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Arson Suspected in Sunday Wildfires

By Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

The Garza County Emergency Management Coordinator, Michael Isbell along with Garza County Sheriff's department Chief Deputy Tommy Binford, the Texas Forest Service and the Texas Rangers are investigating the numerous fires that broke out in Garza County over the past weekend as being very suspicious in nature and possibly arson.

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Wildfires light up the night skies



By Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

The skies over Garza County were lit with an eerie orange glow that could be seen for miles as one of the biggest wildfires to date roared its way through Garza County and into Crosby County. The pall of smoke which has hung densely in the air over the city for several days was the

results of the fire razing any and everything in its path as fire fighters valiantly fought the blazes back that have roared across the dry tinder box that is Garza County. The smoke was so intense it managed to seep into your clothes, vehicles, and yes,

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Volunteers'....The Unsung Heroes

By Darren Weaver
Contributing
Correspondent

Volunteers come in all shapes and sizes. Scout leaders, Sunday School Teachers, many who volunteer at hospitals, emergency medical personnel, and then there are those whom we are acutely aware of as of late, our volunteer firefighters. We have all encountered someone

who has impacted our lives in a positive way, and many of those volunteers have gone unnoticed and without thanks for the amazing difference they made to countless people. Right here in Post, we have an untold number of volunteers that quietly do the job for which they have stepped forward for, and most go without recognition. But it is never too late for

us all to begin to take some steps to change that.

If you are a volunteer, chances are you are one of those people who do not seek the spotlight, and are uninterested in being recognized by your peers. True volunteers are those selfless individuals who place others before themselves, and their joy, their satisfaction comes in knowing they

have made a difference in someone else's life. It is to these people that this salute goes out. I hope you know it is of you of whom I speak, but if you are not sure, allow me to shed some light on your tremendous sacrifice.

You are that person that teaches simply for the joy of

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March Rotary Student

By Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

Sydnee Jones is not just a student that the local Rotary Club was honored to have as a guest in March; Sydnee is also a daughter her parents Lane and Christina Jones are very proud of. Sydnee is quite an accomplished young lady with a definite set of goals already in motion for her future career. When Sydnee is not working in one of her goals, she is busy hanging with her friends and family and very much enjoys time spent with them.

Some of Sydnee's hobbies include horseback riding, which is a favorite pastime. She also enjoys some hunting and camping as outdoor activities, and she has a special interest in Human Anatomy and Sports Medicine. And who could forget her great accomplishment when her talents at playing softball, a talent that won her scholarship to Lubbock Christian University to play for with the Lady Chaps, and she is thrilled with the opportunity that awaits her there. Interior Design and fashion are two more of her interests. School interests have included the National Honor Society, student council, power lifting, basketball, track,



cheerleading, UIL events, Student Athletic Trainer, and last but not least, her softball activities which won her a scholarship to play for the Lady Chaps at Lubbock Christian University. Sydnee was also a state qualifier in power lifting during her Junior and Senior years at Post ISD.

Sydnee plans to major in Sports Medicine and Athletic Training. Once she has attained her degree she plans to continue her education and go on to Tech where she plans to get her degree as a Physician's Assistant (PA). Sydnee is definitely a deserving young lady with high aspirations and says "she would benefit greatly from a scholarship is she were chosen as an honoree for a scholarship from the Rotary Club.

February Rotary Student

By Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

Conner Flaherty was the lone student who attended the weekly luncheons at the Post Rotary club for the month of February. He is currently a senior at Post ISD and is among the numerous students vying for one of the two annual \$500.00 scholarships awarded by the Rotary Club of Post. Conner is the son of Dennis and Melissa Flaherty and is fortunate enough to reside at the Boy Scout Camp in Garza County where his father is employed as park ranger for the camp grounds. He moved here with his family in September of last year where his dad took the job of ranger at the C. W. Post Boy Scout Camp in Garza County. He moved here from Pennsylvania and is originally from Indiana. Conner has spent most of his life living in scout camp like environments since his father has been a ranger at numerous scout camps in the past.



programs to work on it. Besides hanging out with his family, Conner enjoys quiet time to himself to read and write, two of his most favorite past times.

Most of Conner's academic activities lean toward language arts since his desire is to attend a four year college after high school with the goal of getting a master's degree in either liberal or language arts. He has a newfound hobby of photography which he has been enjoying learning about.

Outside of receiving his new guitar in January, Conner's other awards include receiving the Russ Cuttrell Award from his previous church which is given to those deemed of good character by the board that presented the award. Conner has made Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America, which is a level many young scouts aspire to.

Conner likes helping his dad repair things out at the camp grounds since he enjoys fixing things and making them work. He also enjoys working on computers because he enjoys the process of getting

Post Notes

Easter Concert.

The choir of First Baptist Church will be presenting "Eyes of Faith": Seeing and Believing the Messiah" one time only on Sunday Night April 17th. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend. Contact FBC for more information.

Fundraiser for Nick Martinez Family

Calvary Baptist Church will be hosting a benefit meal (take-out orders only) to help Nick Martinez' family with his funeral expenses. Nick was a long-time Post native who was on a transplant list. He and his family had recently moved nearer to his in-laws, due to his illness. On Saturday, April 16th, take-out orders may be picked up from 11 AM to 1

PM at Calvary Baptist Church. For \$6.00 we are serving sliced brisket, potato salad, beans and dessert. To pre-order for Saturday's meal, call 549-1783. On Saturday you can call in an order at 990-2342 or 549-1783.

Administrative Professionals Day

(Formerly Secretary's Day)
April 27, 2011

If you're looking for something different to honor these special folks this year... bring them to our house for lunch!

The Heritage House, Wednesday, April 27, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Delicious buffet including two entrées, salad, dessert & drink. Door prizes & lots of fun! \$15.50/

person. Reservations required by Noon, Monday, April 25. Call 495-4148 or email ccart@poka.com

Graham Ole Opry:

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday April 16 from 7:00pm till 10:00pm at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles South on FM 399. There is no admission charge; hat will be passed for donations to help with upkeep on the center. Concession stand with drinks and snacks will be available.

For more information contact Noel White at 806-495-3261.

SPONSOR THE POST ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK

If you are interested in

sponsoring the yearbook again this year, we are now taking those donations. The cost to sponsor is \$20.00 for a business, \$15.00 for a family/2 names or more and \$5.00 for an individual. Your name or business name will be featured on our sponsor page in each yearbook. For questions please contact Mandi Criswell at 495-3414. Good things come from small beginnings elementary begins their future. Thank you for supporting the Post Elementary Yearbook.

BROWN BAG BOOK TALK

Friday, April 29, 11, bring your lunch to The Heritage House and talk about books!

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We would like to commend our Mayor Harp and City Council members

for issuing the proclamation for this week of prayer and fasting for rain. For sure, we do need the rain as there are wildfires burning all around us as we write this. Since God Almighty is the source of the rain we need, we feel they are doing a very wise

thing in asking us all to join them in prayer for that rain. It is, however, "politically incorrect" in this day and age for elected officials to reference scripture and ask constituents to pray for anything no matter how badly needed. To that

argument, we would answer with I Cor. 1:25 "For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength." We applaud our Mayor and City Council for being "politically incorrect", but

wise enough to ask us to pray for rain! We will be praying and by the time you read this, probably wearing our raincoats!

Congratulations to the Garza County Animal Hospital for winning the

Post Chamber of Commerce "Business of the Year" award. We are truly blessed that you chose our community in which to raise your family and provide a much needed service that has been missing for years.

Engagement Announcements



Tyler, Justus to be wed

Jerry and Marinette Tyler of Post are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Jerin Bruce Tyler to Whitney Denice Justus. Whitney is the daughter of Jim and Susie Justus of Crosbyton, Tx. The future bridegroom graduated from Post High School in 2006 and is employed by UMC Lubbock EMS. He is attending Texas Tech University majoring in Clinical Service Management. The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Crosbyton

High School and will graduate in May from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center with a Masters Degree in Speech-Language Pathology. The couple will marry June 11, 2011 at First Baptist Church, Crosbyton. Jerin is the grandson of David and Nellie Tyler and Robert "Pete" and Juanella Hays of Post, Tx. Whitney is the granddaughter of the late Arron and Catherine Justus and Kenneth and JoAnn Stegall of Crosbyton.

I would like to thank all the men who put their lives in danger to save my house from the fire that consumed thousands of acres on Saturday. Your team work and organization was impressive. As the fire continued to return toward my house from many directions throughout the night, your communication and teamwork kept my house safe. The fire department is the reason my house, shop, equipment, and our lives were all saved. They are truly heroes. The heat alone was unbearable and unimaginable.

Special Thanks, admiration, and gratitude to: Post Volunteer Fire Department, Snyder and Crosbyton Volunteer Fire Departments, Garza County Sheriff's Department, Garza County Constables, Texas Forestry Service, numerous Heavy Equipment Operators. Joe Marts was especially generous by providing heavy equipment and manpower to assist in controlling the fires.

I also want to thank DeAnn Young for alerting us that the fire was headed our way. She and Ken Young allowed us to park our vehicles at their home and provided us a safe place to stay until the fire was out. Thanks to my friend, Brittany Jackson who did not leave until everything and everyone was out of the house. Thanks to Michelle's family members who came from Lubbock to gather heirlooms, documents, and vehicles out of harm's way.

My neighbors suffered great losses and I pray God will bless them and bring us all closer together as we help one another recover from the devastation of Saturday's fire.

Sincerely,
Joe Moore and Family

10 Years Ago

Gregorio Rodriguez Jr. and Jose L. Rodriguez, two local brothers lost their lives in a house fire in the 400 block of West 10th street.

Moving with the Spirit is the name of the musical to be presented at the First United Methodist Church.

Joey and Tabatha Cowley announced the birth of their daughter Rani Dawn Cowley born March 2, 2001.

Bobby and Pam Cowley announced the birth of their daughter Meagan Brooke Cowley.

20 Years Ago

East Main Street landscaping began to take shape as construction crews leveled dirt in preparation for grass and trees. The project was contracted with Bo Jackson.

ALL-STAR CAST-Krista

Kemp was named Best Actress following the District 4-AA U.L.L. one-act play competition. Tyra Hart and Sara Hudman were named to the All-Star cast.

William Tanner of London, England, stops in Post for a break on his personal experience walk across the state.

30 Years Ago

Glenda Morrow won the Post Art Guild and Citizens Award.

Arnold Sanderson won the Photography Jurors choice and People Award in a recent art show held at the community center.

Victor Ashley, who came to Post from Monahans, is the new Garza County executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service.

Ann Altman was honored

on her 70th birthday.

40 Years Ago

E. R. (Buster) Morland, Ed Blanton and Ed Sawyers elected as new city councilmen on April 3.

Don Ammons, shop foreman at The Post Dispatch was elected president of the Post Jaycees.

Marie Neff received the First National Bank purchase prize of \$150 for her oil landscape, 1st well at O.S.

Miss Donna Ruth Mathis became the bride of Thomas Harmon Friday April 9, 1971.

50 Years Ago

Gayle Guthrie was honored by Mrs. W.E. Huffman with a birthday party for her 4th birthday.

Post FHA girls Jane Maxie and Linda Kuykendoll re-

ceive State Degrees at convention in Dallas.

Natural gas came to Post Nov. 26, 1928.

Rev. Bernard S Ramsey of Tyler assumed his new duties as pastor of the First Christian Church.

Mrs. Lobban picked as Teacher of the week.

60 Years Ago

O. G. Murphy is named Permanent Manager of Postex Cotton Mills.

Formal grand opening for the Rig Drive In Theatre is set.

Natha Jo Mears, one year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Mears celebrated her birthday with a party.

Miss Bessie Pitts, home-making instructor, took her class of freshman girls on a field trip to Maxine and Dodson jewelry.

Chamber News

Congratulations to the honorees from our Annual Banquet: Rodney Oden, Conservation Farmer of the Year, Giles and Louise McCrary, Citizens of the Year and Garza County Animal Hospital, Business of the Year. We had a great evening. Thanks to all of our sponsors and donors who made this a successful event.

We want to welcome our newest Chamber member - Krumland Auto Group from Roswell, New Mexico.

