the sandwich table. "Please Take Just Two--Remember God is Watching You."

He didn't notice a 14-year-old making a cookie sign.

It read, "Take All You Want--God's Watching the Sandwich-

Don Newbury, former chancellor of Howard Payne University, is a humorist and motivational speaker. Email him at newbury@ speakerdoc.com.



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Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Wednesday

Breakfast Bar or Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk Thursday

Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Friday

Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch

Monday

Toasted Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Broccoli Bites, Garden Salad, Oranges, Baked Chips, Milk Tuesday

Crispy Beef Tacos, Charro Beans, Garden Salad, Salsa, Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk

Wednesday

Chicken Nuggets, Whipped Potatoes w/Gravy, Carrot Coins, Strawberries & Bananas, Hot Roll, Milk

Thursday

Spaghetti w/ Meatballs, Garden Salad, Savory Green Beans, Sliced Peaches, Milk

Friday

Hot Dogs, Sweet Potato Tots, Cucumber Dippers, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Milk

# Applications Now Being Accepted for United Supermarkets Fellowship Endowment

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available for new and continuing graduate students pursuing any area of study at Texas Tech. Initially, awards will be for one this fall, and students may

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The deadline for aplowship Endowment at plications is Feb. 15. All scholarship and fellowwhich was established last ship applications must be The endowment is Tech's online system. Applicants will be notified of award decisions approximately eight weeks after the deadline.

The endowment is a academic year, beginning result of a \$3 million gift from United Supermar-

Tech Foundation last year to endow two scholarship programs at the university support for nursing programs at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

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LUBBOCK - Applica- re-apply at the end of the kets, LLC to the Texas gree, the scholarship will be applied only while taking Texas Tech courses).

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# Sports roundup

Last night Post Junior High hosted basketball games versus Slaton Junior High. The 7th "A" team won their contest by a score of 61-11. The leading scorers were: Aric Garza 16, Dillon Reed 14, Mike Phergson 10, Pacey Blivens 7, Damian Garcia 4, Chance Courtney 4, Austin Britton, Brandon Britton, and Ian Haworth each had 2. The boys played very well together and had a great defensive night. Their record is 13-2 overall and 9-0 in district.

The 8th "A" team lost their game by a score of 24-32. Leading scorers were: AJ Reed 7, Dylan Morris 7, Ben Ayala 4, Augie Menchaca, Bryce Phelps, and Kade Smith each had 2. They played hard and fought till the end. Their record is 3-11 overall and 3-6 in district.

Coach Garza

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Bryan Smith 15, Campbell Kirkpatrick 1, Vance Blair 4, Nathaniel Gill 7, Austin Garza 6, Taylor Soto 9, Cambry Gilbert 5, Sergio Soliz 7



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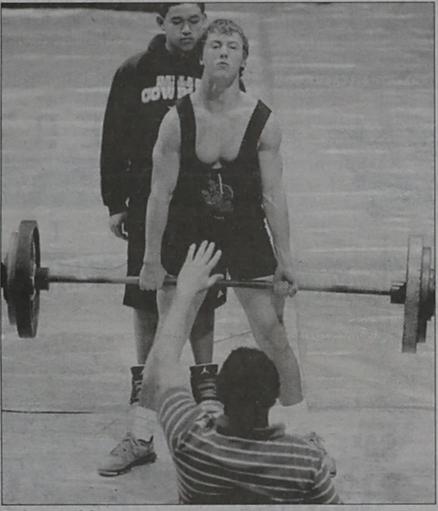
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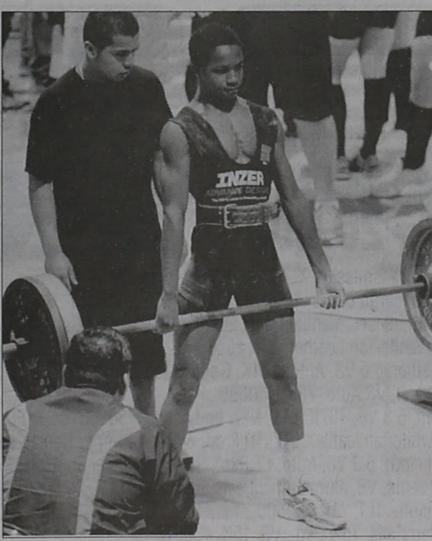
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# **Bold Gold Powerlifting**

