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Daniel Hogan, playing Young Scrooge and Kristi Heinrich as Belle are joined on stage by other cast members in the current production of "A Christmas Carol" at the Garza Theatre. The show will run two more weekends: December 11 & 12, 7:30 p.m.; December 18 & 19, 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday matinee, December 20, 2:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended. This musical version of the familiar Dickens Christmas story is directed by Jay Young. The play features a cast with over 30 actors and a 6-piece orchestra. Tickets for the musical presentation are: \$15/adults; \$13 students/seniors 60+/military; \$10 children aged 12 and under. Call the theater box office, 495-4005 for more information or to make reservations. Photo by Rosa Latimer.

Macy Wins Double at WJTRC

Aaron Macy, a Freshman at Post High School, won the Jr. World Champion Team roping over the Thanksgiving holiday this year. The event is held at the Hardy Murphy Coliseum in Ardmore, OK. Aaron heads for his roping partner, Brent Ivy of Happy, TX.

Approximately 250 teams entered the competition. All teams get to rope 5 head of steers. The winners are determined on the fastest times.

Aaron also won the 14 & Under jackpot with Trevor Kirchschrager from Colorado. Over 400 teams of young boys and girls from the U.S. were entered in this event.

Macy is the son of Mike and Kellie Macy and the grandson of Bob and Debbie Macy, all of Post.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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Community/Government Meetings
All of these meetings are open to the public.

Garza County Commissioners Court
December 14
9:00 a.m.
Garza Co. Courthouse
300 W. Main

Post City Council
December 17
5:30 p.m.
City Hall
105 E. Main

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Post Christmas Celebration
Holiday light & music
extravaganza
Main Street
Every Fri, Sat & Sun 'til
Christmas
6 - 10 p.m.

"A Christmas Carol"
Garza Theatre
December 11 & 12
7:30 p.m.
Call 495-4005 for reservations

"Emmaus"
Ragtown Gospel Theater
December 11 - 7:30 p.m.
December 12 - 3:00 p.m.
Call 1-877-RAGTOWN for reservations

Post Elementary Christmas Play
December 15
School auditorium
10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

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Local Physician Featured in National Media

By ROSA LATIMER
News Editor

The Washington Post used its front page on December 5 to tell the rest of the world the story of Dr. Ben Edwards and his practice in Post. The article was the end result of a week-long visit to our community by Washington Post staff writer Philip Rucker and staff photographer, Melina Mara. Originally scheduled to run weeks earlier, other news such as the Ft. Hood shooting took precedence in the national daily newspaper. In an email from Rucker he stated that he had received a lot of feedback on the story with "readers from across the country raving about Dr. Ben and how inspiring his story is."

With a focus on the potential burden of a universal health care plan on small-town doctors, the story also provided a very authentic depiction of Dr. Edwards. As often happens with news reporting, Rucker explained during a visit to The Dispatch that the story about health care had blossomed into a very unique story about a physician with a genuine dedication to his patients and to his family.

Titled "The only doctor in town" the article is available on The Washington Post web site:



Dr. Ben Edwards and his son, Cade are shown in Edwards' office at the Garza County Health Clinic. The local physician was recently featured in an article in The Washington Post. Photo by Rosa Latimer

washingtonpost.com. You may be required to register (at no cost) on the web site to view the entire story. Photographer Mara put together a slide show of some of the pictures she took while visiting Post. These images are particularly touching.

The story was picked up by AP and ran in other newspapers such as The Denver Post and the Lubbock Avalanche Journal. Edwards was also featured last year in a story in Texas Monthly.

Even though the article describes Post as an "outpost" in a "vast, flat no man's land," we probably shouldn't take offense. After all if you were a reporter who lived in the middle of Washington, D.C. that might be your impression of this area, too. Both Rucker and Mara expressed very positive feelings about their time in Post and both have stated that they look forward to coming back someday.

Annual Lighted Christmas Parade Draws Big Crowd

By ROSA LATIMER
News Editor

The Christmas season officially began Saturday night when the annual Lighted Christmas parade, sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, made its way from West Main, past the Golden Plains Care Center and down East Main.

The downtown crowd was treated to a concert by the FUMC Covenant Ringers before the

parade and the Pride of Post Band provided music during the parade. Parade description and commentary was provided by Jim Plummer.

The dazzling parade included everything from Santa to Elvis, with lots to see and hear in between. Approximately 30 entries vied for parade awards and wowed the large crowd. Eleven winners of awards totaling \$850 were determined by a panel of judges. The cash prizes were provided by Chamber members and local businesses.

The top award, Xcel Energy Best of Show was given to the Close City Community float, "Let it Snow!"

The Citizens Bank Winter Wonderland award was won by the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility, "Dalby Candy Christmas."

Citizens Bank's float entry paying tribute to veterans, active military and their families received

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Post Notes

Post Christmas Celebration on Main Street

Post Main Street is still aglow for the holiday season. Every night through New Year's Day 6 to 10 p.m. each median on East Main Street will feature lighted holiday figures and trees that flash and dance to holiday music. This lighting extravaganza is made possible through private donations and the support of the City of Post and the Chamber of Commerce.

Benefit Account

A benefit account for Brenda Sweeten has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank to help Brenda Sweeten with travel expenses to and from Baylor Hospital. Brenda is going to have a liver transplant and she will also have the expenses of staying for preliminary testing and matching for the liver. Any help will be much appreciated.

Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Counseling

Hometown Pharmacy, 132 W. Main, is offering free personal counseling on the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan every Wednesday through December. Appointments are appreciated, but walk-ins will also be accepted. For more information, call the pharmacy, 495-2535.

Post Santa Stop

The Post Santa Stop will be accepting toys again this year for Christmas. All donations will be used to benefit local families. If you are interested in being a drop-off location or making a donation, call Barbara Palmer, 470-1295, or the PACC office, 495-3461.

Free Community Christmas Supper

All are welcome to enjoy a free Christmas supper Christmas night, December 25, 6:30 p.m. at Trailblazer's Senior Citizens Center, 205 E. 10th St. in Post. The meal is free, no donations will be taken. Anyone who would like to help with food or food preparation, contact Bubba Smith, 806-549-1562.

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Opinions



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Healing, Shopping and Irony

My wife Sharon reached a milestone in her road to recovery Monday afternoon. After over two months, her central line was removed and she no longer has to receive her antibiotics via IV.

It was an immediate boost to her psychological well-being. It was to mine too!

Again, thanks to all of you who've had us in your thoughts and prayers. It has made a tremendous difference in our lives and has given Sharon the will and the strength to heal.

Christmas will be here before you know it. Keep in mind that there are local retailers with great merchandise to sell.

Your neighbors rely on local sales to make ends meet and they need your support!

We all look forward to a day-trip to a larger town to get some shopping out of the way. There is nothing wrong with that. But, keep in mind the items you can get locally. That's all local merchants ask. Give them a chance!

Sometimes our weather can be brutal. If you've been outside the past couple of days, you know what I mean.

Tuesday, I knew it was slick when I went to start my truck to take my son to school. Our back steps were treacherous.

When I came in to get my son for school, I warned him of how slick it was. As soon as he hit the top step he went down hard. We made it to school though.

Later, I was getting out of my truck when I went down. Guess it's a good thing Sharon is getting better because I'm hurting from my neck to my right foot.

Anyone tired of our "leaders" never leading by example?

Somewhere in the neighborhood of 100 world leaders are meeting in Copenhagen to try and rob us of more of our money at the climate summit.

So far, with the event underway, Copenhagen is expecting 140 private jets and 1,200 limos. Isn't that ironic?

How about you fly commercial and take the train to the summit. That might actually start to convince me that there is a problem.

The fact is when it was proven the planet was actually cooling, they dropped the term global warming for climate change. News-flash, this is a planet - the climate has been changing for billions of years and will continue to do so until it is consumed by our sun in a few more billion years.

I implore you, dear readers, to check your own sources and find out the truth about climate change and other major topics concerning us. To take what the mainstream media tells you as gospel is a dangerous way to form an educated opinion.

Don't be afraid to ask questions and get the facts. The truth shall set you free!

I've been a Tiger Woods fan since he was a boy and I first heard about him on "That's Incredible." It's rough to watch the circus his life has become since Thanksgiving night.

I'm disappointed in Tiger because I have a big problem with infidelity. I really don't know what to think about the situation other than the man has lacked the proper discipline in certain areas.

Along with so many other athletes and celebrities, Tiger will now be known for plenty of other things besides being the greatest golfer in history.

What will be most interesting to me will be how he plays now. It's a new ball game for him as he has never been the butt of every new joke coming down the pike.

When my wife asked me if I thought his endorsement deals were in trouble, I responded by saying that there are plenty of products out there for Tiger. Perhaps he can endorse a condom company for times when "You're on the prowl like a Tiger!"

I know that was terrible...

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A Grim Review of Current Actions Against the Afghan War

By Kevin Gosztola

What does it say about liberals or progressives when a major action is called in Chicago to oppose Obama's military surge in Afghanistan and maybe 100 people show up? What does it say when more than 200 come the day after the surge to express outrage but on the weekend, Saturday, there are less people than during the middle of the week?

What has happened to liberals and progressives?