Ragtown will have two shows this weekend. Friday night at 7:30 and Saturday afternoon at 3:00. This Saturday is opening day for the Little League. The "family fun" will begin at the ball park at 10:00 a.m.

All employers are invited to have a booth at our annual Post & Garza County Job Fair on May 17. Booths are free for Chamber members and \$25 for non-members.

The High Plains Junior Rodeo is coming to Post on May 21. If you are interested in a sponsorship for this event, please call Trey Poage at 747-7373 or the Chamber office 495-3461.

Congratulations to our Members of the Week: Silver Member - GARZA COUNTY REGIONAL JUVENILE CENTER and Silver Member - COMMUNITY RECOVERY CENTER.

Obituaries



KENITH SMITH

Kenith Wayne Smith, former Post resident passed away on March 31st at 12:11 p.m. after battling a long fight with Prostate Cancer in Schertz, Texas. He was surrounded by his wife Emine Smith, daughter Inci Dibble, son Inan Smith, son-in-law Nelson Dibble and best friend Wendell Duncan.

Kenith was born in Post on February 22, 1943 to Cecil Vester and Lela Mae Smith and was a 1961 graduate of Post High School and a 1966 graduate of Texas Tech. After receiving his commission into the U.S. Air Force, Kenith served at in George AFB, CA, Sheppard AFB, TX, Ankara, Turkey and Bergstrom AFB, TX. He later then left the Air Force and became a Civil Service employee which gave him the opportunity to travel and be stationed at Omaha, NE, San Antonio, TX, Austin, TX, Albuquerque, NM, Ankara, Turkey, Panama, Luke AFB, AZ, Rhein-Main AB, Germany, Incirlik, Turkey, Randolph AFB, TX. He finally retired in October 2007 and moved with his wife Emine to Kusadasi, Turkey. But, due to pain in his abdomen that led to the discovery of his cancer in April 2009 brought him back to San Antonio.

Kenith met his wife Emine while station in Ankara, Turkey. Through mutual friends they attended a party and as they sat on opposite sides of the room he caught her attention. And it was then they had their first dance and their romance blossomed. After a short courtship they married in Post, TX at his parents home on May 1st, 1971. When he married Emine he didn't get just a wife, he got a whole family because he then became a Father to his new daughter Inci Marie and his son Inan William for which he later adopted and treated them as his own. He was the best husband and father a

family could wish for and he will be truly missed.

Kenith grew up the youngest of five siblings and absolutely adored his parents as they were a bit older than his friends' parents. His passion when he was young was the Boy Scouts and of course being a native of Texas he loved the Dallas Cowboys. Football became a joy and something he taught and shared with his daughter, with the exception that she is a Pittsburgh Steelers fan and totally made her an over the top crazy football fan for life. Fishing was something he and his son loved and could do for hours on end. He was also an avid collector of Flint Arrowheads, loved listening to the Beatles and Willie Nelson and enjoyed traveling with his wife to all the places where he had been stationed.

Kenith was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil Vester and Lela Mae Smith, his sister Ruth Little, and his brothers, Jimmy, Pete and Billy Ray. He is survived by his wife Emine, daughter Inci, son Inan, Grandson Anthony Poe, Granddaughter Kara Ceurvels and his Great-Grandson Jeremy Poe. Survivors residing in Post include, Edna, Wade and Bobby Smith and Janie Hair.

Funeral services for Kenith will be held at Fort Sam Houston national Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas on April 11th at 1:00 p.m. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to: www.schertzfuneralhome.com

You are invited to sign the electronic guestbook at www.schertzfuneralhome.com



ODIE CAMPBELL

Services for Odie Campbell, 94, of Post were 2:30 pm Sunday, April 10, 2011 at the Church of the Nazarene in Post. Officiating at the service

was the Rev. Charles Gibson of the Post Church of the Nazarene and the Rev. Larry Dillard of Bible Missionary Church of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Burial followed at the Grassland Cemetery, Grassland. Services were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Odie died Thursday, April 7, 2011 at the Vista Care Hospice facility in Lubbock.

He was born September 8, 1916 to Wille Archie and Carrie Leona (Kendall) Campbell in Navarro County. He married Dena Clark May 25, 1935 near Dawson in Navarro County. She preceded him in death, August 16, 1997. They came to Grassland and Garza County in March of 1946. In November of 1946 they lost their son, Clifton Don Campbell. During this time Odie farmed and worked other jobs and in 1965 he went to work for the Post ISD. There he retired after nearly twenty years of service. He was a Nazarene and had attended the Grassland Nazarene Church and later year the Church of the Nazarene in Post. Odie had many special interests he liked to do, one was raising chickens. When he lived in East Texas, he loved to go swimming, fishing, hunting and he loved going to church. He was very faithful and dedicated to his church.

Survivors include: Three daughters: Pearl and her husband Don Riley of Post; Vivian and her husband Larry Dillard of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; and Norma and her husband Terry Wood of Yukon, Oklahoma. Six grandchildren: Pam and her husband Chuck Loftin, Sharla and her husband Mike Hair, Jeremy Wood, Ryan Wood, Ken Dillard and Steven and his wife Stacie Dillard. Nine great-grandchildren: Josh and his wife Summer Hair, Lauren Hair, Katie Hair, Emily Loftin, Dustin Dillard, Brooke Dillard, Gage Dillard, Macy Dillard and Dawson Dillard. A brother: Travis and his wife Gloria of Canton, Texas. One sister: Athene Martin of Edgewood, Texas.

Pallbearers were: Mike Hair, Josh Hair, Ryan Wood, Chuck Loftin, Billy Riley and Kenneth Crutchfield.

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Salvation Army responds

LUBBOCK, TX (2011)- The Salvation Army has joined with other area Salvation Army units to provide aid to the men, policemen, responders of the spreading rapid West Texas. The Army will continue to aid responders week as needed.

The Salvation Army will serve breakfast, dinner and snacks battling the wildfire Friday, April 8. The Army of Lubbock uniters and staff to serve snacks and responders there. On April 9, this crew lunches and 135 di ing 265 meals pro sponders.

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Legends...Garza County Historical Museum by Linda Puckett

J.A. Bird was a young cowboy working on the Matador Ranch. Every year since 1883, the Matador Ranch put on a Christmas Ball which had become a custom. It was on that occasion in 1900 that Jay met Beulah K. Buchanan. The following summer on May 8, 1901 the couple married. Jay borrowed a Spraulding Buggy from John and Lora Faulkner to go to Dickens to obtain the marriage license. He picked Beulah up on the way to Shinnery Ridge where they were married by Brother Cabb, the Baptist Minister, who was also Beulah's former school teacher in Dickens.

This is her story, written in 1973.

We moved from Dickens County to what is now Garza County. We came in a mule drawn wagon that held all of our belongings. We drove all the way through the Spur pasture. The Spur Ranch is a big ranch. There were no trees, just small scrubby mesquites. Not many people lived in the area, just the men who worked for the Spur outfit.

We drove up to our house which was a half dugout. Dad had cut some cotton wood tree limbs and set them out and they were growing and looked so pretty around our little house. The dugout was built with lumber hauled in from Colorado City and had a dirt floor. There was an attic upstairs with a bed serving as a bedroom. The lower floor was used for a bedroom, living room and kitchen. A fire place was in the north end where we did some of our cooking in dutch ovens, which is a cast-iron skillet with a lid. We baked potatoes and biscuits in these deep ovens. We also had a cast-iron cook stove which was used for part of the cooking. I still have pieces of that iron stove.

Our neighbors were the Lindsey's, Mrs. Lindsey's sister, the Doc Kennedys, the Willoughby's and later the Nichols. Our water well was a good one and all of our neighbors hauled water from it. The water was hand drawn-we didn't have a windmill yet. We were glad for the water well because that way we got to see

our neighbors or some of them most every day.

We started out with three sections, but acquired nine more and leased four more, so we were ranching 16 sections. There was not much society the first years we lived here. All the housework was done the old fashion way. I was use to that, so I didn't mind. Washing was done by hand on a rub board. The ironing was done with sad irons; cast irons with a handle. They were heated in the fire place, then placed in the little stove. The fire place heated them so much faster than the stove.

We made a closet for our clothes by putting a wire across the corner of the room and hung our clothes in there and a curtain across the front. Sol Davis, Lee Davis's father, gave us our first furniture, consisting of a bed, dresser and a washstand. With the clothes closet across the corner, the fireplace in one end and the other furniture and cook stove, one wonders how there was room for people, but there was. We had no doctors in the area, and once when

Dad was bitten by a mad dog, he rode 20 miles horseback to Red Mud and stayed with a family who had a mad stone for treatment of rabies. The mad stone comes from the deer, and only the white deer has it. For treatment this stone is soaked in fresh sweet milk before being applied to the bite. When first applied it sticks to the place and turns green. After 72 hours the stone had done its work and Dad came home.

At this time there was no mail service in the area so Dad rode horse back to Red Mud twice a month for the mail. Much later the cowboys from the OS Ranch brought the mail from Claremont to the OS Ranch and settlers would pick up their mail there.

Since the road ran right by our house, we were always having people stop by for dinner or stay overnight with us. Once, when I fed several men for dinner, a Mr. D.K. Allison came by after we had eaten, and I fixed dinner for him. He was from East Texas and didn't understand western hospitality. He just couldn't understand

why I would do this. He owned a ranch two miles east of our place. This place is now owned by my granddaughter, Mary Catherine Bird Beach. Our first child, a son, James Allen, was born July 7, 1902. We had terrible sand storms then. The sand would come in so bad we would have to cover the food and dishes with a cloth to keep it out.

This road that came by our house went to Dickens, and to Matador, then a wagon road branched off to the OS Ranch. It went west to Old Emma in Crosbyton County and east to Claremont. Old Emma was not too far from Crosbyton. They had summer school there and my sister went to school and got a second grade certificate and taught school in Old Emma.

In those days our fences were just two-wire, so the cattle were always getting into the Spur pasture, as did the cattle of our neighbors. Twice a year the men would work through with the Spur outfit and get their strays. Some of these roundups were held at 'Hole in the Wall'.

Most old timers know where that is.

Once we sold 96 steers to a man in Estelline, Texas and we drove them to that location in Estelline. One of the men who went on the trail with us was Mr. Faulkner's brother. George Wilks was another drover; he was a good man. We spent the night in Matador, camping out. I drove the wagon which had a chuck box on back; we did our cooking on the trail. We had to cross the Red River, it was muddy and with quick sand. The men drove the steers across the river and some of the boys held them while others came back to help me across with the wagon. I drove that team in a lope across that river. Had I ever stopped, I would have been swallowed up in quick sand, wagon, team and everything. I was scared to death. I stayed two or three days with the Leonards, our neighbors in Blanco Canyon. Then we came back bringing our wagon, cowboys, horses and us.

The story of Beulah Bird continues next week.

Salvation Army aids wildfire responders across West Texas

LUBBOCK, TX (April 10, 2011)- The Salvation Army of Lubbock has joined forces with other area Salvation Army's to provide aid to the many firemen, policemen, and other responders of the wildfires spreading rapidly across West Texas. The Salvation Army will continue its efforts to aid responders into next week as needed.

The Salvation Army is on scene in Guthrie today and will serve breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks to those battling the wildfire there. On Friday, April 8, The Salvation Army of Lubbock sent volunteers and staff to Guthrie to serve snacks and meals to responders there. On Saturday, April 9, this crew served 130 lunches and 135 dinners totaling 265 meals provided to responders.

Also on Saturday, April 9, Salvation Army volunteers and

staff responded to the wildfire south of Post and served 50 meals to responders.

Individuals can aid The Salvation Army's effort by volunteering with the Disaster Alert Response Team (DART) by calling 806-765-9434. This team of volunteers goes out to the scene of disasters with Salvation Army staff to assist victims and responders.

Monetary donations can be made: -By mail: P.O. Box 2785 Lubbock, Texas 79408 -In person: to 1111 16th Street Lubbock, Texas 79401 -Online: www.salvationarmytexas.org

For more information about The Salvation Army's disaster response efforts, please go to www.Facebook.com/SalArmyLubbock.

