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Post ISD Earns Higher Accountability Rating from TEA

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

Texas Education Agency has announced its accountability ratings for the 2009 school year. All 3 campuses, Post Elementary, Post Middle School and Post High

School as well as the Post Independent School District received a "Recognized" rating. Last year, Post Elementary earned a Recognized rating, however Middle School, High School and the District received the lower "Acceptable" rating. The Detention Center also showed improvement receiving an Acceptable rating for 2009.

"This year's results represent significant improvement in ratings and is due to a joint effort: a priority focus by the Board of Trustees on academic achievement and a concerted effort by staff. These efforts resulted in excellent achievement by our students," said PISD Superintendent Marlin Marcum.

Marcum explained deliberate changes that were made by the administration to put Post schools in a position to earn a higher rating and at the same time, improve the learning experience of students. The changes included reassignment of staff and implementation of technological tools.

"The key to this improved rat-

ing was making sure that we had staff that bought into the new technology and new methods of delivery, and accepted responsibility for getting the job done," Marcum explained. "We focused on our weak areas. If we had left it the way it was and done the same things we've always done, we would have gotten the same results."

According to information received from the Administrative Office, the teachers primarily responsible for these ratings who are returning to teach at Post this year are:

Third Grade Reading and Math: Carrie Cox, Marjorie Grisom, Sandra Harper and Traci Turk.

Fourth Grade Writing and Math: Melanie Curl, Melanie Morris and Nicole Powell.

Fifth Grade Reading, Math and Science: Julie Hancock, Donna Porter, Raeline Reece and Carol Williams.

Sixth Grade Reading, ELA and Math: Suzanne Hudman, Gini

Aldridge, Tonya Dunn, Pam Humble Sydonia McDaniel.

Seventh Grade: ELA, Gina Aldridge and Pam Humble; Writing, Tonya Dunn, Math Sydonia McDaniel.

Eighth Grade: Reading and ELA, Traci Heflin; Science, Greg Henry; Math, Jason Powell; Social Studies, MaDawn Sherrin.

Ninth Grade ELA: Liz Lusk
Tenth Grade: Social Studies, Chris Edwards; ELA, Tamiye Garrison; Math, Kim Mills; Science, Jay Hellums and Kathy Whitfill.

Eleventh Grade: Social Studies, Chris Edwards and Billy Hardin; ELA, Sterline Marcum; Science Kathy Whitfill.

In the area of English Language Arts and Reading, Writing and Social Studies the percentages of students passing were all over 90%. In Math, scores ranged between 84% and 90% in sub populations, an increase of over 4% from 2008. In Science the average number of passing students was 83.40%, an improvement of 15% over last year's

scores.

"The increased use of technology as a teaching tool in Post schools has been funded by public funds and grants, not tax dollars. Using the Technology Immersion Project funds has put a computer in the hands of virtually every middle schooler and we're almost there with high school students," Marcum said. "Finding these funds and completing the process through acceptance and the required assessment is a rigorous process. James Easterling is our Grant Writer and the principals provide the data, implement the project and handle the follow up information."

Dropout Rate Improves

According to TEA, school districts were given two years to adjust to the use of a new, more rigorous dropout definition. "Many districts stepped up and worked hard to reduce the number of students who would otherwise have dropped out," said Texas Commissioner of Education Robert Scott.

Post was one of the districts the Commissioner was referring

to. The completion rate must be above 85% for a high school campus to earn a Recognized rating. PHS exceeded the standard and improved the numbers in all five sub-population groups.

When asked about the improvement in the Post ISD dropout rate, Supt. Marcum said, "We were borderline [on accountability rating] last year because of the number of dropouts in our schools. I credit Mr. Berry, the high school principal, because he just went out and got them and brought them back. Then we got these at risk students into dropout recovery programs and high school graduation alternative programs. Now we didn't get them all, there's still one or two out there. We had pretty high numbers 4 or 5 years ago. Now we've paid more attention to this problem and it is bearing fruit."

Supt. Marcum explained that the rating system provides good measurements to help a school

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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

All of these meetings are open to the public.

Garza County Commissioners Court
Tuesday - August 10
9 a.m.
Garza County Courthouse
300 W. Main

Town Hall Meeting
State Rep. Joe Heflin
August 11
Wells Fargo Community Room
10 a.m.

Post ISD
School Board Meeting
August 11
7:30 p.m.
Administrative Board Room
501 S. Avenue K
NOTE: Video of last month's Meeting at post.k12.tx.us or Suddenlink Channel 12

City of Post
City Council Meeting
August 20
5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
City Hall
105 E. Main Street

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Event info available at press time.