All over the U.S. in the beginning of the week, between Black Friday and Dec 2nd, there were actions organized to bolster opposition to the Afghan war escalation that Obama was going to defend in his West Point speech on Tuesday. In total, there were thousands of people who came out to call for an end to the occupation of Afghanistan.

But, come Saturday, where were liberals and progressives? Where were the thousands who know this is wrong, who know this means tens of thousands of Afghans are going to die along with a thousand more American soldiers?

Chicago has gotten 3,000-5,000 people downtown to oppose U.S. wars before. What is the reason for such an abysmal showing of liberal or progressive activists last weekend? And is this low turnout a symptom of a larger problem in America right now?

Sure, it was cold in Chicago. It's hard to build up an anti-war movement in the winter and this is the perfect time for an escalation. And, one must admit that those thousands of people have only come out to Chicago for perennial protests--marches that symbolically note that wars of occupation have been going on for six or seven or eight years.

But, how many Obama supporters conditioned their selves to accept this surge in Afghanistan? How many looked for a so-called silver lining so they could go along with what Obama was doing and not risk alienation among American liberals who think they have to support Obama to maintain

strength against Republicans who will stop at nothing to make Obama fail?

Many liberals note Obama's campaign promise to escalate the war in Afghanistan after removing U.S. troops from Iraq. The expectation of escalation is political cover for Obama's upsetting decision to continue a war of occupation that is constitutionally illegal and ultimately unwinnable unless American military forces ethnically cleanse the country through increased Predator drone strikes.

Thoughts of what it would be like if America withdraws have liberals frightened, but would they be this worried if Bush or McCain was in power? Such fears gloss over the reality that Afghans want America to save Afghans from U.S. forces and are fully capable of saving themselves from brutal repression on their own just like American revolutionaries once saved themselves from British colonialists in the late 1700s.

If there were any thoughts of recognizing the Afghani people's right to self-determination, it cannot be found in the progressive establishment. Reactions of disapproval after Obama's speech have not translated into calls for action. Groups like CODE Pink oppose the surge as they tactfully monitor their opposition to ensure communications are not broken off between the anti-war group and the pro-war Obama Administration. MoveOn.org forgets its history of opposing the war in Iraq and does not mobilize its base of supporters to oppose plans by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates to do away with firm withdrawal dates in Afghanistan (dates which polarize progressives and weaken opposition to a surge in Afghanistan).

A majority of progressive groups remain focused on a sliver of a public option. They commit to all-out wars against senators like Joe Lieberman who Obama and Democrats have given too much power too in the struggle for health reform. And, instead of becoming strong proponents of a Medicare for

All plan as the public option slips into oblivion, the war in Afghanistan expands.

Green Party supporters, people who voted for Nader in 2008 (and third party in prior elections), and those who dislike the system and don't vote at all are out doing the grunt work to organize the first major action since Obama called for the surge. They are scrambling to organize a meaningful response to the president's calls for more war just over a week before he accepts a Nobel Peace Prize. Liberals and progressives overwhelmingly dismiss Green Party supporters, past voters of Ralph Nader, and members of small socialist and communist parties in America but the reality is that these people make up the unwavering conscience of American society.

They are people who can always be counted on to tell the truth and, although they have little political power in America's political system, they compel all Americans to question their stance on not only key issues in society but the American system of government which keeps Americans in a state of civic adolescence.

On Dec. 12th, they will conscientiously demand an end to plans to expand the atrocious war in Afghanistan.

So lay aside your political differences with people who you think like to "spoil" elections. Join with these people who voice the same concerns you read in The Nation or The Progressive, hear on Keith Olbermann or Rachel Maddow, and skim over on Daily Kos and other liberal blog sites.

Be in D.C. on December 12th to call for a halt to escalating the war in Afghanistan, to call for the occupation of Afghanistan and other occupations of Middle East countries to come to an end.

Kevin Gosztola is a trusted author who publishes his writing regularly to OpEdNews and Open Salon and he is a 2009 Young People For Fellow. He is a documentary filmmaker currently completing a Film/Video degree at Columbia College in Chicago.

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Obituaries



Frieda Joyce Daniels Skiles

Frieda Joyce Skiles, 75, of San Angelo went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 2, 2009 at her residence. She loved and was devoted to her family and friends and will be dearly missed.

Family visitation was held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, December 4, 2009 at Robert Massie Funeral Home in San Angelo.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 5, 2009 at the Robert Massie Funeral Home, with Rev. J. T. Tucker, of Vista Care Hospice, officiating. Burial will follow at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Kurt Williams, Beau Bessent, Chad Daugherty, Mike Daugherty, Brad Daugherty, and Paul Williams.

Joyce was born on December 31, 1933, in Lometa, TX to Johnnie and Vallie Daniels.

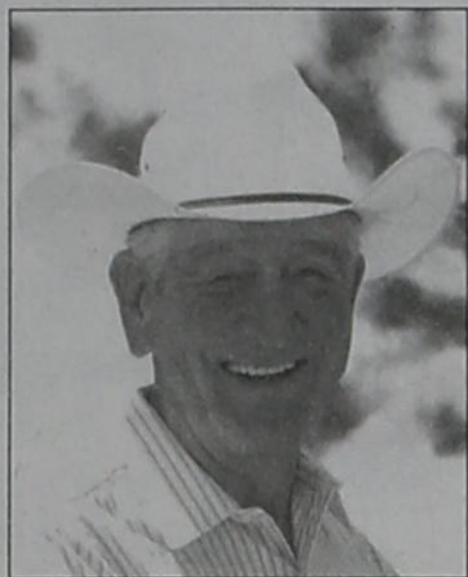
Joyce married James T. Skiles on July 27, 1952 in Rockwall, TX and they shared 55 wonderful years together until Jim's passing on July 10, 2008. Joyce saw the world over 20 years of traveling the globe as a military wife. Her favorite overseas tour was Italy. She still has dear military friends from New York to California. Upon Jim's retirement they returned to San Angelo where she began her work career at Glott Flowers as a floral decorator. She always had a love for flowers and plants. As a talented seamstress she went to work for R. G. Barry of San Angelo in 1971, where she retired as a Quality Assurance supervisor in 1995, after 24 years.

Frieda was preceded in death by her parents, husband Jim Skiles, and two nephews, Jon Bessent and Roy Skiles.

Frieda is survived by her daughters: Jamie Rainey and husband Kerry of San Angelo, Teresa Pina and husband Bert of Abilene, Dawn Sanders and husband Jim of Amarillo; grandchildren Brandon Hines of Corpus Christi, twins Shawn and Tiffany Pina, Manuel Pina, and John Michael Pina all of Abilene and Austin Sanders of Amarillo; sisters, Wilma Williams and husband Billy of Post and Waunice Bessent and husband Ronnie of Lometa; niece, Sheri York of Lubbock; nephews, Kurt Williams of Post; Beau Bessent of Eagle Pass; great niece, Danica Williams of Post; and a sister-in-law, Oneta Moore of San Angelo; two very special cousins Doris Daugherty and Nadine Williams; and numerous nephews and nieces by marriage, along with her little dog Winston, her daily companion and protector.

Joyce's family would like to extend a special thank you to Joan, Maggie, and Angie for their devoted and loving care. They would also like to thank Dr. Blanc, his Nurse Practitioner Mary Wilson, Respiratory Therapist Lori Quain at SACMC, and Vista Care Hospice staff for their special care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Jon Bessent Memorial Scholarship Fund at 215 Ester Resa Rd., Lometa, TX 76853. Joyce's obituary and guestbook may be viewed online at www.RobertMassie.com.



Syd Conner

Services for Syd Conner, 75, of Post were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 5, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church in Post, with Tony Conner officiating. Services were also held at 1 p.m. Sunday, December 6 at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Hamilton. Burial in Bee House Cemetery will be under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home of Post.

He died Wednesday, December 2, 2009 in Post. He was born on April 27, 1934 in Bee House to John Henry and Anna Conner. He married Lil Reeves on November 20, 1953 in Lubbock. He was a graduate of Texas Tech. They moved to Post in 1962, and he became the County Extension Agent. After his retirement in 1989 he continued to ranch in Garza and Dickens Counties.

Survivors include his wife, Lil, of Post; three sons: Rusty Conner of Burien, WA, Tony Conner of Midland and Randy Conner of Post; a daughter, Christie Curb of Post; a brother, Glenn Conner of Bee House; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday, December 4 from 6:30 until 8 PM at Hudman Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Syd Conner Memorial Scholarship Fund, Garza EPC Fund, 495-4400.

Obits...

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Schildknecht Files for Re-election



District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht has filed candidacy papers with the Republican Party of Texas to officially begin her run for re-election.

Schildknecht is seeking her third full term as District Judge for the 106th Judicial District of Texas, which includes Dawson, Gaines, Garza, and Lynn counties. A practicing attorney from 1992 to 2001 and a former school teacher (1969-1989), Schildknecht was appointed in 2001 by Governor Rick Perry to fill the unexpired term left by the retirement of long-time District Judge George H. Hansard. She has since turned back challenges in both the primary and general elections in 2002 and the general election in 2006.

"Serving the people of the 106th Judicial District has been and continues to be an honor and a privilege for me," said Judge Schild-

knecht. "I believe, as the framers of our Constitution did, in three separate and independent branches of government. Our system of justice depends on a fair and impartial judiciary that is free from intimidation. I welcome the opportunity to have the people of our district consider my work habits and my dedication to our Constitution and to 'justice for all' that we hold so dear."