For more information about this or other stories, please contact: Melody Paton Community Relations Associate

(806) 765-9434 Office (806) 787-6609 Cell

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Lake Alan Henry Report

1. Conservation pool elevation - 2220.00 feet above mean sea level
2. Elevation as of April 11, 2011 - 2216.94 feet, 3.06 feet below conservation pool elevation
3. Water Temperature April 11, 2011 - 61 - 64 degrees Fahrenheit
4. 2011 cumulative precipitation as of April 11 - 0.29 inches
5. 2011 cumulative evaporation as of April 11 - 27.40 inches

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District Roundup

4-H connect opens on Friday, April 1, 2011 and closed on Friday, April 22, 2011.

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White River Municipal Water District

Gauge Reading	Feet below spillway	Rise	Rainfall past week	Rain to date
2355.10	17' 5"	0"	.0"	0.99"
Rainfall for 2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 2010
15.57"	28.85"	24.19"	33.61"	12.70" 32.16"

DID YOU KNOW?

White River Lake has 3,799,422,660 billion gallons left available at the intake or 38% capacity or 11,660 acre feet. Subtract 23,545,362 MG for evaporation this week in March that leaves 3,775,817,298 BG available as of today.

White River's daily average demand for 2010 was 1.40 million gallons per day for all White River Customers.

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

White River Municipal Water District is in stage 1

of its Drought Contingency Plan, which is Voluntary Water Conservation.

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

Mickey Rogers General Manager

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- Based on risk factor evaluation, possible further screening using techniques such as ultrasound and/or ankle brachial index.
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- Basic report of any findings to facilitate follow-up with your physician(s).
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Slots are limited so call Lubbock Heart Surgery at 800-658-9507 to schedule your screening today. No walk-ins please.

Garza County Health Care District 608 W. 6th St., Post, TX

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

I'm starting off this week with the same thing as I have been for weeks, asking you to pray for the rain we so desperately need and not just for our crops; the fires we have had the last week because of the dry conditions and other things have affected us all. A simple thank you doesn't seem adequate enough to say to our volunteer fireman as well as the departments from other areas that came to assist, also the county employees, the sheriff's office, Ted Thomas and his crew, TK and his crew and so many more that I can't

name all of them for fear of leaving someone out.

I know that many are looking for ways to do fundraisers for our fire department; I received an email this morning that Thursday April 21st from 4:30 to 6:30 at United, the PHS Student Council is having a bake sale. Also the elementary students are competing by grade level to see which grade collects the most money for the department. these are some wonderful kids! It is amazing to see everyone come together like they have....another reason I am

so very proud to be born and raised here!

Thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Odie Campbell who passed away last week. Mr. Campbell lived in the Close City Community for many years before moving just a few miles away to be closer to his family.

There is going to be some yard/ garage sales out here this Saturday, April 16th beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Just come out to Close City and look for the signs. Just in case you don't know, Close City is on FM 399, 2 miles

north of the Tahoka Hwy. (380 west) There will either be 3 or 4 different good size sales so come out and see what kind of bargains you can find.

Did you know????

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill

FYI

Get your cookbooks and T-shirt order forms at CoCar's downtown or you can come by the

gin and pick one up. Check out our Facebook Page under Close City

Community. If any of you Ragtown people have pics you would like us to put on there let us know.

Visitors

We have not had any visitors this week, just our regular morning crew. Come out and visit with us sometime, we guarantee you to be smarter when you leave here!

Close City Birthdays

April 16th - Doris Fluitt
April 17th - Garon Magby
April 18th - Judy Ballentine

Bush
April 22nd - Susan Gonzales, RayDon Underwood

If you or your family are not on our birthday calendar shoot me a line and I will add them.

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are.....W.C. and Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; Doug and Claudine Tipton and Carmen Abraham in Post; Odie Kemp in Tahoka; Jean Tipton in San Angelo; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are Mack Ledbetter in Slaton; Doris Wilson in Castorville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock and Lula Jo Stewart also in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Everyone have a great week, be safe and keep rain and our troops in your daily prayers and send me your news! See ya next week.



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Weekly Inspirations

NO, NOT EVERYONE DOES

By: Michael F. Taylor

Jim had been a Waiter for just a few weeks now and was really having a hard time making ends meet with every bit of his extra money going to buy books for his second semester of Medical School. The first four years of college had pretty much tapped Jim's saving account to the point that he was taking 12 hours a semester and working forty plus hours a week at one job and now fifteen more hours at the restaurant. As Jim was contemplating how he was going to pay his rent check, a customer walked into the door and Jim politely seated the man at one of his tables. The man was attired in an immaculately tailored three piece suit with patent leather shoes. Jim thought to himself that just maybe this would be a big tipper and make his day. But, alas, the gentleman ordered a modest meal, the afternoon special and only tap water to drink. Jim thought to himself, "Well, I don't guess there will be much of a tip on this one."

The man was polite as Jim would fill his water or ask if he needed anything else and Jim couldn't help but like the man in spite of his premonition that a tip would not be forthcoming. And sure enough, As Jim brought the man his check, the gentleman looked at the final price and sadly commented, "You are a wonderful Waiter young man, but I don't think that I have enough money to give you more than a dollar tip". Jim thought to himself for just a moment and then said, "Oh, IN THAT CASE, LET ME RE-FIGURE THAT BILL SIR!"

As I think about that illustration, I can't help but realize that it summarizes exactly what Jesus Christ did for us on the Cross of Calvary. For each of us has sat at the table of life and consumed a hearty meal. And as the check came due, (our payment for being born into the sinful nature of mankind), Jesus stepped up to the register, and re-figured our bill. And in our Lord's case, HE PAID THE ENTIRE BILL!

Jesus did this very thing for Zacchaeus in Luke Chapter 19, "1 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. 5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. 7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." 8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." 9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." NIV

What a glorious time it is to know that the Son of Man- Jesus Christ- has come to seek and to save the LOST! As we approach the coming season of Resurrection, let us all remember that the Bill for our sin has already been paid. All we must do is accept it. God's grace is truly sufficient for every man, woman and child born into this world. Oh yes, don't forget that the tip has already been left by the Son of God. Salvation is available to each and every one. God bless each of you this week. Oh, and don't forget to say a prayer for each and every Fireman, EMS responder, Law Enforcement, Volunteer, Emergency Management, Forestry Service, land owners, business owners and any other person who has sacrificed of themselves during the wildfires of the last week. May the Lord bless each of you for what you have done for our community this week!

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2 Timothy 3:16-17



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Deuteronomy 6:5

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Post ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu
April 18th – April 22nd

Monday
Egg Omelet, Toast, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday
Muffins, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday
Oatmeal, Bacon, Toast, Fruit, Milk

Thursday
Cinnamon Rolls, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk

Friday
Cereal, Graham Cracker, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

April 18th – April 22nd

Monday
Tacos, Salad, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Jello, Milk

Tuesday
Pizza, Salad, Corn Cobbette, Peaches, Milk

Wednesday
Chicken Nuggets, Whipped Potatoes, Carrot Coins, Hot Roll, Cobbler, Milk

Thursday
Nacho Grande, Salad, Orange Slices, Cornbread, Milk

Friday
Hot Dog, Oven Potatoes, Cantaloupe, Sherbet Cup, Milk

Southland ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu for April 18 – April 22
Monday

French Toast, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Tuesday
Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Wednesday
Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Thursday
Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Friday
Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu for April 18 – April 22
Monday

Chili Dogs, Oven Fried Potatoes, Apples & Oranges, Milk

Tuesday
Chicken Spaghetti, Corn, Tossed Salad, Bread Stick, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday
Taco Salad, Refried Beans, Tossed Salad, Cinnamon Apples, Milk

Thursday
Chicken Fajita Meat over Rice, Broccoli & Cheese, Corn, Bread Stick, Fruit, Milk

Friday
Hamburgers, Baked Chips, Pickle Spears, Fruit Cups, Brownie, Milk

Trailblazers Menu

April 18th – April 22nd

Monday
Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Salad, Roll, Pumpkin Crunch

Tuesday
Salmon Patties, Spinach, Sweet Potato Fries, Biscuit, Peach Crisp

Wednesday

Fried Chicken, Carrots, Scalloped Potatoes, Black-Eye Peas, Cornbread, Mexican Wedding Cake

Thursday
Smothered Steak, Mac & Cheese, Salad, Biscuit, Chocolate Cake

Friday
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Post High School is hosting a blood drive Monday, April 29th from 9am-1pm in the Donor Coach. Everyone that donates will be entered into a drawing for a 32" flat screen TV.

United Blood Services invites area residents to "Find the Hero in You" by giving blood three times a year. If this is your first donation of the year, you have plenty of time to donate three times in 2011.

In addition, all who give blood automatically recognized and rewarded in

the Hero in Me program. Gold, Silver and Bronze recognition levels offer benefits to donors who give regularly during a calendar year. Donors earn points redeemable for movie tickets, gift certificates, and other prizes.

Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Additional height/weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and donors who are 16 must have signed permission from a parent or guardian. All blood donors receive a free cholesterol test.

Donors can schedule an appointment for the blood drive by visiting www.UnitedBloodServices.org or calling 806-797-6804



Courtesy Photo
Trey is one of the newest residents at Post Animal Refuge Center. He was found wandering the highway with an old injury so severe his leg had to be amputated. Less than 2 weeks after his surgery he is the best baseball player we have at the shelter. He is full of life and energy and always brings a smile to everyone's face. If you are interested in adopting, contact PARC at postarc@yahoo.com or on facebook at Post Arc.

Post Classifieds

Personal

Post Group Alcoholics Anonymous 10th and Avenue K, behind United Supermarket Tuesday night, 8 p.m. Book Study Thursday night, 8 p.m. Closed Meetings For more info: 806-781-1156 or 806-495-5371 Monday, 8 p.m., Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Ave. C. For more information about the Monday meeting, call 495-3173.

Al-Anon

Family Group meeting meets Monday at 8 p.m., Historic Presbyterian Church, 10th & Ave. K, behind United Supermarket in separate room from AA meeting. For more information call 495-3053.

The Safe and Serene NA Group of Post now meets on Fridays at the Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Avenue C. For meeting information please contact: Miranda at 806-632-7367.

Thank You

We would like to thank all the people who fought the fire on the hill behind our home Sunday. You are truly "Our Heroes". Thanks to Ronnie and Trish Metzgar who alerted us to the possible danger. Thanks to Kelly, Mattie, and Perry Smith who took care of R.L. and myself to get ready to evacuate if needed. We would also like to give praise and thanks to Almighty God for calming the wind, which made it easier for the firefighters and volunteers to continue. May God richly bless each of you.

R.L. and Jimella Simpson

Bid Notice

Post Housing Authority is seeking bids for a computer system. A copy of the specifications are available at the office of PHA, 709 Caprock Drive, Post, Texas from 8:00 am-12:00 noon and 1:00pm-5:00pm, Monday thru Friday. Post Housing Authority P.O. Box 356 Post, Texas 79356 (806) 495-2233

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Chris Jones Accepts AD/Head Football Coach Position at Giddings ISD

By Jim Plummer
PostSportsPage.com

Chris Jones is now the head football coach and athletic director for the Buffaloes of Giddings Independent School District. On Friday, April 8, Coach Jones accepted an offer from the GISD Board of Trustees to take the helm of the sports department starting Tuesday, April 12.

Coach Jones met with the Post athletes and coaches Monday morning (April 11) at 8:00 A.M. to make the official announcement.

The former PostISD leader was one of three finalists who were interviewed for the Giddings job Thursday night, April 8. When the GISD board reconvened from a closed session, at 12:06 A.M. on April 9, the school trustees voted unanimously to offer Jones the vacant AD/head football coaching position that was

left open by the departure of Derek Fitzhenry. Fitzhenry left Giddings after nine seasons with the Buffaloes for Longview Pine Tree, a 4-A school.

Jones explained that the move is "a good opportunity to move up (to a 3A school) and to get closer to my side of the family." Coach Jones, who graduated from Sealy High School outside of Houston, will be much closer to his brother and father. "This is the area where I grew up a played against some of the schools in this area," said Jones.

Fort Bend-Clements Offensive Coordinator Kevin Byrd and West Orange-Stark Offensive Coordinator Toby Foreman were the other two finalists for the job according to LeeCountyLive.com.