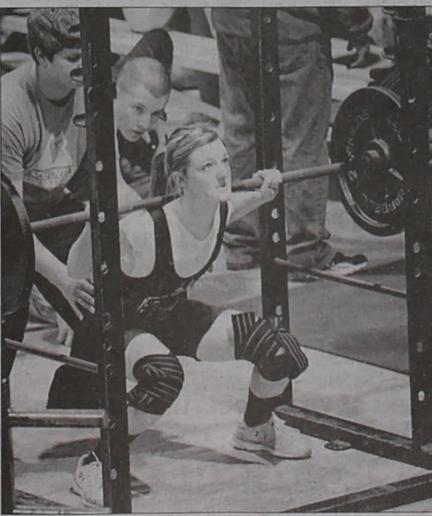
The Bold Gold boys and girls Power lifters competed in their first meet of the year at Abernathy on Saturday. The boys were team champions of the meet with a team total of 37 points. All athletes competed very well for the first meet of the year and will try to raise their totals Saturday February the 2nd at the Levelland invitational meet.



**Bryan Smith** 



Cambry Gilbert



Katie Dunn

#### **GIRL RESULTS**

Andi Soliz 5th in division total 465 pounds Katie Dunn 6th in division total 435 pounds Mollie Burtch 15th in division total 375 pounds

#### **BOY'S RESULTS**

114 class

Erik Gomez 4th place total 605

132 class

Christian Perez 1st place 840 total Cambry Gilbert 2nd place 815 total Isaah Jones 3rd place 655 total

148 class

Alejo Rodriguez 3rd place 835 total D.J. Brown also competed in 148 pound class

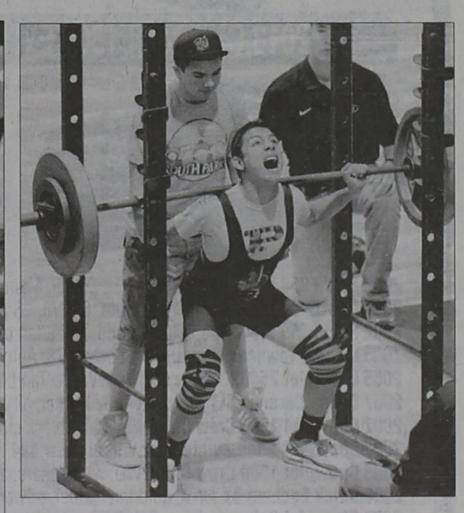
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Isaac Stern 2nd place 1040 total Alan Alaniz 9th place 935 total Paden Babb 11th place 885 total Zeb Graves 14th place 860 total Tristian Fannin 21st place 615 total

Nathanial Gill 1st place 1125 total Caden Dean 2nd place 1060 total Bryan Smith 5th place 970 total Rafael Gonzalez 7th place 925 total Marco Erives 10th place 890 total

198 class

Travis Greathouse 4th place 985 total



Alejo Rodriguez

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### **Yesteryears**

#### 10 years Ago January 30, 2003

Covenant Abandons Post – The health care clinic in Post is the most recent victim of massive budget cuts imposed by Covenant in Health System recent weeks. The clinic will close Feb. 28 thanks to a 30-day opt-out clause in Covenant's contract with the Garza County Health Care District.

Marlin Marcum, and educator with the Comfort ISD, was tapped as the sole finalist for the superintendent's position at last week's special Post school district trustee meeting.

Best Plat honor went to the cast of "Charlotte's Web" during last Saturday evening's annual Garza Theatre "Willy Awards." Taking center stage were cast members Director Laura Bryan, Joshua Blevins, Stacy Bocko, Abbie May, LeighAnna Logdson, Drew Wyatt, Lyndsey Capps, Zachery Kocurek, Ronnie Woodard, Tanner Britton, Chasiti Rutherford, Elizabeth Elston, Tianna Reyna, Phyneshia Rutherford, co-director Juanetta Bocko, Nolan Bryan, Taylor Blevins, Brandon Blevins, Gini Woodard, Cameron May and Taylor Wyatt.

#### 20 years Ago January 27, 1993

High winds that buffeted Garza County Saturday threatened to push a grass fire out of control 18 miles east of town. Post Volunteer fire fighters battled the blaze for the better part of five hours before gaining control and extinguishing the fire.