A graduate of Lamesa High School (1959), Stephens College (A.A., 1961), Texas Tech (B.S. in Ed., 1963), and the Texas Tech School of Law (J.D., 1992), Schildknecht is an elder in the Presbyterian church and is active in community and civic matters. She is a member of the College of the State Bar and a Fellow in the Texas Bar Foundation.

Schildknecht and her husband, Arlie, live in Lamesa and have two children and three grandchildren.

Rep. Joe Heflin Files for Reelection

State Representative Joe Heflin has filed for reelection to represent House District 85 in the Texas House of Representatives. Rep. Heflin stated, "It is an honor to serve the citizens of my district. I am grateful for the strong bi-partisan support that I have received both from the district and from other members of the legislature." In announcing his reelection plans, Rep. Heflin said he wants to go back to Austin to work for West Texas, with an agenda focused on jobs, energy, water rights, rural healthcare, and public education.

"This year I was able to pass important economic development legislation as well as laws to protect our rural hospitals and public schools," said Rep. Heflin. "Still, there is more work to be done. Wind energy can and will be the next job and financial boom for West Texas. And since agriculture is so important to HD 85, we must make sure that our water rights remain in the hands of local officials - not bureaucrats in Austin."

A two-term representative of House District 85, Rep. Heflin said experience and effectiveness will be issues in his reelection campaign. Rep. Heflin currently is serving in his fourth year both on the House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock and on the National Conference of State Legislatures' Agriculture, Environment and Energy Committee. In addition, he presently serves as a member of the House Committee on Elections and as Vice-Chair of the Rural Caucus.

Rep. Heflin served as a member of the House Select Committee on Property Tax Relief and Appraisal Reform, the committee that pushed the recently-passed constitutional amendments to protect property tax payers. He also served on the House Committee on County Affairs.

Before his election to the Texas Legislature, Rep. Heflin served five years as County Judge in Crosby County and was elected to two terms as an alderman for the City of Crosbyton.

Texas House District 85 covers more than 15,000 square miles. The 16 West Texas counties in the District are Borden, Crosby, Fisher, Floyd, Garza, Glasscock, Hale, Howard, Jones, Kent, Lynn, Irion, Reagan, Sterling, Stonewall, and Terry counties.

Rep. Heflin may be reached at his Capitol Office in Austin, 512.463.0604, at his District Office in Crosbyton, 806.675.1583, or in Big Spring, at 432.213.2897.



Garza County 4-H members (from left) Ja D Young, Audree Williams, Dakota McDonald, and Reed Williams competed in District 4-H Consumer Decision Making, Saturday December 5, in Tahoka. Audree scored a perfect 300 in class placings, which is very difficult and rare. She placed 1st in class placings and 3rd overall. The team placed 2nd in class placings, 3rd in Reasons and 3rd overall. This competition qualified them for State 4-H Roundup in June in College Station. Courtesy photo.

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Southland News

By Brad Ellison, Principal

Congratulations to our JH girls on a good win last Monday night over Wellman-Union. Good job coach and good job ladies!!

Good job to M'Keison, Ashlee and Taylor who were chosen to be the ball girls for the Texas Tech Lady Raider game this past weekend versus New Mexico.

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK:

Borden County Basketball Tournament begins Thursday and ends Friday (2 Day Tournament due to BC playing a playoff FB game on Saturday)

South Plains College Touring Ensemble will be here to play for the kids at 10:00 a.m. on Friday. This will last about an hour.

EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK:

JH basketball at New Home on Monday night beginning at 6:00 pm

JVB/VG/VB basketball at Sands Tuesday night beginning at 5:00pm

Semester Test on Thursday and Friday. Even on Thursday and Odd on Friday.

Early Release both days at noon.

Thanks for Reading The Post Dispatch

CitizensBank wishes to thank the following individuals who contributed so much toward helping us express our appreciation to America's military at the lighted Christmas parade:

Members of the military who so proudly represented our troops on the float:

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Lee McKinney, U.S. Air Force veteran
Dustin Massey, U.S. Air Force

Those who helped make our float so special:

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Medical expense account has been set up at Citizens Bank for Michele Raben to help with growing medical expenses after surgery.

VFW Post 6797 to Meet

VFW Post 6797 and Ladies Auxiliary, and Motorcycle Unit 13-6797 will hold their regularly scheduled meeting Monday evening December 14th, at 6:00 pm. Christmas supper will be provided for all members and their families, immediately following the meeting. The Post and Unit will provide the meat, and members are encouraged to attend and bring a side dish or dessert. Children welcome. Please contact Chuck Ratliff at 495-2026, J.W. or Rebecca Jolly at 990-3128, or 620-0262, for an approximate head count.

Christmas Exhibit at the OS Museum

The OS Museum wishes to "Share the Season" as you view the traditional and unique Nativities, Creches, ornaments and Santas gathered from around the world now on exhibit. Viewing hours: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday. 201 E. Main St. & Avenue I in Post. Admission is free. The museum is upstairs and there is an elevator for your convenience. Call 495-3570 for more information.

Account Established for Gonzales

An account has been set up at Citizens Bank to help Eva Gonzales with medical and funeral expenses for Mike Gonzales.

Stitchin' Club

The Stitchin' Club meets every Tuesday night, 6 p.m. at The Heritage House, 109 N. Avenue N. Anyone interested in any kind of needlework, knitting, crochet, etc. is invited to attend. Call 495-4148 for more information.

Blanket Drive Continues for Animal Shelter

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a blanket drive for the local animal shelter. Bring your old blankets and towels to the Chamber office, 131 E. Main, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. The office is closed from 12:00 - 1:00. For more information, call 495-3461.

Upcoming Events...

(continued from Page 1)

Post Elementary Pre-K

Christmas program

December 17
School auditorium
10:45 a.m.

Free Community

Christmas Supper

December 25
Trailblazer's Senior Citizens
Center

Post ISD Early Release

Christmas Holidays

December 18
1:30 p.m.

205 E. 10th St.
6:30 p.m.

Parade...

(continued from Page 1)

the Wells Fargo Christmas Spirit award.

The Polar Express entry by Holy Cross Catholic Church Altar Servers won the United Supermarket Holiday Imagination award. A float built by the Girl Scouts received the OS Museum Heritage award.

The entry by Santa Stop for Toys won the Xcel Energy Good Tidings award. Dru Ann Verkamp and her family in a "One Horse Open Sleigh" pulled by Buttons, a miniature horse won the Brady's Christmas Whimsy award. A double entry of lighted cars by the Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce was awarded the Post auto Parts Silver Bells award.

Belinda Jackson's lighted horse and carriage received the Sonic Christmas Fantasy award. Twins Fashions White Christmas award was given to the Holy Cross Catholic Church youth group's live Nativity scene. The lighted Spartan bus won the Hudson Furniture Frosty the Snowman award.

(See parade pictures, page 10)

Post was founded in 1907 by breakfast cereal magnate C. W. Post, as his "dream city."

Obits...

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Claire Ruby Hannaway

Claire Ruby Hannaway, infant, of Lubbock, grew her

wings and went to be with her heavenly Father on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at her residence surrounded by her loving family. She was born on September 20, 2009, in Lubbock.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 12, 2009, at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel in Lubbock with Dr. James Egan officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 11, 2009, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Resthaven Funeral Home. Please join us in celebrating Claire's life by visiting

her memorial at www.mem.com.

Those left to cherish her memories are her parents: Joey and Angie (Johnson) Hannaway of Lubbock; grandparents: Joe and Linda Johnson of Ft. Worth, Julie Sladek and Artie Davila of Arlington, Earl and Charlotte Hannaway of Brooksville, FL; great grandparent: Madonna Lindley of Red Oak; aunts: Renee and husband James Altendorf of Ft. Worth and Jessica Sladek of Arlington; as well as several other loving family members that will miss her.



Special Thanks for Lights on Main

I concur with the writers in Friday's paper concerning the lights on Main Street. The lights are great and it makes one proud to live in a town that cares. A lot of hard work and planning made this possible. The businesses are decorated beautifully. The light show is amazing. We should all thank everyone responsible, especially Giles McCrary for his thoughtfulness and generosity. No one has given more time, energy, and money to the community of Post than Giles McCrary; at least not since C. W. Post.

Thanks, Bubba

I know this will embarrass my buddy, Bubba Smith, but I want people to know that this guy made our light show work. Who knows how many hours he spent getting everything ready and now he's committed until after Christmas to keep it going. I know he's one of those computer gurus, but I don't think he has done anything like this before. And just to be sure you understand, as far as I can tell this guy isn't getting paid anything to do this. Thanks, Bubba!

Bah Humbug

I went to view the Christmas lights, Friday evening and thought how embarrassing it was with the visitors in town for the play and half the lights were not working. I know this was quite expensive to rig downtown like the 4th of July

and apparently not worth it, I wonder who payed for this and was a in town company used to do it, and how much is the electrical bill for the overkill. [sic]

Great Time Saturday

Our family spent most of Saturday downtown in our hometown and had a great time! I can only imagine how many people contributed many hours and lots of money to make downtown Post an awesome place for Christmas. As we shopped, I talked to many people who came here for Trade Day, but were planning to stay for the parade and light show. From the shortage of parking spaces on Main Street, I think most of them did stay. To all who had a part in this - thank you!