The Buffaloes compete in Conference 3-A, Region 3, District 23. Other schools

in their district are Caldwell, LaGrange, Navasota, Rockdale and Smithville. Last season Giddings finished second in district and made it to the bi-district playoff round.

Giddings, Texas, population 5300 is the county seat of Lee County which has about 16,000 people. Giddings is 55 miles east of Austin and 107 miles west of Houston.

Jones compiled a 16-16 overall record over three years with the Antelopes. In the 2009 season, he led the Lopes to the Area finals where Post lost to eventual state semifinalist Bushland.

Prior to coming to Post, Jones had head coaching stints at class 4-A LaMarque and 2-A Refugio.

Jones takes his wife Sandra and their two sons Tyler and Kyle with them on their new adventure. Sandra handles



special services at the middle school campus. Both Tyler (a freshman) and Kyle (a seventh grader) competed in football, basketball, and track and participated in band and UIL scholastic activities.

The Jones family attended and was active with the youth program at Post's First United Methodist Church. Coach Jones expressed his gratitude toward the school district, his players, coaches and the Post community at large.

Sports Roundup

BASEBALL ROUND-UP

VARSITY

DENVER CITY 11, POST 1 (4/4/11)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Post	0	1	0	0	0	-	-	1	3	6
D-City	0	6	1	4	-	-	-	11	9	2

L-Pitcher: Ernie Saldivar 3-2. Post Records: 7-9, 2-5 (district). D-City Record: 2-5 (district)

STATS: Saldivar 1 for 3; Holly 1 for 2, 2B; Soto 1 for 2; Jones 1 for 2, 2B, RBI.

Next games: Friday 4-8 at Forsan

Upcoming games: Friday (4/8) at Forsan, Tuesday (4/12) at Trinity (non-district), Friday (4/15) at Slaton.

COAHOMA 12, POST 4 (4/1/11)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Coah	3	1	0	0	3	0	5	12		
Post	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4		

L-Pitcher: Vance Blair (2-2). Post Records: 7-8, 2-4 (district)

Coach Pyles: *We played a pretty good game. They had a couple of two-out rallies resulting in a couple of extra runs. We finally got to their starting pitcher late in the game.*

First Half District Standings (as of 4/2/11): Slaton 6-0, Roosevelt 5-1, Coahoma 4-2, Forsan 3-3, Post 2-4, D-City 1-5, C-City 0-6.

JV BASEBALL

DENVER CITY 9, POST 1 (4/4/11)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Post	0	0	1	0	-	-	-	1	3	2
D-City	1	6	0	1	-	-	-	9	7	0

Post Record: 1-8.

COAHOMA 15, POST 5 (4/1/11)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Coah	4	3	7	1	-	-	-	15	5	3
Post	0	4	0	1	-	-	-	5	6	5

Post Record: 1-7.

See more on line at PostSportsPage.com.

BASEBALL ROUND-UP

VARSITY

FORSAN 9, POST 0 (4/8/11)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Coah	3	1	0	0	3	0	5	12		
Post	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4		

L-Pitcher: Chess Postell. Post Records: 7-10, 2-6 (district). Ernie Saldivar - 1 for 3, 2B; Aaron Macy - 1 for 2; Chess Postell - 1 for 3; Dalton Holly - 1 for 3.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
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Post	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2
Forsan	1	1	0	6	1	0	X	9	8	0

L-Pitcher: Vance Blair (2-2). Post Records: 7-8, 2-4 (district)

Coach Pyles: *We played a pretty good game. They had a couple of two-out rallies resulting in a couple of extra runs. We finally got to their starting pitcher late in the game.*

First Half of District Standings (as of 4/2/11): Slaton 6-0, Roosevelt 5-1, Coahoma 4-2, Forsan 3-3, Post 2-4, D-City 1-5, C-City 0-6.

JV BASEBALL

FORSAN 6, POST 2 (4/8/11)

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Post	0	1	0	0	0	-	-	1	3	6
D-City	0	6	1	4	-	-	-	11	9	2

Post Record: 1-9.

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GIRLS MEDALIST STANDINGS

1. Taylor Griffith - Colorado City 88
2. Skylar Jones - Post 95
3. Kendra Graham - Stanton 95
4. Taylor Harris - Colorado City 97
5. Kala Long - Forsan 100

GIRLS INDIVIDUAL MEDALISTS

Skylar Jones - Post 95

Madison Cash - Post - 124
Kala Long - Forsan - 100
Stephanie Duffer - 117
Hillary Gonzales - Denver City - 113
Fabiula Arzate - Denver City - 147

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS

1. Denver City #1 - 347
2. Colorado City - 355
3. Slaton - 367
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6. Stanton #1 - 382
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POST BOYS' SCORES

Aaron Macy - 99
Chess Postell - 102
Nick Bryant - 109
Christian Pena - 124
Dakota McDonald - 130

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UIL RESULTS

ACCOUNTING	Journalism Team - 1st Place
CALCULATOR	REGIONAL QUALIFIER
APPLICATIONS	INFORMATIVE
Campbell Kirpatrick	SPEAKING
Dakota McDonald	Haily Berry
Dalton Holly	Morgan Staggs
CURRENT EVENTS	LINCOLN DOUGLAS
Courtney Herrera	DEBATE
COMPUTER	Isaac Stern
APPLICATIONS	LITERARY CRITICISM
Amber Wilson - 2nd Place	Audree Williams - 2nd Place
REGIONAL QUALIFIER	REGIONAL QUALIFIER
COMPUTER SCIENCE	Macy Blair - 5th Place
EDITORIAL WRITING	Conner Flaherty - 6th Place
Katie Dunn - 2nd Place	Katelynn Short
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Kari Dunn - 3rd Place	Team
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Kambry Mason	MATHEMATICS
FEATURE WRITING	Kayla Comeaux
Kari Dunn - 2nd Place	Evette Rodriguez
REGIONAL QUALIFIER	Dakota McDonald
HEADLINE WRITING	NUMBER SENSE
Amber Wilson - 2nd Place	
REGIONAL QUALIFIER	
Taylor Osborn - 4th Place	

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District 3-2A Junior High Track and Field Meet

(April 11, 2011 @ Roosevelt)

High Jump: 4th, Oden
Shot Put: 2nd, Moore
Discuss: 6th, Moore

Post 8th Grade Girls, 4th place team finish

100 M Dash: 1st, Kelbie Oden; 2nd, Anahica Duran
200 M Dash: 1st, Oden; 5th, Duran
400 M Dash: 1st, Oden; 2nd, Rebecca Perez; 4th, Kelsey Griffin
800 M Run: 2nd, Perez
400 M Relay: 4th - Dakota Greer, Chelby Morris, Rose Taylor, Griffin
800 M Relay: 4th - Greer, Morris, Tamara Moore, Taylor
1600 M Relay: 2nd - Perez, Griffin, Taylor, Duran
Long Jump: 1st, Oden
Triple Jump: 4th, Perez

Post 7th Grade Girls, 4th place team finish

100 M Dash: 4th, Sierra Scott
200 M Dash: 5th, Madison Carr
800 M Run: 4th, Kaitlin Walden
400 M Relay: 2nd, Alondra Rosas, Carr, Ali Whitfill, Kaitlin Walden
800 M Relay: 3rd, Brogan Macy, Maelybe Gomez, Gabby Soto, Dakota Perez
1600 M Relay: 4th, Rosas, Carr, Macy, Walden
Shot Put: 3rd, Ragin Kimmons
Discuss: 1st, Tori Collins

TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

Colorado City Lone Wolf Relays
High School Track & Field Meet (March 31, 2011)

VARSITY

Post Girls: 4th place team finish, 81 points

100 M Dash: 6th, Johnson, 13.73
200 M Dash: 3rd, Haily Berry, 27:79
400 M Dash: 5th, Taylor Osborn, 1:05:80; 6th, Mariah Morales, 1:06:43
800 M Run: 4th, Morales, 2:36:19
1600 M Run: 4th, Kim Rivera, 6:38:67; 6th, Andi Soliz, 6:42:24
3200 M Run: 2nd, Rivera, 15:09:72
400 M Relay: 3rd, 52:86; Solarzano, Osborn, Matti Smith, Berry
1600 M Relay: 4th, 4:19:99; Berry, Osborn, Smith, Morales
Long Jump: 2nd, Berry, 15' 6.5"
Triple Jump: 2nd, Berry, 34' 9.5"
Shot Put: 3rd, Kaylyn Villalon, 32' 4.25"

Discuss: 1st, Villalon, 116' 10"
Team Totals: Sweetwater 122, Snyder 118, Forsan 98, Post 81, Colorado 80, Grape Creek 68, Loraine 32, Coahoma 21.

Post Boys: 7th place team finish, 36 points

400 M: 2nd, DJ Brown, 53.88; 3rd, Dalton Holly, 54.58; 4th, Matt Soto, 54.66
400 M Relay: Soto, Corbin McDonald, Brown, Holly, 45.42
Triple Jump: 4th, Brown, 40' 1.5"; 3rd, Soto, 37' 1"
Shot Put: Jacob Perez, 38'
Team Totals: Colorado City 122, Snyder 109, Winters 83, Grape Creek 83, Forsan 78, Coahoma 58, Post 36, Loraine 11, Hermleigh 11.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Post Boys: 1st place team finish, 162 points

100 M: 1st, Nathaniel Gill, 11.82
200 M: 3rd, Matt Nava, 25.92; 5th, Parker Loftus, 26.57
400 M: 1st, Caden Dean, 58.93; 2nd, Alan Alaniz, 59.09; 3rd, Christian Pena, 60.96

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By BILL WILSC

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One Nation, Under Whom?

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

I know some of you reading this are agnostic or perhaps atheist. Others may be Muslims, Buddhists, Hindu or practice another religion. This column is not intended to judge anyone for their beliefs. I think a person's beliefs are of a very personal nature and it's not necessarily anyone else's business.

I am a Christian and I believe God has made a tremendous difference in my life. I also believe the power of prayer helped my wife survive a serious illness and my son survive after getting run over by an SUV. You may think I'm misguided, but it is what I believe and I give thanks to God for these things and others every single day.

I guess I've taken Christianity for granted in terms of number in the United States.

My preacher was in New York City planning the church's second mission there. When he addressed it last year, my first thought was, "Why in the world are we doing a mission in the U.S.?" Before becoming a little more informed, I actually thought it would be a waste of time.

I learned a valuable lesson. This is not the United States of America of my childhood and certainly not the USA of earlier times.

I find conflict about this issue within myself. Not to sound like a zealot, but there are a lot of lost people in this country.

How many churches do you have in your town? Several. I'm assuming that is because there is a demand. There are plenty of other Christians not attending church for a variety of reasons. In our part of the country, 90 percent believe in God and the vast majority of those are Christians.

In Manhattan, Queens and Long Island, all part of the NYC metropolitan area, there is one church per 59,000 people. That statistic alone sheds light on how many people out there are unaware as there is a church for every few hundred here.

Based on last year's mission trip, many of those visited had never heard of Jesus Christ. Now I can understand some tribe in the middle of Africa never hearing of him, but it's hard for me to comprehend someone living in America and never hearing of Jesus.

As I said above, religion is personal. More people have been killed on this planet in the name of religion than any other reason. No wonder people have a hard time speaking openly on the topic of religious beliefs outside of church.

In the south and southwest, many of us cannot imagine a life without God. We pitch a fit each time we feel federal or state governments are using political correctness in an ef-

fort to get God out of the government, schools, business, etc. It's tricky to navigate the line of church and state and despite my hardheadedness, I understand that each American has the freedom to believe how and what they wish. Being a land free of religious persecution has always been a large drawing card for this country and we should all take pride in that.

While many may reject the notion of Jesus Christ, it is my wish that the world at least know of him. How to accomplish this is a major task to say the least.

I'm always hesitant to write about my inner feelings regarding by religious beliefs. I don't think it's the job of your local newspaper to "preach" any religion. However, I felt like sharing this information with you because it's interesting. I also think it's wise to try and understand why different people believe in different things. It helps to get to know that individual which helps in communication. Understanding, communication and tolerance are instrumental in the route to peace on this planet. That should be a prayer for anyone believing in a higher power, no matter who he is.