EMT's ready new ambulance – Aaron Odem and Becky Warren help stock the service's new ambulance last week. EMT coordinator John Redman says he expects the new ambulance will be up and running February 1.

Schools host "Black Legacy" educational program – African –American culture, its sights and sounds came alive last week for Post Elementary and Middle School students as performers from "Black Legacy", presented a series of 90 minute programs. Brought to Post as part of a pilot project of the Texas Arts Council Think and Learn program by the Caprock Cultural Association, the performances gave students a colorful look at African Culture.

#### 30 years Ago January 19, 1983

Burlington to Close Postex Plant – What has been rumored and suspected by many for several months was made official Monday afternoon by Burlington Industries officials. Burlington will close its Postex Plant, with phasing out to take from five to eight months.

Four Antelopes Picked to All-State
Team – Milton Williams and Toby
Craft were named to the first team
Class AAA All-State football team by
the Texas Sports Writers Association,
released last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. I.S. (Pete) Pennell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception from 5 until 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 in the First National Bank Community Room.

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#### 40 years Ago February 1, 1973

Garza County Mental Clinic helping reduce state hospital's population - Thanks mainly to the Garza County Mental Health Clinic at 115 North Ave. N in Post, and seven others like it in this area of West Texas, the patient population of the Big Spring State Hospital is steadily decreasing. "These outreach clinics, such as the one in Garza County, are helping cut down our number of readmissions and helping avoid serious mental illness by giving immediate attention to cases which otherwise would have required long-term hospitalization," says Tad Corbet, director of outreach programs for the Big Spring State Hospital.

Grievance committee not unanimous on any of seven county pay hikes – The only two things Garza County's new grievance committee unanimously agreed upon yesterday at the conclusion of a near day-long meeting was that County Attorney Preston Poole should get a locked filing cabinet for his office, and that Justice of the Peace Racy Robinson should be given 15 hours of clerical help weekly in his office at \$1.60 an hour.

Crop prospects same despite bad weather – A gin check yesterday, right after a morning shower which shut down all harvest operations again, shows 19,633 bales of Garza County cotton ginned to date – with ginners predicting there's still 11,850 more bales "out there in the mud."

Believe it or not, January of 1973 wasn't the wettest January in a long, long time. Official moisture total for the month was 3.00 inches exactly and one has only to go back five years ago to 1968 to get an identical 3.0 moisture total.

#### 50 years Ago January 31, 1963

Chamber directors endorse bond issue; elect Burkes president – Louie Burkes, plant manager of the Postex Cotton Mills, was elected president of the Post Chamber of Commerce for the 1963 club year at the organizational meeting of the Chamber's 1963 directors in the city council room yesterday afternoon.

Board stresses value of four-lane highway – The new 1963 directors of the Post Chamber of Commerce at their organizational meeting yesterday afternoon unanimously endorsed in behalf of that civic organization the voting of \$85,000 by Precint 1 of Garza County for the purchase of half the right of way needed to four-lane highway US-84 from the top of the Cap northwest to the Lynn County Line.

Music Club to take part in "Parade of American Music" – The Post Music Club will participate in the "Parade of American Music" during the month of February which is sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs and supported by a grant from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

Post Students are Commissioned – Receiving commissions as second lieutenants in the Army are six of the ROTC graduates who participated in the ceremony Monday afternoon at the Texas Tech Student Union. Students include: Gary E. Welch and Bryan J. Williams III, both of Post, Robert N. Harris, John P. Schacht, Lourie W. Johnson and Ronald H. Moerbe.

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68 / 44



Wednesday Mostly Sunny 70 / 48



Thursday Sunny 71 / 45

#### **Detailed Local Forecast**

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 66°, humidity of 21%. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 78° set in 1967. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 35°. South southwest wind 15 to 20 mph. The record low for tonight is 3° set in 1985. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 63°, humidity of 28%. Northeast wind 15 mph. Skies will be mostly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 35°. East northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

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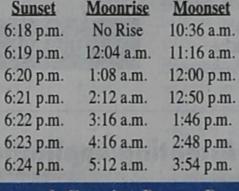
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By the grace of God and not man's technology, I'm back with y'all this week. What a troubling couple of days I've had with computers.