Loved The Bells

Our lighted Christmas parade is always fun and the community is very supportive by building floats and putting lights on tractors. The best part this year was having bells playing Christmas music downtown before the parade even started. This was such a treat and the first time my grandkids had heard bells play.

Good for Business

I'm a business owner and want to speak up about how good the light show, Trade Days, and other special events has been for my business. Thank you to everyone who helps make these things work.

Another Thank You

Our special thanks to the individuals and businesses who helped pay for the lights downtown. They are fun and exciting for the kids, but I think of them as our "Merry Christmas" to the many travelers who pass through Post. We need more of this.

No Parking on Main Street

Wow! How long has it been since you couldn't find a place to park on Main Street? How about last Saturday night? We usually show up 15-20 minutes before the parade and get a prime spot. This year we had to park about a block off Main and walk to the parade. I'm not complaining - I thought it was great to have so many people downtown.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Bale count as of Tuesday evening 3,594. To keep up with daily bale count visit the blog at <http://closecity-coopgin.blogspot.com>. If the weather will cooperate we should be finished in a couple to three weeks. On Tuesday we had 2 hour school delays due to ice, a rain storm, sand storm and wind storm all in one day.....Only in West Texas.

The Christmas parade downtown was just beautiful; and Close City won Best of Show! Yea for us! Everyone did a really good job. There were really pretty floats this year. I do have to thank a few. Robbie Wilke let us use his barn to decorate it, he even had the heater on when we got there so it was nice and toasty inside; Tino Alaniz for letting us use his trailer; Rusty Morris for loaning us his

generator; Robbie and Jim Ellis for building the frame for us; My dad for the use of his pick-up; Nedra Ellis, TJ Ellis and Nancy Morris for helping to decorate. I also want to thank Gene and Lorrye Lou Moore for cheering us on.

Cookbooks

We have picked up a new batch of cookbooks so we now have plenty. Be sure to let us know if you want one as some of these are already taken and the rest will go fast. You can call me, Nancy or pick yours up at Cocara's downtown. Our restoration project is really coming on, if anyone would like to help in any way just let Nancy, Nedra or me know.

Get wells

Get Wells go out this week to; Judy Clary Polson, she

is in the hospital in Lubbock; Our friend who doesn't like her name in the paper, you know who you are =o). Mack Terry is home; Jerry Morris got to go home last week; Shirley Bland is also home. Let me know if I need to add anyone to this list.

Visitors

Visitors we've had this week were; V Oden, Marsha Norman, along with all of our regulars. Remember..... we always welcome visitors, we have the coolest break room and the cheapest cokes in the county.....

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are.....Doug and Claudine Tipton and Carmen Abraham in Post; Odie Kemp and Jean Tipton in Tahoka; Jewel White in Lubbock. Please let me know if

there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Birthdays

December 11 - Kevin Crispin
December 15 - Kari Dunn
December 16 - Angela Graves West, Laura McCampbell Smith
December 17 - Quincey Quintana, Stevie Gonzales

Anniversaries

December 11 - Charles and Sharron Morris; Mack and Jane Terry
Everyone have a great weekend, be safe and keep our troops in your daily prayers!!! See ya next week.

Weekly Inspirations

I KNEW IT WAS IN PENNSYLVANIA!

By: Michael F. Taylor

Pastor Jim had just opened up the church on a rather cold December morning and began his daily chores of preparing the visitation room and brewing the coffee for any guests who might happen by. Moments later, a well worn hobo gingerly opened the front door and peered inside. "May I be of some assistance to you?", the Pastor inquired. "Well yessir, your sure may?" the scraggly bearded traveler replied as he walked up to within just a few inches of the minister. Jim's sense of smell immediately kicked in and he could definitely tell that the gentleman standing before him was more than a little inebriated. "You see sir, I've been a riding that old train for a many a year and maybe it's time I settled down in some place. This here looks like a good place to be. Do you think I might be able to join the church and plant some roots right here?", the old tramp asked. Feeling that the old man needed to get out of the cold to warm himself, Jim decided he would talk to the man and try to sober him up a bit. Jim brought him a large cup of steaming coffee which had just finished brewing and the two sat down at a small table. "Well now sir, I guess if you wanted to join the church I would have to ask you some questions to see what you know about the Bible", Pastor Jim said as the man took a large mouthful of coffee. "Okay, fire away, Preach!", the hobo replied. Being so close to Christmas, Jim decided he would ask the man if he knew where the Baby Jesus had been born. Upon asking the question, without hesitation, the tattered man stated, "Pittsburgh!" Pastor Jim told him that Pittsburgh was not correct and the old man thought for a few seconds and said, "Okay, it must have been Philadelphia." Not wanting to offend the man, Pastor Jim gently told him that the Baby Jesus had in fact been born in the town of Bethlehem. Without missing a beat the old man stated, "Well I knew it was somewhere in PENNSYLVANIA!"

In our modern day world today, I have often wondered just how many people really do know the bible account of why we celebrate Christmas. I love the story as told in Luke Chapter 2, "1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to his own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. 8 She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. 9 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 10 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 11 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 12 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." 15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told." NIV

My father read that story every year to my three siblings, mom, and myself and then we prayed before opening Christmas presents on that wonderful day which we had waited all year long to arrive. And I can't for the life of me remember most of the presents that I received. But one thing is for certain, I will always remember that wonderful time of sitting around the Christmas tree with my family. I will forever remember that strong voice of my father reading about the greatest and most precious gift to mankind. The gift of the Christ Child. Precious memories which truly reflect the words in verse 14- "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests." NIV My prayer for each of you this week is that you will truly experience the peace of God as his favor rests upon your life.

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2 Timothy 3:16-17



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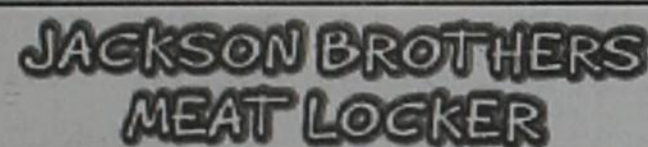


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Photo by Donny Windham
Senior Antelopes Aaron James (18), Jose Rodriguez (52), Giles Dalby (32) and Clint Windham (22) await the coin flip before the game against Sundown. The 'Lopes won the toss and scored first, but came up short, losing the season opener against Sundown 33-24.

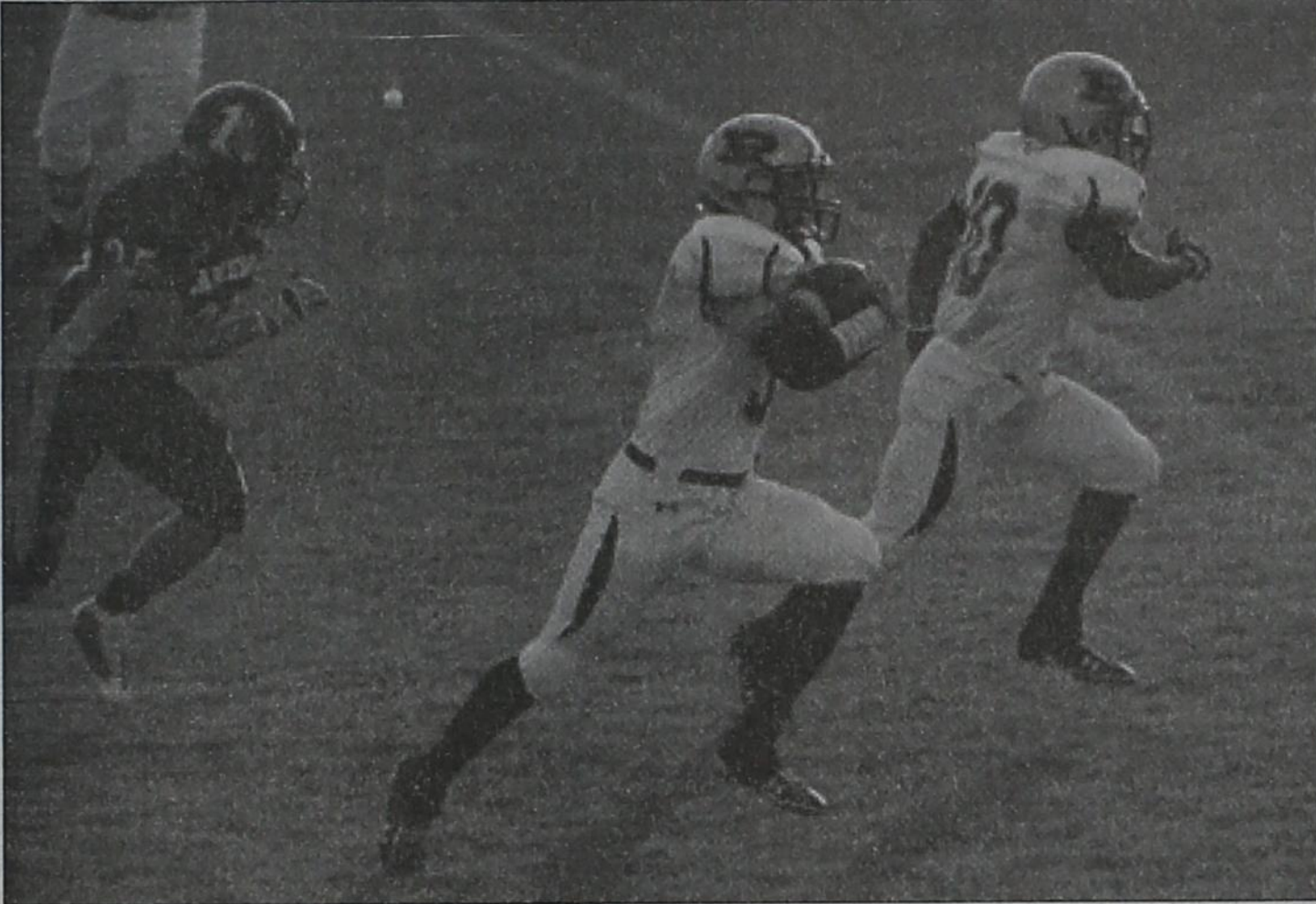


Photo by Jerry Taylor
Senior Ethan Mathis runs for a long gainer for the Antelopes against Lamesa. M. J. Wynne (10) helps clear a path. The Antelopes posted their first win of the season against Lamesa 42-0.