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Other Opinions

The Public School Ban on Homemade Lunches

By REBEKAH RAST

The public school lunch program is again making headlines.

You might have thought this issue was already resolved when Obama signed into law the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, a bill strongly supported by First Lady Michelle Obama in her effort to curb childhood obesity. Through this law, school breakfasts, lunches and vending machines were refashioned to be more nutritious and offer only healthy options.

But now the issue is back, and school officials have now launched a ban on homemade lunches.

At public school Little Village Academy on Chicago's West Side, students are not allowed to pack lunches from home, reports the Chicago Tribune, instead students must eat school-provided lunches, or not eat at all.

The Chicago Tribune goes on to report that school Principal Elsa Carmona, "created the policy six years ago after watching students bring 'bottles of soda and flaming hot chips' on field trips for their lunch."

"Nutrition wise, it is better for the children to eat at the school," The Chicago Tribune record-

ed Carmona as saying. "It's about the nutrition and the excellent quality food that they are able to serve (in the lunchroom). It's milk versus a Coke. But with allergies and any medical issue, of course, we would make an exception."

It appears that school officials think they know how to better meet the needs of their students than the student's actual caretakers. At least students with health and allergy concerns get a pass.

When giving this new idea of banning homemade lunches a closer look, a different motive on behalf of school officials begins to surface.

When students are forced to get lunch in the school cafeteria, they are forced to spend money on that lunch. Where does that money go? According to the Chicago Tribune, "Any school that bans homemade lunches also puts more money in the pockets of the district's food provider, Chartwells-Thompson. The federal government pays the district for each free or reduced-price lunch taken, and the caterer receives a set fee from the district per lunch."

That makes much more sense. Especially after seeing how public school teachers reacted to Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's law ending their collective bargaining rights. The last thing

on those teachers' minds was their students as they spent days protesting causing entire school districts to shut down. It seemed odd that school officials would really be pushing this new mandate through claiming they only have the student's best interests in mind.

The more the government intrudes on the lives of Americans, the less freedom its people have.

Since Obama has been President, Congress has passed the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, restructuring school lunch programs to be more nutrition conscience; ObamaCare, included a federal-menu labeling law that affects restaurants with 20 or more locations by forcing them to put nutritional information for menu items on the menus themselves, menu boards and even drive-thrus. This law also requires vending machine owners to comply by the same rules. And, in April 2010, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced a plan to begin limiting the amount of salt allowed in processed foods. Though it does not know what the reduced sodium levels will be, the FDA hopes to implement the plan over a 10-year span.

It seems this Congress, Obama's administra-

tion and school officials have forgotten that eating at McDonald's is a choice.

"It is not the job of the federal government or school officials to be regulating diets," says Bill Wilson, president of Americans for Limited Government (ALG). "That is the job of the parents. Leaders, whether it is the President of the United States or principal of a public school, should not be using taxpayer money to further their nanny state antics."

Another Chicago school allows the students to bring homemade lunches but confiscates all sugar- or sodium-packed snacks. Principal Rebecca Stinson of Claremont Academy Elementary School said, "that though students may not like it, she has yet to hear a parent complain."

Parents might start complaining after they realize their child is starving since many students don't want to eat the cafeteria food. But then again, that fits right into Michelle Obama's whole goal — children who don't eat, won't gain weight or someday be obese.

Looks like her "Let's Move" initiative is taking a whole new identity within Chicago's school system with "Let's tell you exactly what you can and cannot eat."

Iceland Declares Independence from International Banks

By BILL WILSON

Iceland is free. And it will remain so, so long as her people wish to remain autonomous of the foreign domination of her would-be masters — in this case, international bankers.

On April 9, the fiercely independent people of island-nation defeated a referendum that would have bailed out the UK and the Netherlands who had covered the deposits of British and Dutch investors who had lost funds in Icesave bank in 2008.

At the time of the bank's failure, Iceland refused to cover the losses. But the UK and Netherlands nonetheless have demanded that Iceland repay them for the "loan" as a condition for admission into the European Union.

In response, the Icelandic people have told Europe to go pound sand. The final vote was 103,207 to 69,462, or 58.9 percent to 39.7 percent. "Taxpayers should not be responsible for paying the debts of a private institution," said Sigrun Andersen, a spokeswoman for the Advice group that opposed the bailout.

A similar referendum in 2009 on the issue, although with harsher terms, found 93.2 percent of the Icelandic electorate rejecting a proposal to guarantee the deposits of foreign investors who had funds in the Icelandic bank. The referendum was invoked when President Olafur Ragnar Grimsen vetoed legislation the Althingi, Iceland's parliament, had passed to pay back the British and Dutch.

Under the terms of the agreement, Iceland would have had to

pay £2.35 billion to the UK, and €1.32 billion to the Netherlands by 2046 at a 3 percent interest rate. Its rejection for the second time by Iceland is a testament to its people, who feel they should bear no responsibility for the losses of foreigners endured in the financial crisis.

That opposition to bailouts led to Iceland's decision to allow the bank to fail in 2008. Not that the taxpayers there could have afforded to. As noted by Bloomberg News, at the time the crisis hit in 2008, "the banks had debts equal to 10 times Iceland's \$12 billion GDP."

"These were private banks and we didn't pump money into them in order to keep them going; the state did not shoulder the responsibility of the failed private banks," Iceland President Olafur Grimsen told Bloomberg Television.

The voters' rejection came despite threats to isolate Iceland from funding in international financial institutions. Iceland's national debt has already been downgraded by credit rating agencies, and now those same agencies have promised to do so once again as punishment for defying the will of international bankers.

This is just the latest in the long drama since 2008 of global institutions refusing to take losses in the financial crisis. Threats of a global economic depression and claims of being "too big to fail" have equated to a loaded gun to the heads of representative governments in the U.S. and Europe. Iceland is of particular interest because it did not bail out its banks like Ireland did, or

foreign ones like the U.S. did.

If that fervor catches on amongst taxpayers worldwide, as it has in Iceland and with the tea party movement in America, the banks would have something to fear; that is, the inability to draw from limitless amounts of funding from gullible government officials and central banks. It appears that the root cause is government guarantees, whether explicit or implicit, on risk-taking by the banks.

Ultimately, such guarantees are not necessary to maintain full employment or even prop up an economy with growth, they are simply designed to allow these international institutions to over-leverage and increase their profit margins in good times — and to avoid catastrophic losses in bad times.

The lesson here is instructive across the pond, but it is a chilling one. If the U.S. — or any sovereign for that matter — attempts to restructure their debts, or to force private investors to take a haircut on their own foolish gambles, these international institutions have promised the equivalent of economic war in response. However, the alternative is for representative governments to sacrifice their independence to a cadre of faceless bankers who share no allegiance to any nation.

It is the conflict that has already defined the beginning of the 21st Century. The question is whether free peoples will choose to remain free, as Iceland has, or to submit.

Wisconsin's Dewey Defeats Truman Moment

By RICK MANNING

How is it possible to experience the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat simultaneously?

Wisconsin Supreme Court candidate JoAnne Kloppenburg declared herself the victor in her big labor funded race to change the balance of power in the Wisconsin Supreme Court last Thursday.

MoveOn.org breathlessly sent the victory e-mail proclaiming that Big Labor and even bigger government had been saved by a scant 200+ votes.

Then something strange happened. They finished counting the votes and Kloppenburg came up a mere 7,000+ votes short of victory.

Oops.

Kloppenburg's classic Dewey Defeats Truman moment is all the more stunning due to the millions of dollars spent by organized labor to flip the Court in response to Governor Scott Walker and legislative Republicans reform of public employee collective bargaining law.

We have all been inundated through the news media with the public employee capitol building sit-ins.

We have seen the vows by the left that they were going to make their opponents pay a hefty political price.

Yet, in this low-profile election with all the marbles on the table, Big Labor rolled snake eyes.

Losing a vote in the legislature is one thing, it hurts but ultimately is survivable. Not being able to back up your political threats is political death.

Is it possible that all of those tens of thousands angry public employees gathering at the state capitol really were more interested in taking a few days off on a field trip, rather than actually winning?

Maybe.

What is more probable is that contrary to the polling, there are more people in Wisconsin who care deeply about keeping the size and scope of government under control, than there are people who want to maintain high pay, low pressure jobs for bureaucrats while bankrupting their state.

Nationally, the damage to the left is incalculable. After AF-SCME (American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees) spent more money than anyone else in 2010 in a losing effort to keep the world safe for public employees, the political perception in DC was that Wisconsin was a game changer.

The Wisconsin wake-up call was going to energize the liberal coalitions and send the tea party movement reeling.

But as they say, Elections Happen.

Now, every Republican and even some Democrat Governors

and state legislators may be emboldened to pursue what is in their state's financial interest — cut the size and scope of government including ending the stranglehold public employee unions have held on government purse strings.

In Washington, DC, House Speaker John Boehner must feel emboldened in his attempt to force fiscal sanity on the government, while at the same time President Obama and Harry Reid must be scratching their heads wondering what happened.

How did the great labor coalition fall so miserably short in a state that has a long liberal tradition like Wisconsin?

How do Obama and Reid hold together the Senate Democrats on big spending issues when 22 Senate Democrats face the voters in a short 18 months knowing that they will have to wear their public employee union contributions like a scarlet letter?

How do they withstand House Republican budget proposals, like the one from Republican Study Committee Chairman Jim Jordan, which actually returns our federal government's budget to balance, when they don't have any plan and their main political allies have proven to be worse than paper tigers?

A nightmare scenario for the left, but absolutely great news for the tea party who are fighting to restore America's greatness.

Today we are all Badgers. On Wisconsin!

Important information for ranchers affected by Texas wildfires

FORT WORTH, Texas - The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) encourages all ranchers whose cattle were on burned pasture to have their cattle inspected by a veterinarian for burns and other trauma from fires.

It is critical to have cattle inspected as life threatening conditions, difficult to diagnose without training, may occur within two to three days of the fire. Ranchers should contact their local veterinarians for inspection.

Ranchers should also assess fences, buildings, other property and livestock damages as quickly as possible and report all damage to

their local County Extension Agent.

Ranchers with emergency hay needs or those who wish to donate supplies are encouraged to contact the following Livestock Supply Points:

Stonewall County Livestock Supply Point

Location: Stonewall County Fair Grounds, Hwy 380, Aspermont, TX

POC: Jason Miller, County Extension Agent

Office: (940) 989-3510

Email: jbmiller@ag.tamu.edu

Jeff Davis County Livestock Supply

Point

Location: Red Barn Ranch, 1 mile South of Ft. Davis

POC: Logan Boswell, County Extension Agent

Office: (432) 837-6207

Email: lboswell@tamu.edu

Eligible ranchers who have experienced losses as a result of the wildfires can also apply for benefits through the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

LIP provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from natural di-

sasters including wildfires. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

For more information on LIP, the LIP application process and other FSA programs, please contact your local FSA office or visit FSA online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tx>.

A notice of loss must be filed with FSA within 30 days of when the loss of livestock is apparent.

Livestock that die within 60 days of the date of the qualifying event, but prior to Oct. 1, 2011 will be considered eligible for loss benefits.

Sheriff's Report for Garza County

During the period of March 25th to April 1st, 2011, officers responded to a total of 85 calls, 7 of which are not routinely handled by law enforcement.

Friday, March 25th - 9 total calls, including a possible assault, dogs in yard, ambulance, business alarm, check on white female, sewer problems, hogs out, harassment and ambulance

Saturday, March 26th - 20 total calls, including a fight in progress, hit and run, ambulance, unwanted guest, motor vehicle accident, funeral escort, water leak, assault female victim, stray dog, grass fire, sewer back-up, disabled motorist and ambulance

Sunday, March 27th - 13 total calls, including a wanted/stolen indicated, intoxicated driver, fire, gas drive off, cows, out, welfare check, threats, domestic dispute

and ambulance

Monday March 28th - 8 total calls, including a welfare check, disabled motorist, water leak, fight in progress

Tuesday March 29th - 8 total calls, including a disturbance, motor vehicle accident, fight in progress and ambulance

Wednesday March 30th - 13 total calls, including a sick person, grass fire, funeral escort, motor vehicle accident, sick person, reckless driver, repossession, prisoner in custody and ambulance

Thursday, March 31st - 10 total calls, including possible reckless driver, fire, gas drive off, theft, intoxicated driver and ambulance

Friday, April 1st - 4 total of 4 calls, including a business alarm, broken gas pump nozzle and child custody exchange

Find the Hero in You - Save a life this week at local blood drive

When you plan your errands, why not add "save a life" to the list. You can save a life between buying groceries and picking up kids by donating blood at Post High School.