I'm a typical Southerner in that, I'm loyal. As Bear Bryant used to say, "I dance with the one what brung me." I have the same cell phone number that I have had since 1993 when I got my first cell phone back when it was a big of bag phone and set in



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Windows in a world that has gone crazy for Macs and anything else produced by Apple. There are those who try to make me feel like a dinosaur because I still use Windows

and sometimes it works. I squirm a bit and feel just like I did when I was a pudgy, freckle-faced kid who wore homemade clothes when I was standing next to the pretty, slim, blue-eye blonde dressed in the latest fashions. No one likes to feel antiguated or uncool. So, stupidly and against my very

good intuition, I decided to make a long stride toward being cool. After months of weighing all the odds and though those odds stacked up for me to stay with Microsoft - I decided to switch from my PC to a Mac. I'm sad to admit that I was swayed by some who worship at the altar of Apple and, like that little out-of-place girl I was at eleven, I wanted to fit in better. Now, in complete honesty, I will tell you that I have had my share of aggravating problems with my PC and its

software. Internet Explorer freezes up frequently, my current laptop will shut down without notice, email can be contrary in loading, and I've gotten a couple of rather pernicious viruses. Macs are virtually virus-free. I spent a few months visiting the Apple store, asking a lot of questions about the transfer of information from PC to Mac and was assured it would be flawless.

So, I plunged in. This stupid mistake ranks up there with the perm I got in 1989 that jazzed my already curly, voluminous hair to mammoth proportions. I won't go into all the details, but this will tell you how bad it's been: My laptop spent two full days at the Apple store having the information transferred (supposedly). When I went to pick it up and discovered information that had not transferred and that my email accounts were not set up, Tink and I spent seven straight hours in the store as their experts tried to make the information transfer.

Finally, one of them said, "It's a best effort. We don't promise that we can transfer everything."

"No," I said, amazingly nice and polite for the roughness of the experience. "No one ever said 'best', everyone promised it would be no problem."

Tink pulled the manager over to the side for a grownup, man-toman talk and, in a few minutes, they called me over. The manager very nicely said, "This is not a normal ex perience. We rarely see this, though it does happen."Then he offered a full refund on the Mac.

Tink said to me, "Do it now." He had been the main one who promised me that I would love Mac and that there would be no problems, but he was the first one to see it was a situation that couldn't be saved.

I resisted. I hate to give up. I hate for a problem to back me down for this reason: If I give in to a piece of machinery and a complex problem, then it makes it easier to give up on down the road with something else. I just think you need to build muscle in every situation possible and push through. We stayed two more hours. Finally, the manager said, "Take it home and work with it for a couple of days and if it still doesn't behave properly, my offer

stands. We'll take it back." I'm disappointed in my experience with Mac but I am not disappointed in the Apple service. The folks really care and they jumped through hoops to make it work. The manager and tech folks told me, "It's the relationship you have with Apple that we care about the most." I have an iPhone, two iPods, and an iPad -- plus I'm planning on buying a mini iPad to use for book sales at events. I've never had a problem with an Apple product or with the service. Based on what I have seen - though it didn't turn out for me like I would like - I would definitely go back to them and recommend them. I appreciate people who ap-

preciate their customers. I buy a new laptop about every four years. It is my work tool and I have to have a good one. My current one is so ragged out that Tink thought it was much older than what it is. I put them through a good work out. I'm going back to Microsoft. This whole debacle has cost me so much time and energy that I have lost money, trying to make this work. Here's another thing that should have kept me from switching and which I did weigh heavily - I have the fabulous Ed Ivey, PC genius, to fix any problem I have and he fixes every problem effortlessly. Ed has saved me several times from disaster - like years ago when a motherboard crashed on an IBM Thinkpad and I should have lost EVERYTHING. I was in the middle of writing What Southern Women Know About Flirting when it crashed. Ed saved every word. My uncle referred me to him about 12 years ago. My Uncle AJ was hard to impress but he believed that Ed hung the Microsoft moon. Over the years, Ed has become such a good friend that

he joins us for Thanksgiving dinner. For no other reason than Ed, I should have stayed. He has earned my trust and he has saved my bacon several times. I went and talked to him about it and he said, "Hey, Mac's a good machine. You'll be fine."With his blessing, I left.

But I am going back and, unless Microsoft goes out of business or Ed dies before me, I am never leaving again.

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