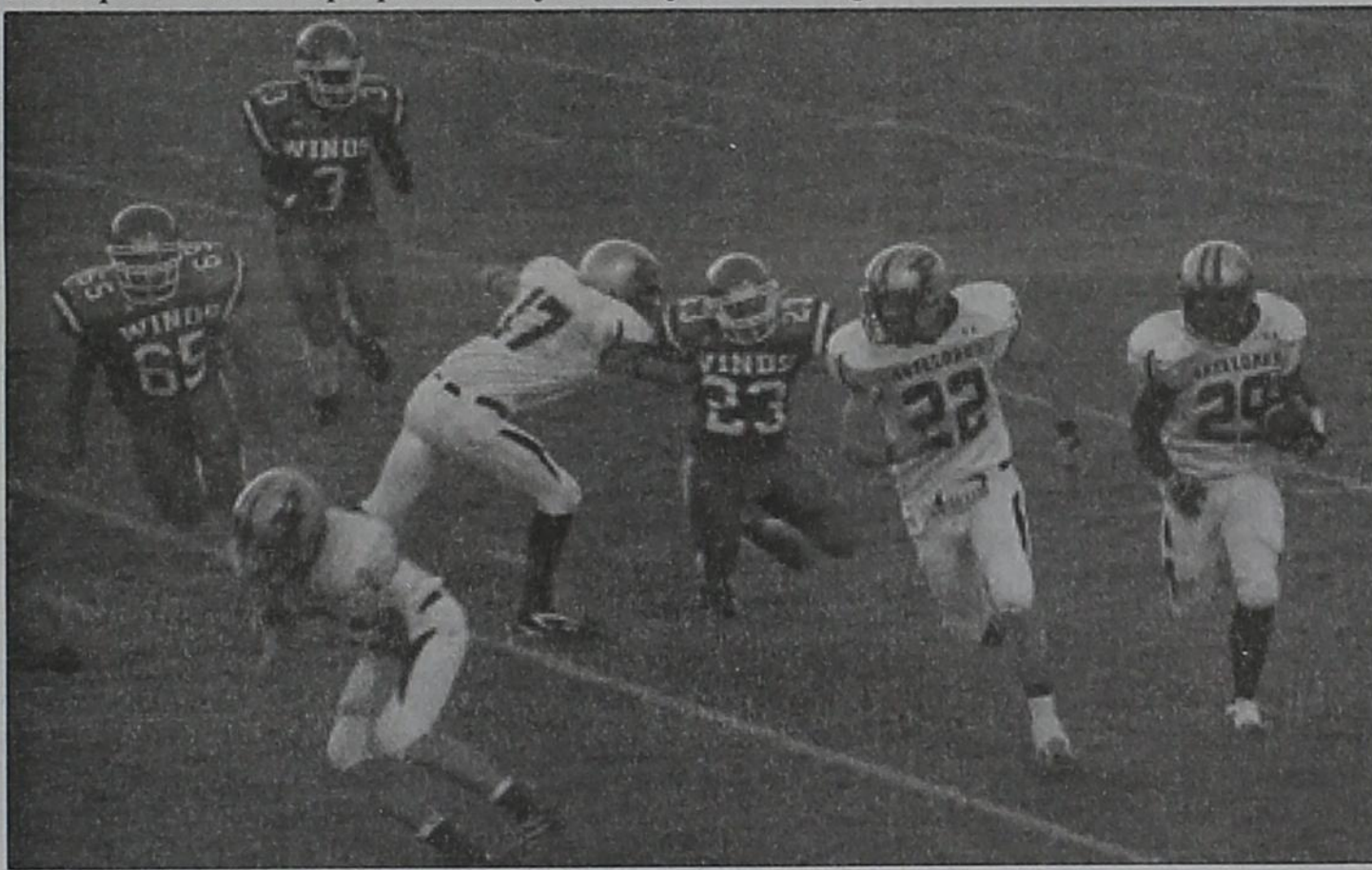


Photo by Jerry Taylor
Chase Greathouse (29) gets protection from Clint Windham (22), Ben Mason (17) and other Lopes as he makes a successful run against Floydada. While holding Floydada scoreless in the second half of the game, Post scored 13 points to capture the win 13-6.

2009 Football Wrap-up

Compiled by Jim Plummer

FINAL DISTRICT 3-2A FOOTBALL STANDINGS									
TEAM	DISTRICT				OVERALL				
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	
*#Littlefield	7	0	41	20	10	2	38	17	
#Post	5	2	26	15	8	4	25	18	
^Idalou	5	2	22	16	7	4	19	12	
Shallowater	4	3	36	23	7	3	38	19	
Denver City	3	4	29	32	5	5	28	25	
Roosevelt	2	5	30	43	4	6	28	33	
Abernathy	2	5	32	33	3	7	29	28	
Slaton	0	7	10	44	2	8	11	35	
Legend: W (Wins), L (Losses), PF (Points For/Game), PA (Points Against/Game)									
* District Champs, #Bi-District winners, ^Playoff Qualifier									
PTS. BY QUARTER					1	2	3	4	
(Opponents)					31	88	47	49-215	
Post					76	81	97	49-303	
TEAM OFFENSE (5th in District 3-2A)									
G	Rush	Pass	Avg.						
12	3,272	687	330						
RUSHING									
Player	Att.	Yds.	Ave.						
Dalby	194	1,371	7.1						
Windham	136	614	4.5						
Saldivar	77	577	7.5						
Greathouse	43	293	6.8						
Mathis	32	235	7.3						
James	14	147	10.5						
Babb	9	44	4.9						
PASSING									
Player	C-A-I	Yds.	TDs						
Windham	38-108-5	691	10						
RECEIVING									
Player	Rec.	Yds.	Ave.						
James	13	325	25						
Perez	7	170	24						
Saldivar	7	112	16						
Wynne	3	69	23						
Duran	1	30	30						
Greathouse	1	11	11						
Dalby	2	8	4						
SCORING									
Player	Pts.	TDs							
Dalby	60	10							
Saldivar	42	7							
Windham	36	6							
James	36	6							
Williams	25	(Xtra Points)							
Mathis	24	4							
Perez	18	3							
Wynne	12	2							
Greathouse	12	2							
Babb	6	1							
TEAM DEFENSE (1st in District 3-2A)									
G	Rush	Pass	Avg.						
12	1,824	1,145	247						
TACKLES									
Player	Solo	Asst.	Sacks						
Windham	63	24	0						
Mason	54	21	1						
Babb	50	49	0						
J. Perez	48	28	5						
James	42	24	0						
Jos Rodriguez	33	30	2						
Mathis	28	9	0						
Menjares	24	18	2						
Saldivar	22	9	0						
Wynn	20	11	0						
Duran	14	0	0						
Martinez	12	7	0						
PASS DEFENSE									
Player	Int	Brk-ups							
James	3	4							
Saldivar	2	2							
Mathis	2	0							
Mason	1	3							
Menjares	1	0							
Windham	0	3							
Babb	0	2							
Duran	0	1							
Perez	0	1							
Wynn	0	1							

Post Antelope Matthew ... Homecoming game. The ... their first district game 4

Senior quarterback Clint ... for the Bold Gold again ... tangs gave the Bold G ... 3-AA.

Photo by Jerry Taylor
Senior running back ... Perez (14) and Aaron ... Dalby finished the reg ... lefield won the defens ... ship. The Bold Gold ... record of 7 wins, 3 los ... 2 losses.

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Photo by Jerry Taylor
Post Antelope Matthew Soto (5) brings down a Roosevelt Eagle in the Homecoming game. The Bold Gold came away with a decisive win in their first district game 40-11.



Photo by Jerry Taylor
Senior quarterback Clint Windham shakes a tackler picking up yards for the Bold Gold against Shallowater. The 28-21 win over the Mustangs gave the Bold Gold sole possession of second place in District 3-AA.