Post High School is hosting a blood drive Monday, April 29th from 9am-1pm in the Donor Coach. Everyone that donates will be entered into a drawing for a 32" flat screen TV.

United Blood Services invites area residents to "Find the Hero in You" by giving

blood three times a year. If this is your first donation of the year, you have plenty of time to donate three times in 2011.

In addition, all who give blood automatically recognized and rewarded in the Hero in Me program. Gold, Silver and Bronze recognition levels offer benefits to donors who give regularly during a calendar year. Donors earn points redeemable for movie tickets, gift certificates, and other prizes.

Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Additional height/weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and donors who are 16 must have signed permission from a parent or guardian. All blood donors receive a free cholesterol test.

Donors can schedule an appointment for the blood drive by visiting www.UnitedBloodServices.org or calling 806-797-6804

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Commissioners Make Determination on Liquor Sales in Precinct 4

By Rosa Latimer
Correspondent

In a regularly scheduled meeting April 11, 2011 the Garza County Commissioners reviewed available information to make a clarification of election results of the October 1992 Special Election regarding the sale of alcohol in the old Justice of the Peace Precinct 4.

It was determined that in a county commissioners meeting on August 11, 2008, the commissioners discussed the 1992 Special Election and "determined the intent of the voters in the October 5, 1992 election was to legalize the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only."

In the meeting Monday, Garza County Judge Norman stated, however, that the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission (TABC) has determined that the 1992 Special Election legalized the sale of any type of liquor including mixed beverages. The Commissioners acknowledged that the court's determination in the August 11, 2008 meeting was incorrect according to documents from the 1992 local option liquor election and the TABC records; therefore, the sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages in old Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 is legal. The boundaries of Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 at the time of the 1992 local option liquor election included Justiceburg and the current Lake Alan Henry area. This is not the same area currently included in County Commissioner Precinct 4.

The court also discussed interlocal agreements with the City of Post. Relating to this subject, Judge Norman presented a letter to the court directed to the mayor of the City of Post in response to preliminary negotiations dealing with shared projects for the 2011-12 fiscal year budget. The judge added that he feels the city is not making good faith efforts to compromise in these matters. The shared projects contained in the interlocal agreements considered by the commissioners were Law Enforcement, the Airport Agreement, and the Sanitary Landfill.

The commissioners voted to send the proposed letter to the Mayor encouraging the City of Post to develop a police department. The court voted to leave the Sanitary Landfill agreement as is and to meet with the Airport Board before proceeding on that project.

Shi Dotson with the Texas Department of Transportation came before the court and explained that material allocated by the agency for Garza County is worth \$11,143 valued at \$10/yard. The materials are ready and available for the county to haul and will be shared between the four commissioner precincts. After Dotson's presentation, Judge Norman and the court thanked TXDOT

for their help fighting the recent fires. The TXDOT representative informed the court that Garza County has the best roads in an 18 county district with a 92% rating.

Treasurer Young informed the court that a personnel change in her office requires changing authorized representatives for making inquiries to TexPool regarding investment accounts. She requested that Jodi Williams be authorized to make inquiries to the TexPool accounts and the Commissioners approved Williams to have access to the TexPool Accounts for inquiry purposes only.

Sealed bids on two pieces of property were considered for sale by the county. One bid of \$100 was submitted for 105 E 4th Street (Lot 3, Block 155) in the original town site of Post. County Attorney Munk said the property was struck-off to the county in July 2005. Taxes owed are \$1792.59; court costs owed are \$769 and the appraised value is \$1500. Tax Collector Bush endorsed the sale to the bidder because taxes haven't been paid on the property since 1978. The Commissioners rejected the bid for the property.

Another bid of \$600 was submitted for county property located at 627 & 630 Pine Street (Lots 7 and 8, Alexander addition) in the original town site of Post. Taxes owed on the property total approximately \$3170.88; court costs owed are \$281 and the appraised value is \$7850. The Commissioners voted to accept the bid for the property.

Commissioner Morris explained that when tires need replacing during a rural fire, the trailer being used to haul tires belongs to his son. Morris explained that if the county purchased a new trailer and compressor with appropriate tools tires could be changed more quickly and the trailer could also be used for other commissioner precinct needs. The court voted to purchase

a trailer and a compressor for use during fires in rural areas and for other precinct needs with the costs shared by all four commissioners.

A proclamation to support a week of prayer and fasting for rain April 11 through April 17 was accepted by the court. Minutes from the regular Commissioners' meeting on March 28 were approved as presented and the following were presented as a report or for discussion: District/County Clerk; Tax Collector/Assessor; Senior Transportation; AgriLife Extension/Jones (February & March); AgriLife Extension/McDonald (February); and a letter from Hale-Mills Construction, LTD. concerning the warranty expiration on the Law Enforcement facility. Precinct and countywide accounts payable for March 29, 2011 through April 11, 2011 were approved. There were no line item transfer or budget amendment requests.

Large area of Texas at risk Thursday as wildfire conditions are expected to worsen

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — In the last week, massive wildfires raging across Texas have charred nearly a half-million acres — and that figure is likely to grow as conditions are expected to get even worse Thursday.

The area with significant fire potential in recent days has been West Texas and the Texas Panhandle, but that target area will expand Thursday to include parts of North, Central and South Texas.

At risk are all areas west of a line curving down from just west of Dallas-Fort Worth to Fredericksburg to Del Rio.

"The last week has been bad, but now even more people will be at risk," said Tom Spencer, Texas Forest Service Predictive Services department head. "The wildfires could reach down

into more densely populated areas."

In the past seven days, Texas Forest Service has responded to 81 fires that charred 442,461 acres. More than 900 firefighters from across Texas and 33 different states have been called to help battle the blazes, which have prompted the evacuation of more than 500 homes.

The dangerous conditions are caused by two main factors: the ongoing drought and an overabundance of dead vegetation that burns easily.

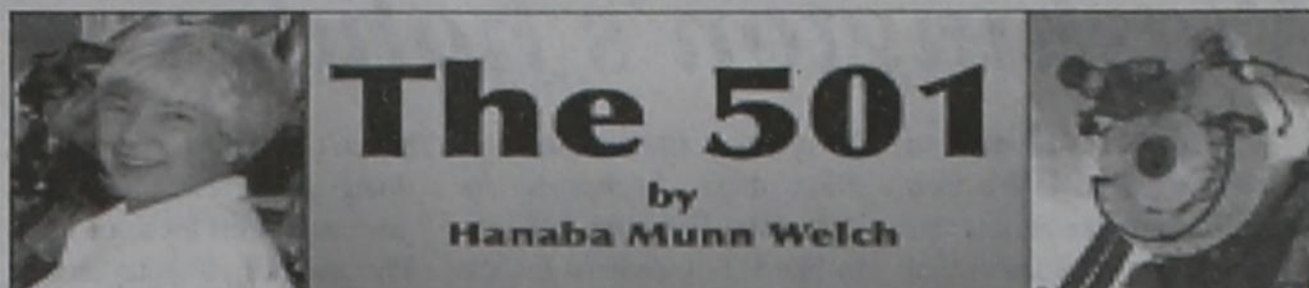
In Texas, this past March — the month that usually brings spring rains — was listed as the driest March in recorded history. That's compounded by the fact that last fall, tropical storms brought in rains that caused rapid growth in grass and shrubs, vegetation that died during the winter freezes.

Those tall, dead grasses and shrubs now serve as a sort of kindling.

Making matters worse are the strong winds, which increase wildfire rates of spread to 3 to 4 mph — about one football field every minute. Though the gusty winds are typical this time of year, the abundance of critically dry vegetation is not.

Residents in affected areas should monitor conditions and information provided by local authorities, and be ready to evacuate should the need arise.

"We've experienced accelerated drying for the last 14 days," said Texas Forest Service Fire Operations Chief Mark Stanford. "We're really in uncharted territory here where weather will dominate the landscape and vegetation is at record dry levels for this time of year."



It was a dark night. I wish I could say it was a dark and stormy night. It wasn't. This spring may go on record as the first one ever with no storms, except dust storms. I digress.

I was driving respectfully through a small Texas town, talking on my cell phone but staying admirably on course. Lights atop the policeman's car came on suddenly, as is the nature of such lights.

Knowing the routine, I pulled over immediately, yea, even into a parking lot so as not to hinder the traffic flow. I unsnapped my purse-like cell phone holder to extract my driver's license and lowered my window, hoping nothing relative to me had expired.

I handed the officer my credit card.

Oops. Maybe in some other country that would have worked. Do they take plastic in Mexico? I once contemplated driving from the border down to Morelia and even memorized the phrase in Spanish that you're supposed to say when you give them the

bribe. It was something like "Vaya con Dios" but longer and rather complicated. In fact, it was so complicated I flew.

Back to Texas. The nice young officer didn't take my credit card. Good for him.

By the time I'd taken it back and given him my driver's license instead, he was doubtless expecting more senile behavior from me.

No need to disappoint.

He told me one of my headlights was out. I walked around to the front of the car and bemoaned not only the missing left low beam but also the state of today's headlights in general, criticizing in particular the protective plastic covers that don't age well and need professional polishing.

Headlights used to be plain old glass, I told him. What was wrong with glass? Now they outfit cars with this plastic stuff that gets all dull and cloudy. I'm not gonna pay somebody money to polish a bad invention.

He noted that my fog lights were on.

My surprise was genuine.

We agreed that it was good I at least had working fog lights. I could have remarked that they might as well be called "hog" lights in this part of the world, considering the scarcity of fog as opposed to hogs, especially as of late. Maybe next time.

He let me off with a warning and advised me to keep my lights on high beam so as to have both working as I drove on.

I thanked him for the advice, acting as if I couldn't have thought of that myself, which was true.

Slipping into senility may come hard for some people. Not me. I was born senile — always losing stuff and making superfluous remarks, like my comment on the history of headlights. It's a wonder I didn't also lament the demise of yellow headlights in France and complain about all the new-fangled brighter-than-they-needed-to-be halogen ones blinding us all. Maybe next time.

Meanwhile, seems like I meant to take my car somewhere today for something. What was it?

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Washington's holiday gives taxpayers added time

DALLAS — Taxpayers have an extra weekend to file their federal income tax returns this year because of a District of Columbia holiday. The deadline for 2011 is Monday April 18, instead of April 15.

"Usually, 20 to 25 percent of all taxpayers file in the final two weeks of the tax season, and about 7 percent of taxpayers generally seek a six-month extension to file," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman.

If you cannot meet the April

18 deadline, file an extension, Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return. All taxpayers can use IRS Free File at IRS.gov to submit a Form 4868 for an automatic six-month extension. And, Free File will be available through the October 17 extension deadline for late filers.

"More than 230,000 Texans have used Free File so far this year—it's a great online resource," Sanford added.

Sanford said that if you just

haven't yet filed your return, doing some research at IRS.gov can pay off for some folks. For instance, if your income decreased because of a layoff or a cut in wages, you may be eligible for certain tax credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Numerous economic recovery tax credits are also still available. For some credits, such as the Making Work Pay Credit, individuals must claim the \$400 (\$800 for married couples) in order to receive it.

(Use Schedule M to calculate your Making Work Pay credit.)

Most importantly, if you believe you may have trouble paying your taxes, contact the IRS immediately. There are steps that can be taken to help ease the burden.

"The IRS recognizes that some taxpayers may be going through tough financial times," Sanford said. "Unfortunately events such as job loss or tapping a retirement fund can obviously have an impact on taxes."