Photo by Jerry Taylor
Senior running back Giles Dalby (32) with protection from Jacob Perez (14) and Aaron James (18) gains yardage for the Antelopes. Dalby finished the regular season with over 1000 rushing yards. Littlefield won the defensive battle 18-13 securing the district championship. The Bold Gold finished regular season play with an overall record of 7 wins, 3 losses; in district games the Antelopes had 5 wins, 2 losses.



Photo by Jerry Taylor
Post Antelopes show great team effort in stopping a run by the Abernathy Antelopes in their district 3-AA match up. Ernest Saldivar (2) had 4 carries for 13 yards, received a pass for 13 yards and returned an interception 36 yards to set up the second Post touchdown of the game. However, Abernathy prevailed 33-22.



Photo by Jerry Taylor
Joe Menjares (60) follows up after Josh Rodriguez flips a Denver City running back for a loss with help from Easton Mathis (3). The Antelopes held Denver City to a total of 153 yards in the second shut out of the season 17-0.



Photo by Jerry Taylor
Antelope Reed Williams (74) prepares to kick off for the second half of the area play-off game against the Bushland Falcons. Waiting for the signal are Chase Greathouse (29), Ernie Saldivar (2), Kaven Martinez (64), Trent Babb (25), Jacob Perez (14), Ben Mason (17), Easton Mathis (3), Matthew Soto (5) and M. J. Wynne (10). Post began the second half only one touchdown behind, but Bushland won the contest 44-7, ending the 2009 season for the Antelopes.



Photo by Jerry Taylor
Tobe Palmer (75); Josh Rodriguez (52); Giles Dalby (32); Easton Mathis (3) and Trent Babb (25) along with a other unidentified Antelopes offer great protection for Clint Windham (22) to run with the ball. The Antelopes won, beating the Idalou Wildcats for the first time since 2005 14-9.



Photo by Jerry Taylor
Senior Cody Dean (65) and Nick Rodriguez (54) provide valuable defense during the game against Slaton. The Tigers came to Post hoping to capture their first District 3-2A win, but the 'Lopes had different plans in a 48-12 win.



Photo by Jerry Taylor
Kicker Reed Williams kicked 5 extra points against Sonora in the first round match-up in post-season play. Fortunately he missed the bi-district trophy during the after-game celebration. The Lopes' 35-28 win in the Mustang Bowl in Sweetwater earned them the 2A, Region I, Division II Bi-District trophy.

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NOTICE that a hearing will be held by the Board of Directors of Lake Alan Henry Water District on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. at Trailblazer's, 205 E. 10th Street, Post, Texas, at which time and place the Board of Directors of said District will announce their own conclusions as to the exclusions of land or other property from the District within a three (3) mile radius of the high water mark of Lake Alan Henry and will consider petitions for the exclusion of lands and other property from the District. All interested property owners are advised that they have the right to present petitions for exclusion of lands or other property and to offer evidence in support thereof, or to contest any proposed exclusion and to offer evidence in support thereof. All petitions for exclusion shall be filed with the District at least seven (7) days before the hearing and must clearly state the particular grounds on which the exclusion is sought as provided by Section 49.305(b), Texas Water Code, as amended. WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE SEAL OF THE DISTRICT THIS 2nd day of December, 2009.

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Post ISD

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Lunch- Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, fresh apple, hot rolls, milk

December 15

Breakfast- Donut, sausage link, fruit, milk

Lunch- Pizza, crispy tacos, lettuce and tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk

December 16

Breakfast- Malt-O-Meal, sausage, toast, fruit, milk

Lunch- Grilled cheese sandwich, tortilla soup, broccoli with ranch, strawberries and bananas, milk

December 17

Breakfast- Churros, sausage link, fruit, milk

Lunch- Pizza, chicken spaghetti, seasoned corn, tossed salad, bread sticks, peaches, milk

December 18

Breakfast- Cereal, graham cracker, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch- Chicken patty sandwich, tater tots, western beans, orange smiles, milk

Southland ISD

December 14

Breakfast- Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

Lunch-Burrito, rice, tossed salad, mixed fruit, sugar cookie, milk

December 15

Breakfast-Biscuits, sausage, gravy, juice, milk

Lunch- BBQ chicken, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, chilled pears, cornbread, milk

December 16

Breakfast- Eggs, bacon, toast, juice, milk

Lunch- Pizza, seasoned corn, frozen cherry bar, milk

December 17

Breakfast- Breakfast bar, yogurt, juice, milk

Lunch- Sack lunch for early release day

December 18

Breakfast- Breakfast burrito, juice, milk

Lunch- Sack lunch for early release day

Trailblazers

December 14

Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, peas, biscuit, pineapple cake

December 15

Taco salad, Mexican corn, beans, peanut butter bar

December 16

German sausage, butter beans, carrots, cornbread, peach cake

December 17

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Editorial Writing coached by Ms. Gini Aldridge: Katie Dunn, Fifth Place eighth grade.

Art coached by Mrs. Kim Greer: Lauren Record, Second Place Sixth Grade; Sara Greer, Fourth Place eighth grade; Tyler Jones, Fifth Place eighth grade.

Calculator coached by Mr. Jason Powell: Katie Dunn, Sixth Place eighth grade.

Dictionary Skills coached by Mrs. DeSanne Fluit: Dakota Greer, Fifth Place seventh grade; Andi Soliz and Campbell Kirkpatrick tied for First Place eighth grade; the team consisting of Andi Soliz, Campbell Kirkpatrick and Jaycee Johnson also placed second.

Listening Skill coached by Ms. Nancy Vaughn: Blake Boren, First Place seventh grade; the team consisting of Blake Boren, Madison Fluit, Tristan Walls, and Jaime Marquez placed Third.

Music Memory coached by Mr. Bernie Tackitt: Brogan Macy

and Lauren Record tied for First Place; Paolo Razo, Sixth Place; First Place Team consisting of Brogan Macy, Lauren Record, Paolo Razo, Shandon Wiley, and Jordon Solorzano. The Post Music Memory team coached by Mr. Tackitt has place first in this sixth grade event for the past five years.

Science 1 (seventh grade event) coached by Mr. Richard Soliz: Jason Walden, First Place; First Place Team consisting of Jayson Walden, Gilberto Flores, Dakota Greer, & Jaime Marquez.

Sixth Grade Spelling coached by Ms. Gini Aldridge: Blake Bryne, Third Place.

Seventh and Eighth Grade Spelling coached by Ms. Pam Humble: Carson Kirkpatrick, First Place Seventh grade; First Place seventh grade team consisting of Carson Kirkpatrick, Dakota Greer, Hector Chapa, & Jonathan Castro; Campbell Kirkpatrick, First Place eighth grade; First Place eighth grade team consisting of Campbell Kirkpatrick, Andi Soliz, and David Hernandez.

Shallowater Middle School placed first with 891.5 points, Abernathy Middle School placed second with 618 points, Idalou Middle School was third with 415.66 points, Denver City fifth with 247 points, Littlefield sixth with 243.33 points, Roosevelt seventh with 204 points and Slato placed eighth with 117.16 points.

Youth Exhibit at Livestock Show

The 46th annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show is only a few weeks away. The event will kick off Friday, January 15 with the weighing of animals to be exhibited by Garza County 4-H, Post FFA and Southland FFA members in the county.

All entries for the show are due January 7 by 5 p.m. Entry forms are available at the Garza Extension office.

All animals must be in the show barn by 1 p.m. on Friday, January 15. Weigh-in is between 1 and 3 p.m. at the show barn.

Friday's activities start with the Pee-Wee Rabbit Show at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Premium Rabbit Show. Robbie and Barbara Palmer are serving as Rabbit Superintendents. Rebecca Nogler will judge the rabbit show.

The Swine Show begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, January 16. Swine Superintendent is Ronnie Dunn. The Steer Show will begin at 11 a.m. with Milton Williams serving as Beef Superintendent. Paul McDougall will judge both shows.

The Lamb Show will be at 2 p.m. and the Goat Show at 3 p.m. followed by the Pee-Wee Goat Show at approximately 4 p.m. Rusty Morris will be serving as Goat and Lamb Superintendent. Dave Clevenger will judge goats and lambs.

A concession stand, run by 4-H and FFA members and parents, will be open Friday through Saturday afternoon.

The Buyers Appreciation Dinner, Awards Ceremony and Sale is set for Thursday, January 21, 6:30 p.m. at the Post ISD Cafeteria. Ronnie Thornton of Plainview will be the auctioneer for the sale.

The Garza County Junior Livestock Association, a non-profit organization formed in 1964, conducted its first stock show in 1965. Currently there are 60 members with the following serving as officers: Jimmy Blanton, President; Milton Williams, Vice-President; Keith Williams, Recording Secretary. Jaquita Blevins serves as Corresponding Secretary.

Everyone is invited to the shows and sale. We encourage you to participate as either a premium purchaser or jackpot donor in support of our youth for their hard work and dedication to their animal projects. Project supervisors include Perry Smith and Lance Dunn for Post FFA; Nick McCollister for Southland FFA and Greg Jones, County Extension Agent-Agriculture, for Garza County 4-H.

Extension Extras

Cookbooks

If you would like to purchase a Hometown Holiday cookbook, please come by the office and get yours today. They are \$10.

Club Meeting

Our next club meeting will be December 13, 2009. This will also serve as our Christmas Party. We will have a scavenger hunt and lunch. We will meet at 1:30 at the Show Barn.