If you are unable to pay the

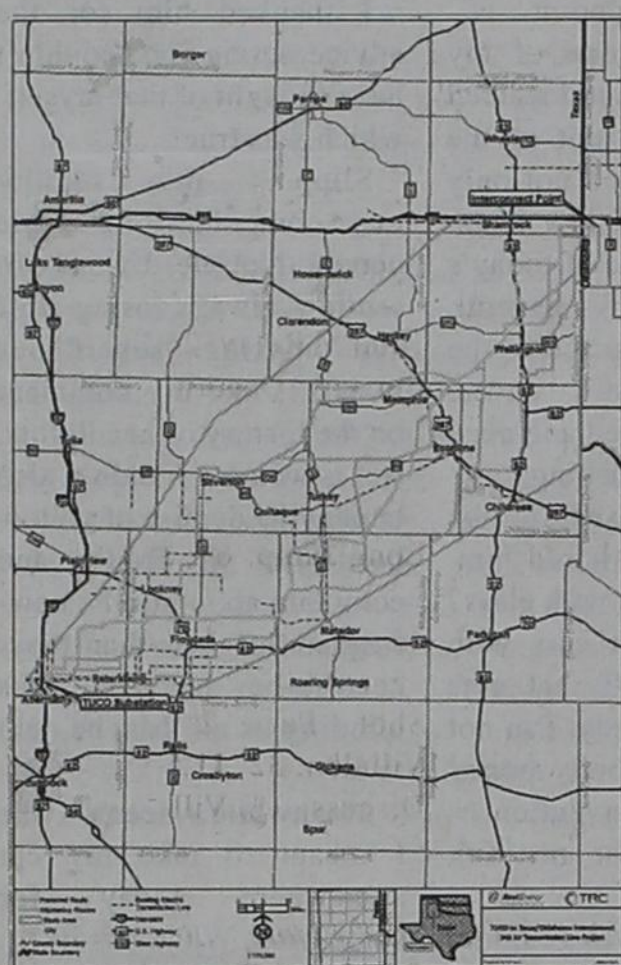
total balance due, you should pay as much as possible and then contact the IRS about an installment plan. Even if you cannot pay the balance due, it is important to either file a return or request an extension to avoid the failure-to-file penalty.

Additionally, if you pay as much as you can by April 18, you can lessen the amount of interest owed. The late payment penalty is usually one-half of one percent of any tax (other than estimated tax) not paid by the regular due date. It is

charged for each month or part of a month the tax is unpaid. The maximum penalty is 25 percent.

In addition to Free File, the IRS offers other free tax help services through volunteers at 12,000 sites nationwide. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites serve taxpayers whose 2010 incomes were \$49,000 or less. Tax Counseling for the Elderly sites serve taxpayers who are 60 and older. A list of sites is available on IRS.gov.

Approval sought for new transmission lines



AMARILLO — Xcel Energy filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) today seeking approval to construct a 200 mile, 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line linking the company's TUCO Substation north of Lubbock, Texas to a new interchange in Beckham County, Okla. The line would dissect Childress County.

The line is expected to move at least 500 megawatts of generating capacity — enough to power 375,000 typical homes in this region. Its purpose is to reduce congestion on the regional transmission system, improve reliability and improve import-export capability between regional power markets.

"We continue to see strong economic growth in this part of the southwestern United States, which is driving the demand for a more robust transmission grid," said Riley Hill, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company. "The electric transmission line from the TUCO Substation to Oklahoma is a critical piece of a long-term transmission improvement plan.

The line will enhance the area's economic competitiveness by improving reliability and opening new markets for electric power."

The line will start at Xcel Energy's TUCO Substation, located in Hale County, Texas north of Lubbock, and continue to a point of interconnection with a neighboring utility company, OG&E, three miles east of the Texas-Oklahoma state line and approximately three miles southeast of Texola, Okla. The line will run through portions of Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cottle, Briscoe, Hall, Childress, Donley, Collingsworth and Wheeler counties in northwest Texas.

Xcel Energy's filing lists a preferred route and nineteen alternate routes consisting of 110 segments. Any of the 20 proposed routes or combination of segments may be selected by the PUCT. Depending on the route chosen, the proposed line will be approximately 180 to 200 miles in length and cost between \$158 million and \$172 million, including substation costs. This expense will be shared among members of the Southwest Power

Pool, reducing Xcel Energy's share to about 12 percent of the total cost.

Copies of maps showing Xcel Energy's preferred and alternate routes have been provided to landowners directly impacted by the line. These maps may be reviewed at Xcel Energy's office located at 600 S. Tyler St., Amarillo, Texas, by contacting Brad Sparks at (806) 378-2132. Persons wanting copies of the maps should contact James Bagley at (806) 378-2868. Information about the proposed project is also accessible at powerfortheplains.com and at public libraries in the counties where the line will be built.

Xcel Energy (NYSE: XEL) is a major U.S. electricity and natural gas company with regulated operations in eight Western and Midwestern states. Xcel Energy provides a comprehensive portfolio of energy-related products and services to 3.4 million electricity customers and 1.9 million natural gas customers through its regulated operating companies. Xcel Energy's headquarters are located in Minneapolis. More information is available at www.xcelenergy.com.

South Plains Dance Band to play at Ritz



The South Plains Dance Orchestra will perform at the Wellington Ritz Theatre 3 p.m. Sunday, April 17. The orchestra will play favorite music of the great

dance bands from the '30's, '40's and '50's, including familiar big band music, as well as Broadway tunes and Dixieland Jazz.

This annual concert has become a favorite spring tradition at the Wellington Ritz Theatre. The 20-piece band is made up of trombones, trumpets, clarinets, saxophones, bass, piano, drums and vocalists. Their "book" now includes over eighty songs. Most of the musicians on this program have played with

the band for several years and in a variety of venues.

The band's director Jon Johnson says, "Most of us are teachers or former teachers, but some are not. We do have one thing we share, however. We love to play these songs and this style of music, and we love passing it on to another generation of players."

The Wellington Ritz Theatre is one of their favorite venues. Johnson commented that "it is always a great treat for our band to

perform at the Ritz. It is a special place; I might even say unique. Certainly it is unique for West Texas. We look forward to our annual appearance there."

Tickets for the South Plains Dance Orchestra performance on April 17 are priced at \$10 per seat. Tickets may be purchased at the Wellington Ritz Theatre on the day of the performance when the box office opens at 2 p.m. For more information, please visit web site www.wellingtonritztheatre.com

TxDOT approves haul transformers across Texas Equipment headed to aid Japan

AUSTIN—Three long-haul rigs, each loaded with a transformer, are journeying across the state today to meet a late afternoon shipping deadline tomorrow at the Port of Houston.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) approved super-heavy permits for a Texas company to haul the loads at gross vehicle weights of 510,000, 430,000 and 420,000 pounds. The transformers are headed to Japan to aid in disaster relief in the aftermath of a destructive earthquake and

tsunami.

Twenty feet wide and 197 feet long, the super-heavy loads will leave Sweetwater early Wednesday morning and travel south along Texas highways to the final port destination. They will then be offloaded onto a vessel and shipped to Japan.

Maintenance employees in six TxDOT districts—Abilene, Brownwood, Fort Worth, Waco, Bryan and Houston—will provide traffic control as the big rigs move across Texas.

"It took a great deal of coordination in a short period of

time to pull this off," said Carol Davis, Motor Carrier Division director. "TxDOT divisions and districts worked closely with an engineering consultant to accomplish in a few days what would normally take weeks."

TxDOT's Motor Carrier Division issues permits to carriers for loads exceeding legal size and weight limits, working closely with the districts to make sure loads move across the state safely and efficiently. In 2009, the agency issued over 500,000 such permits, 6,235 of those exceeding 200,000 pounds.

For more information call TxDOT's Government & Public Affairs Division at (512) 463-8700.

Is intolerance good for Immigration Policy

Darrell Ahrens isn't an intolerant man, but he believes that intolerance has its place in America today — and that when it comes to immigration policy, it's not a negative thing.

"Sometimes intolerance can be a genuine expression of love," said Ahrens, a retired marine and former Air Force Officer, as well as author of the book Divine Love/Divine Intolerance (www.curlyscorner.com). "As an example, the idea of protecting our borders and tightening our immigration policy has a lot of people pointing fingers and using words like 'racist' or 'bigot' at those of us who take a dim view of our porous borders. But it's not about that at all. It's the fact that we have

tolerated that situation and accepted illegal immigrants into our nation and our economy that has produced the current crisis. That's why maybe a little intolerance is what we need to shine a new light on the issue."

Ahrens believes that immigration reform isn't just about securing borders for reasons of national security or even about American jobs. He believes it should also be about fairness to those who are trying to enter the country legally.

"The average amount of time it takes for someone to become an American citizen is several years," Ahrens said. "Some people are paying thousands of dollars in government application fees, and several thousand more if they employ an immigration attorney. So, how do you think they feel when they make an effort to honor our laws and regulations, but see us tolerating a vast population of illegal immigrants just because they're already here? It's not fair, and one of the founding principles of this country is fairness and justice. Intolerance of illegal immigration is a way of ensuring justice for those who are going through the legal process of immigration."

Ahrens is further concerned that the immigration debate is simply one of the many

symptoms of the bigger problem — our unnecessary adherence to principles of political correctness. He believes that we are so concerned about not offending people, that we are unable to have a real public debate about the issue.

"As soon as someone raises their voice about our borders being as porous as a sieve, that person is labeled as a racist or a bigot, and that's just ridiculous," he added. "We have immigration laws already, and we have people who obey them and those who disobey them. We should reward those who are in the country legally, and punish those who aren't. That's what laws are for, and being in favor of a policy that protects our borders is not an inherently racist or bigoted position. It's about protecting America and Americans. But we have so succumbed to this group mentality that we can only talk about the policy issues that don't offend people of color, when it has nothing to do with ethnicities. It has to do with national security and the justice all Americans want for themselves. It's an example of over-tolerance — tolerance that goes to such an extreme that it actually undercuts its original goals of being fair to everyone. So, against that landscape, I think a little intolerance is just what we need to set things right again."

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DENVER CITY 9, POST 1 (4/4/11)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Post	0	0	1	0	-	-	-	1	3	2
D-City	1	6	0	1	-	-	-	9	7	0

Post Record: 1-8.

COAHOMA 15, POST 5 (4/1/11)

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Post	0	4	0	1	-	-	-	5	6	5

Post Record: 1-7.

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Softball Round-up
VARSITY

FORSAN 9, POST 1 (4/8/11)

Post Record: 12-11, 5-4 (district).

POST 9, DENVER CITY 6 (4/4/11)

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POST	0	3	0	4	1	1	0	9	6	7
D-CITY	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	6	6	4

2B: H. Berry, C. Cravy; HR: S. Jones

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Post Record: 12-10, 5-3 (district).

COAHOMA 16, POST 1 (4/1/11)

COLORADO CITY 17, POST 0 (3/28/11)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
POST	0	0	0	x	x	x	x	0	2	2
C-CITY	6	6	5	x	x	x	x	17	15	0

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Volunteer...
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the task. You are the selfless individual who smiles when you see the light come on behind the eyes of the learner, and for you, that is reward enough. You are that leader that gives of your time to help children who need a mentor. You may be a scout leader or a volunteer sports coach. Your joy comes in seeing young lives enriched by team cooperation. You are that person who visits those endangered lives as more important than your own. While not unfazed by the sights you see, at that moment in time, you care only that those injured or hurting get adequate care. You are that volunteer firefighter who risks your life in saving the land, homes, livestock and sometimes even the people of our community. You are working with limited resources and even less sleep, regardless that you have to go to your "real" job the next morning after fighting a wildfire until 4:00 a.m. You place yourself in harm's way

to save the homes and lives of people you may not even know. As the rest of us are asleep in our homes, you work tirelessly through the night, eyes stinging from billowing smoke, your body ever so weary from dehydration and lack of rest, and still, we sleep on peacefully until the morning comes.

Too often you are that person I have failed to mention that has made a difference in someone's life by giving of your own valuable time and resources, with little concern for your own needs. And yet you will still be that person who reads this article and knows who you are, and yet is satisfied that your name is not listed because what you do is more important than who you are. You are the unsung hero, the one to which we owe everything, but may never realize it.

I wish we could list every name that has made an impact on someone's life, but no newspaper is large enough to contain them all. My hope is that this simple gesture of gratitude helps you to know that we love you, and we thank you for the work you do. May God bless your endeavors and bring peace and joy to your lives through your service, and may He ever keep you safe from harm. Thank you.