Congratulations!

We would like to say congratulations to all who participated in the 2009 Rabbit Extravaganza and Consumer Decision Making.

Stock Show Workday

The workday has been scheduled for January 10, 2010 at 2:00.

Thank You to our Soldiers

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Extension Office Closings

The Extension Office will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 for the Christmas Holiday.
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Yesteryears

Compiled by Kristen Odom From The Post Dispatch archives

10 years ago December 9, 1999

Steffi Norman's entry at the Post Elementary School science fair was chosen by judges as Best of Show.

Matthew Ledbetter of Garza County was on the roster of outstanding 4-H'ers honored Nov. 22 at the annual South Plains District Gold Star Banquet.

Teraka, Tyler and Destiny Cowley announced the birth of their cousin, Pacey Willis Blevins. He was born on Nov. 17, 1999 to Angel Blevins.

Robby Blair and Amanda Hair announced the birth of their daughter, Brooke Elaine Blair, born Nov. 26, 1999.

Air Force Airman Johnny Collazo Jr. graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

20 years ago December 13, 1989

When the stage lights go up tomorrow night at the Garza Theatre, a packed house will signal the fourth anniversary of what is fast becoming a truly West Texas tradition and major tourism drawing card for Post, as audiences are discovering top quality live theatre entertainment in the historical theatre on Main Street.

Varsa Jodine Williams and Moris Lynn McFadden, Jr. exchanged wedding vows Saturday, Nov. 11, 1989 in the West Angelo Church of Christ.

Ken Forest McMeans will be among the 162 students in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's school of theology, religious education and church music to be awarded degrees by President Russell H. Dillard.

Post Antelope athletic director and head coach Dewayne Osborne was named as

c-Coach of the Year for District 3-AAA. Named to the All-District football team were Roger Adams, Robby Blair, Jimmy Holleman, Bobby Blair, Trey Jones, Keith Holly, Lannie Lee, Jamie Perez, Bill Rankin, Darren Brown, Jay Whitehead, Rance Sappington and Victor Chapa.

30 years ago December 13, 1979

Six of the 20 scoutmasters who led Post Boy Scout Troop 316 during their first 50 years of training boys attended the troop's 50th anniversary supper at Camp Post. Those present were Jerry Stegall, present scoutmaster, Marshall Ticer, James Mitchell III, Paul Simpson, Silas Short and Victor Hudman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Cowdrey were honored with a surprise silver wedding anniversary party Sunday evening in the Graham Community Center.

Mrs. Rosa Bouchier was honored Dec. 9 with a reception in the parlor of the First Christian Church on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

Mark Holly, the Antelopes' standout offensive end, was the only Post player named to the 5AA all-district football team by district coaches.

Five Lopes were named to the second team selections. They include Drew Kirkpatrick, quarterback; Alonzo Luna, running back; Larry Rodriguez, linebacker; Jackie Stelzer, linesman and Rance Adkins, secondary.

Mrs. Annie Odom was surprised with a party on her 75th birthday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Jones.

40 years ago December 11, 1969

Fred Myers, a vice president at the First National Bank, was elected president of the Post Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. L.G. Thuet Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner Johnson recently attended the wedding of their granddaughter and niece, Miss Deborah Thomas, in Hereford. Miss Thomas and Larry Noland exchanged double ring wedding vows at 7:30 in the evening.

Mrs. Dovie Bartlett was honored with a party on the occasion of her 90th birthday at Win Cedar Nursing Home.

The Post does came from behind in the fourth quarter to win, 63-60, at New Home and boost their season mark to six victories against a lone setback.

Benny Barton was selected as one of six national scholarship winners in the National 4-H Swine program. Announcement of the \$600 scholarship was made at a recognition breakfast in Chicago during the 48th National 4-H Congress.

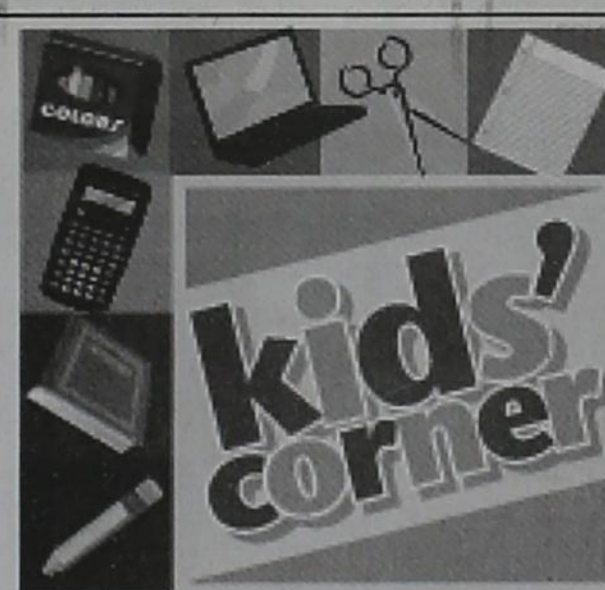
50 years ago December 10, 1959

Guests nearing near 200 called at the Justiceburg home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Pettigrew to help them observe their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple was married on Dec. 9, 1909 and have been residents of the Justiceburg community in southeast Garza County for close to 40 years, where they have farmed.

Trophies were awarded to Post's 7th and 8th grade football teams for winning their district championships. Principal Herman F. Raphael presented the trophies to Danny Pierce, Gerald Lloyd, 7th grade coach and Johnny Glynn Gregg, 8th grade coach to be placed in the trophy case.

W.O. Fortenberry, president of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., and George W. Pfeiffer, PCG Executive Vice President, received an award for outstanding public service activities by the PCG from William Dalton.

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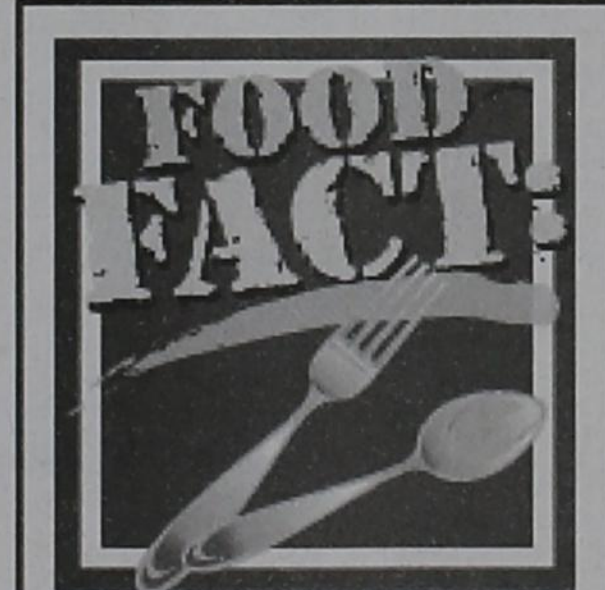


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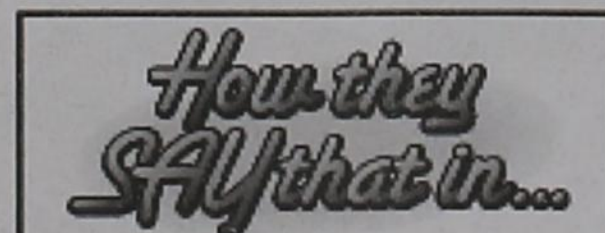
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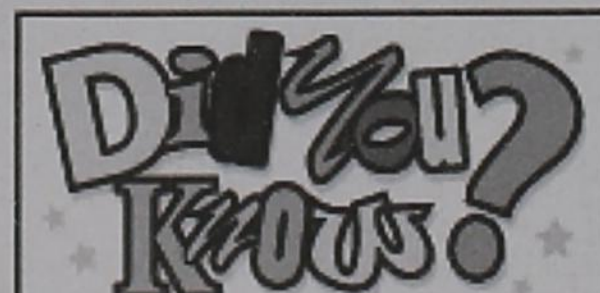


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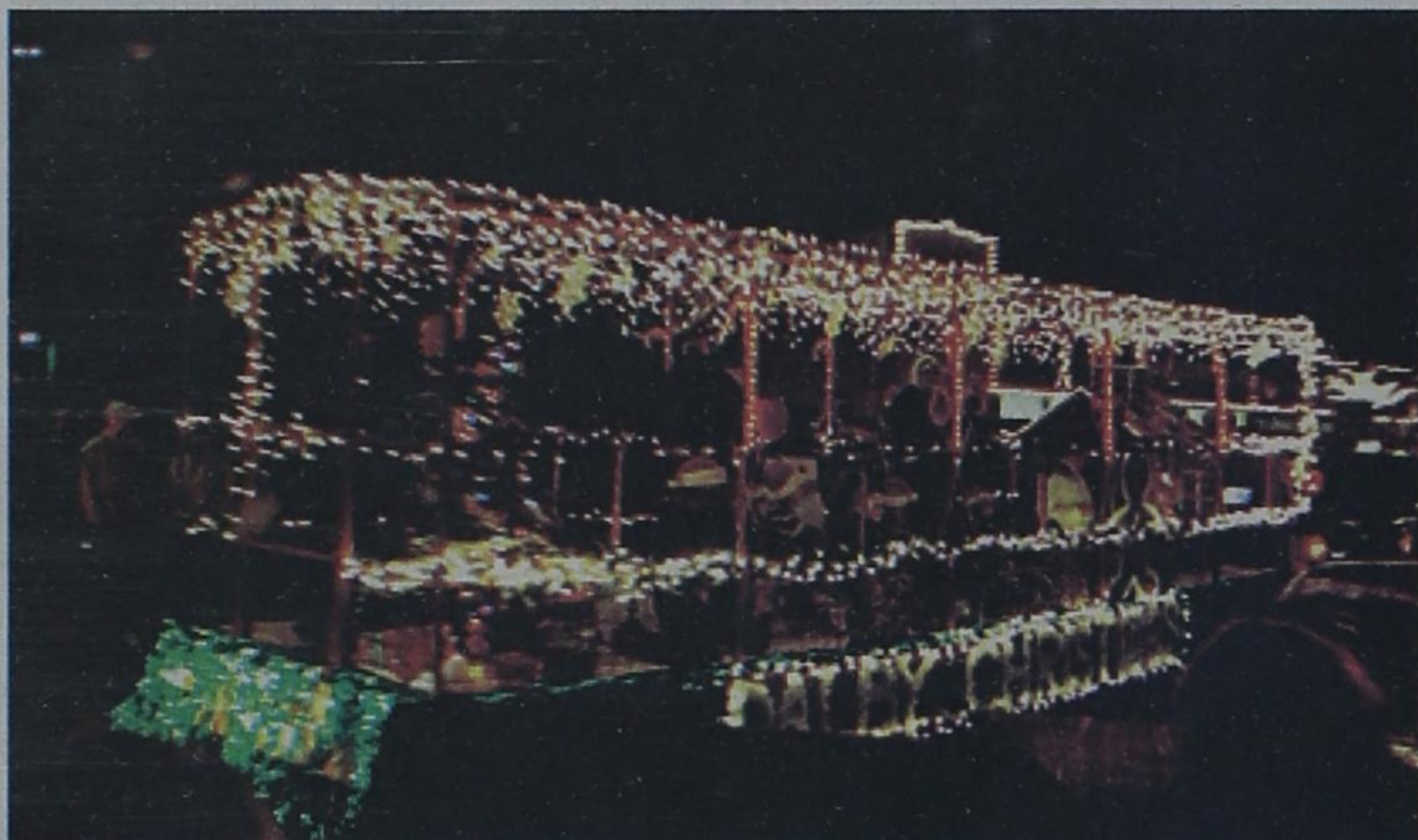
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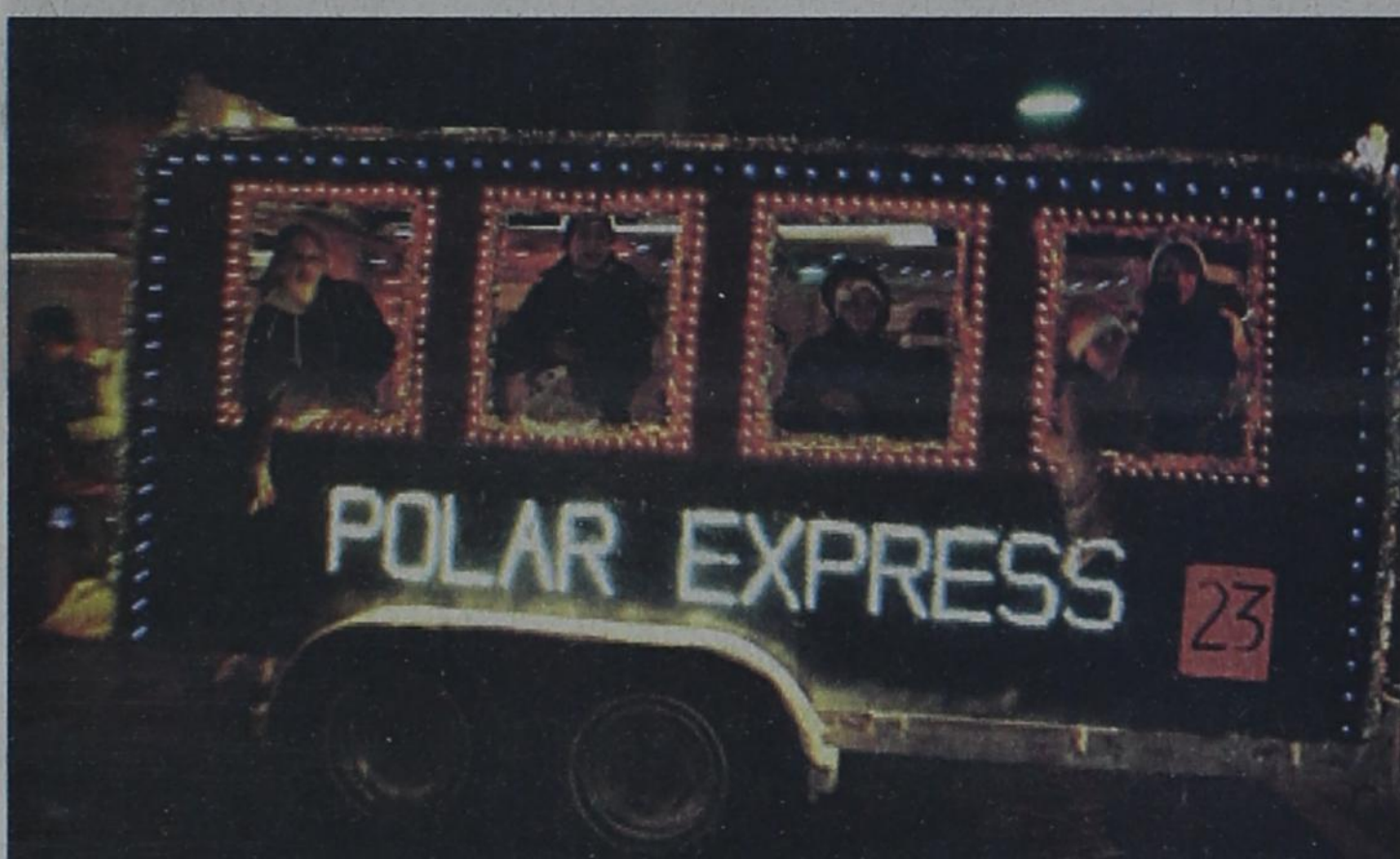
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The lighted float "Let it Snow" built by the Close City/Ragtown community won the Xcel Energy Best of Show award and \$200 in the annual Lighted Christmas parade. The parade was sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Rosa Latimer



A Dalby Candy Christmas built by the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility won \$100 and the Citizens Bank Winter Wonderland award. Photo by Rosa Latimer



Holy Cross Catholic Church Altar Servers throw candy from the windows of their Polar Express during the lighted Christmas parade last Saturday. The group received the United Supermarket Holiday Imagination award and \$100 for their entry. Photo by Rosa Latimer

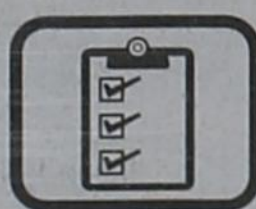
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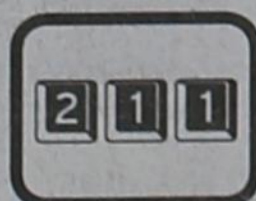
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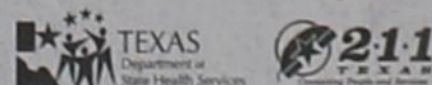
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Belinda Jackson's lighted carriage won the Sonic Christmas Fantasy \$50 prize in the annual lighted parade. Approximately 30 entries made the parade one of the best in recent years.



The Citizens Bank float, "God Bless our Troops" honored veterans, active military and their families. The entry was awarded the Wells Fargo Christmas Spirit prize of \$100. Photo by Rosa Latimer



Representatives of the First United Methodist Church Covenant Ringers provided cheery Christmas music prior to the parade last Saturday. Photo by Rosa Latimer

"Emmaus" Continues at Ragtown

Performances of the current production at Ragtown Gospel Theater, "Emmaus" will continue this weekend, 7:30 p.m. Friday and 3:00 p.m. Saturday as well as Friday, December 18 and Saturday, December 19. There will be no performances December 25 - January 3; "Emmaus" will resume Friday, January 8.

During the holiday season Chip Polk will include a selection of Christmas classics during the concert that comprises the first portion of every Ragtown performance.

The Polk family and many of their volunteers will share refreshments with the audience in the lobby during intermission.

The current Biblical drama has Glenn Polk in the role of Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Polk has said that this performance shows Jesus "in a very unique situation." This drama is set after the resurrection, after He has secured "a future for mankind."

Tickets for the Ragtown "Christmas" concert, followed by "Emmaus" are: Friday performances, adults \$15, Saturday performances, adults \$20. Tickets for children and students are always \$10 and groups rates are available. For reservations call 1-877-RAGTOWN, purchase tickets online at ragtown.com.



Jaimee Farris brought her two sons, Christopher, age 2 (left) and Tucker, age 3 to The Post Dispatch to deliver their Letters to Santa. These letters along with all the others we've received will be published in the December 25 edition of The Dispatch. Photo by Rosa Latimer