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Cast Zone
Madison Davis - All Star
Cast Zone
Josh Curtis Hon. Mention
Cast Zone & Dist.
Kambry Mason - Best
Tech Crew District
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Tech Crew Zone

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Kelly Villalon

As of April 7, 2011 Post
High School UIL Point
Total is 146. We are
currently in 3rd Place
over-all.

TRACK AND FIELD..
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800 M: 2nd, Zach Bush,
2:22:96
1600 M: 1st, Isaac Stern,
5:25:04; 3rd, Tyler Jones,
5:26:63; 4th, Bush, 5:39:73
3200 M: 1st, Stern,
11:55:21
400 M Relay: 5th, Vance
Blair, Gill, Loftus, Pake
Jones, 48:22
800 M Relay: 4th, Blair,
Gill, Loftus, P. Jones,
1:43:65
1600 M Relay: 2nd,
Dean, Alaniz, Christian
Pena, Campbell
Kirkpatrick, 3:54:37
110 M Hurdles: 2nd,
Kirkpatrick, 19.28

300 M Hurdles: 2nd,
Kirkpatrick, 46.26
Triple Jump: 1st, Pena,
36'9.5"
High Jump: 4th,
Taylor Soto, 5'6"
Discuss: 2nd, Travis
Greathouse, 104'10"; 3rd,
Aaron Macy, 101'1.5"
Shot Put: 1st, Macy, 37'10";
2nd, Gill, 36'9.5"
Team Totals: Post 162,
Snyder 132, Grape Creek
102, Colorado City 67,
Forsan 62, Coahoma 57.

Abernathy Invitational
High School Track and
Field Results (March 25,

2011)
Post Girls: 4th place team
finish, 103 points
200 M Dash: 3rd, Haily
Berry, 27:81
400 M Dash: 2nd, Miranda
Solarzano, 1:04:73; 4th,
Taylor Osborn, 1:05:77;
5th, Mariah Morales,
1:06:40
800 M Run: 3rd, Mariah
Morales, 2:37:89
1600 M Run: 4th, Andi
Soliz, 6:43:93
3200 M Run: 4th, Andi
Soliz, 15:22:88
300 M Hurdles: 5th,
Solarzano, 54.29
400 M Relay: 3rd, 53:56;

Solarzano, Osborn, Matti
Smith, Berry
1600 M Relay: 2nd, 4:24:62;
Berry, Osborn, Smith,
Morales
High Jump: 6th, Shirley
Araiza, 4'8"
Long Jump: 6th, Smith, 14'
2.75"
Triple Jump: 1st, H. Berry,
35'5.5"
Shot Put: 2nd, Kaylyn
Villalon, 32'11.5"
Discuss: 1st, Villalon, 121'
9"

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Wildfire...

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in overuse and damaged
to our equipment. In the
past month, the department
and the commissioner's
maintainers which also
respond to every fire, have
gone through two dozen
fires, numerous mechanical
parts such as alternators,
some have had damage from
just being caught in a blaze.
It is not uncommon for a
maintainer or fire truck to
overheat in the intensely hot
conditions the firefighters
and other volunteers must
work in.

As of press time, only
a rough estimate was
available of acres lost in last
Saturday's fire which burned
a 29 mile stretch of land from
Highway 207 and stretching
across the county as far
over as Highway 651, in
some places five to six miles
wide. Michael Isbell, of the
Garza County Emergency
Management Service said
that roughly 50,000 acres
were burned in Saturdays
blaze which was fought until
midday Sunday. Later in the
day, a hot spot kicked up
with the increase in winds
and again caused the blaze
to re-ignite and then jumped
Highway 651 and continued
to burn into the late evening.
The Texas Forest Service
reported Saturday was the
worst day in recent history

for wildfires across the state
of Texas. Garza County
alone has lost over 100,000
acres. Texas Forest Service
responded to 16 fires burning
65,181 acres.

Firefighters from Crosby
County, Matador and
Motley County, Slaton,
Lake Alan Henry Fire
Department, along with
strike teams dispatched
by////////// responded to
the blaze. Those included
trucks from Buda, Round
Rock, Gainesville and
..... / Planes from the
Texas Forest Service flew
until the conditions became
too dangerous to fly while
the dropped buckets of fire
retardant chemicals to try
to help contain the blaze.
Others who were involved
in the efforts to control the
fire and give support were all
four County precincts, each
supplying two maintainers
and the manpower to
operate them. Often those
operators were the County
Commissioners themselves.
The Garza County Sheriff's
Department had several
officers on the scene, the
Texas Department of Public
Safety, and employees of
our local TxDOT Department
were also present to offer
help and support.. Sonic
Drive In donated 125
hamburgers and.....

supplied water and drinks
for those on the scene. The
Salvation Army arrived late
in the evening with a hot
meal, cookies, water and
drinks for the firefighters
and other volunteers on
the scene. They returned
Sunday morning with
breakfast and coffee for the
by now exhausted group of
men fighting so vigorously
to stop the fire.

No injuries have been
reported and no structures
except for a couple of barns
were lost to the fire even
though in some instances, the
flames came within three feet
of some homes. The number
of livestock lost has yet to be
determined at press time. Due
to the number and size of the
last few fires in Garza County,
Michael Isbell has been kept
out in the field coordinating
firefighting efforts and out of
his office, so getting accurate
information has been a
challenge for Mr. Isbell and
he prefers not to give answers
that have yet to be fully
investigated and completed.
This year is one of the worst
in our history of wildfires
and until we receive some
substantial rains, conditions
will remain prime for more
wildfires. Further details on
the fires will be forthcoming
as soon as the information is
available to report.

Post Notes...

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Peggy Ashley will lead the
informal discussion. You'll
hear about new books, old
favorites and enjoy time
shared with others. We'll
begin at noon and end no
later than 12:50. The Book
Talk group will meet the
last Friday of every month.
Call 495-4148 (The Heritage
House) or 990-2149 (Post
City Library) for more
information.

Holy Cross Catholic
Church will be hosting their
annual Fish Fry with all the
trimmings March 11th-April
15th, 5:00pm-7:00pm \$7.00 a
plate. For more information
please call Juanita Pantoja at
(806) 495-3059.

Homestead Exemption
Available:

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in 2011, or has a birthday
of 1946 or prior, is eligible
for the over 65 homestead

exemption on school property
taxes.

Anyone with business
personal property is required
to file a rendition with the
Garza Central Appraisal
District. If rendition is not
filed, a 10% penalty will be
added to the total tax. Please
call Garza Central Appraisal
District at (806) 495-3518
or come by the office at 124
East Main, Post, Texas to file
a homestead exemption or
rendition. Due date is April
15, 2011.

Post Little League

Opening Day -
Saturday, April 16, 2011
10:00 a.m. until ??
at the Baseball Park
Silent Auction, Games,
and Food. All proceeds
to benefit Post Little
League Association.
Softball and baseball games
scheduled throughout the
day. Everyone invited.

Post High School Calendar

Apr. 11 - 15, 2011
Friday, 15 - End of the 5th
Six Weeks. Early Release
at Noon so have Grades in
before you leave!
• Regional UIL
Academic Meet at Odessa
• 5:30 PM - V
Softball at Slaton
• 4:30/7 PM - JV/V
Baseball at Slaton
Looking Ahead:
Apr. 18-23 - Boys Reg.
Golf at Midland
Apr. 18-23 - Girls Reg.
Golf at Odessa
Apr. 19 - V Softball
& JV/V Baseball vs.
Roosevelt, 5:30/4:30/7:00
Apr. 19-21 Regional
Tennis Tourn.
Apr. 20 - ARD Mtgs.
Apr. 20 & 21 - NHS Mtg.
& Bake Sale, Library
Apr. 21 - HS Blood Drive,
Mobile Unit, 9 AM

Apr. 22 - V Softball &
JV/V Baseball vs. Colorado
City, 5:30/4:30/7:00
Apr. 24 - EASTER
Sunday
Apr. 25 - V Baseball at
Coahoma, 7 PM
Apr. 26-29 TAKS Testing,
10 - 11 Grades
May 2 - Bad Weather
Day, schools out
May 2-3 Regional Track
Meet at Odessa
May 4 - Immunization
Clinic, 9:40 in Library
May 4 - Spirit Day, wear
favorite College T-Shirt
May 5 - HS Cheerleading
Try-outs, 9:40 at Arena &
After School
May 6-7 Band Festival
May 6 - End of the 6th 3
Week
May 9 - Sports Banquet
at Cafeteria, 6:30 PM
May 14 - PROM at
Heritage House
May 27 - Graduation at
The Antelope Arena, 8 PM

Annual Chamber Awards Banquet

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce had its Annual Awards Banquet at the Post Community Center on Saturday, April 9. Chamber member PJ's Catering catered the dinner and Sherrie Richards provided dinner music. The Women's Division of the Chamber decorated using

trains, railroad signals and a ticket booth hand painted by Linda Puckett to carry out the evening's theme of "Hang on for the Ride!" indicating the promising future of the community. Sponsors for the evening were Chamber members Suddenlink West Texas and Giles W. Dalby Correctional

Facility. Awards were sponsored by Chamber member Xcel Energy.

The Garza Soil and Water Conservation District presented Rodney Oden with the Conservation Farmer of the Year award. Giles and Louise McCrary were voted Citizens of the Year and Gar-

za County Animal Hospital was awarded Business of the Year.

Harry Record, PACC Membership Director, presented Chamber sponsored events for 2011 and a silent auction was held along with a live auction conducted by Robert (Bubba) Smith.

went out Saturday afternoon at around 2:20 pm, the Garza County Volunteer Fire Department responded to what they believed to be another routine grass fire. The extremely dry conditions and windy days we have been experiencing have led to 13 grass fires this year excluding those of last weekend's fires. The earlier fires had all been thought to be acts of nature or the carelessness of mankind. Suspicions began to grow on April 10th when three additional fires broke out in three different locations after the largest fire on Highway 207 had been contained. On Saturday, a second fire broke out about an hour after the one reported on 207 just south of town on Highway 669 near the city landfill. That fire was extinguished with about an hour and the crew manning it went back to the larger fire still raging north of town on 207. At around 6:00 pm Saturday, the 12th a third fire broke out east of town on Highway 380 just past the commentary. That fire was also quickly extinguished.

On Monday, April 11th two more fires broke out again north of town close to the areas previously burned over the weekend between Highway 207 and Highway 651.

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Officials began taking a hard look into the matter of arson when the nature of the fires became so suspicious. The Texas Forest Service, who was one of the responders to the original Saturday fire, began to have doubts and the Texas Rangers were called in to help investigate the fires and the source of their cause.

Chief Deputy Tommy Binford stated that "we have one person of interest who is not in custody, nor has that person been charged with a crime, but we are looking very hard at that one person. We are not ruling out the possibility other fires may have also been involved." The Chief Deputy refused to give any further details at press time in order to protect the integrity of the ongoing investigations.

A reward of \$1,000.00 has been offered for information leading up to the arrest and conviction of anyone found guilty of setting the fires. The Texas Forest Service is also offering a reward for information leading up to the arrest and conviction of a perpetrator. Anyone having any information can call the Garza County Sheriff's office at 806-496-3595. You may remain anonymous if you choose to.



Photo by Jim Plummer
(TOP) (from left) Warden Kerry Dixon of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility is shown with Dr. Kerry Wink and his wife Kristi at the Chamber Awards Banquet Saturday night. The Wink's veterinarian clinic, Garza County Animal Hospital, was awarded Business of the Year honors at the event. The Dalby Facility received the award last year.

Photo By Jim Plummer
(RIGHT) Rodney Oden, 3rd from left, was awarded Conservation Farmer of the Year award at the annual Chamber Awards Banquet Saturday night. Also shown are (from left): Oden's wife, Marcie; father Alfred, Oden, daughter Kelbie, mother Linda, sister Christie Parsley and mother-in-law Debbie Sneed.



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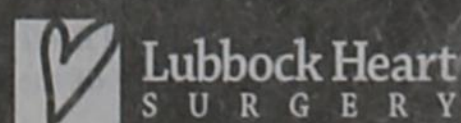
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