Post Stampede Rodeo Parade
Saturday
August 8
3 p.m.
Call 495-3461 for more info

69th Annual Post Stampede Rodeo
August 7 - 8
Grand Entry - 7:45 p.m.
Stampede Arena on Hwy. 84

Post Stampede Rodeo Dance
August 7 - Jody Nix
August 8 - Wes Nixon Band
\$10 admission per person

Trailblazer's "Howdy Y'all Day"
Hamburgers and all the trimmings
August 8
11 a.m. til 2 p.m.
\$5/each

"The Baptist"
Ragtown Gospel Theater
August 7 - 7:30 p.m.
August 8 - 3 p.m.
877-RAGTOWN for reservations

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center
Game Night
August 11 and August 13
5:30 p.m.
205 E. 10th

Post Rotary Club Dog Dip
August 22
1 - 3 p.m.
Post Fire Station
8th St. & Avenue H
\$5/each dog

County Adopts Policy for Payment for Property Bids

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

During a regular meeting of the Garza County Commissioners' Court July 28, Tax Assessor/Collector Judy Bush recommended a policy for collecting funds from bidders of real property in sheriff's sales. She suggested that the county would collect the approved amount from the bidder after the other taxing entities have given their approval.

The following policy was adopted: Garza County will not take funds from the approved bidder until after full circulation and approval of the bid by all taxing entities involved in the property. After approval by all entities, the bidder has 72 hours (3 business days) to submit payment to the

Rodeo Entries

Exceed Past Years

The 69th annual Post Stampede Rodeo got started last night with lots of rodeo fun and excitement. To add to the excitement, this year's event has more entries than have performed at the Stampede Rodeo arena for the past several years. The regular performance entries reached capacity requiring a "Slack Performance" of 100 entries following the regular Thursday night's regular performance of 75 entries.

Almost 70 rodeo performers are scheduled for tonight's event and 84 entries for Saturday night. Both nights also have a full line up of entries for the Jr. Flag Race and Muttin Bustin' events for the kids.

"We've especially had an increase in entries for the rough stock this year," said Lane Jones, Secretary of the Post Stampede Rodeo Association. "We have a total of 42 entries in Bullriding and 15 in Ranch Bronc." Roping events also drew a crowd with 31 entered in Calf Roping and 45 teams in Team Roping.

The event continues tonight and Saturday with the Grand Entry at 7:45 p.m.

After all the bronc riding, barrel racing and roping is over this evening, you can head over to the

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County. The court considered bid forms for real property in sheriff's sales. No action was taken.

The court was presented proposals for insurance coverage: Property, Inland Marine, General Liability, auto Liability & Physical Damage, Public Officials Liability and Law Enforcement Liability. Jim Overby of Bledsoe Insurance explained that he was a broker for Trident Insurance and presented a

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Balanced News

With so many wonderful things happening because of our new administration in Washington, why do we have to be fed this Right Wing garbage in our local newspaper? If it's a newspaper the news should be balanced.

Street Survey

I wonder why there was a survey crew on Avenue S last week? Surely not more street work. I thought we were finished with all of that.

Sports News

Good job having sports news on the front page. Hope you continue to cover the Bold Gold throughout the season with stories and pictures.

County Drug Testing

Delighted about your new column. How wonderful to have this forum. Tell me...are the police officers in Garza County subject to drug testing? Kudos to most of our officers but many people have noticed that at least one (possibly more) seems to be under the influence of something. Most certainly this might influence decision making and since "judgment call" is the term most often used to execute whatever happens to citizens to maintain peace and order, wouldn't we as taxpayers have a right to know this or would that be another "judgment call?" Thank you. (Edi-

tor's Note: A call was placed to a Garza County Sheriff's Department representative by The Post Dispatch regarding drug testing procedures; however, at press time we had not received the information.)

Rodeo Award

The Rodeo Association certainly deserved the award from TCRA. These guys work hard all year to have a successful rodeo in Post. This event helps our local economy as well as giving us a fun time for the whole family.

Identify Writer

Who is Carter Clews and why was he given such a large amount of space in The Dispatch on 7/31/09? Is this guy part of the Blackburn Media Group? It seems irresponsible for a newspaper to publish so many words from a person who is only identified by name. Here we have hundreds of words of this unknown writer's opinions and yet the picture of the badger in a local yard is so small it looks like a bug.

"Speak Up" is a way for readers to send their opinions to the Post Dispatch and have them published each week. No signature is required by the writer; writer identities will be kept anonymous and you can address any topic you want. "Speak Up" comments should not exceed 100 words and the Dispatch

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The Bold Gold grind through two-a-days as Coach Roberts gets in the middle of it. Antelope regular season play begins at home against Sundown on August 28. More Sports news on page 8.

Post Notes

Dog Dip Scheduled

The Post Rotary annual dog dip will be Saturday, August 22, 1-3 p.m. at the Post Fire Station, 8th Street & Avenue H. Dogs will be dipped to eliminate fleas and ticks for a cost of \$5 for each dog. A veterinarian will be available for rabies shots for an additional cost.

Fund-raiser scheduled for August 14th

M'Keison Guerrero has made it to Nationals for Rabbits in San Diego, California. There will be a fund-raiser on August 14, 2009 @ 5 pm at the Movie Gallery located at 508 North Broadway. Train rides for the young ones will be \$1.00 a ride, bake sale by donations and Salt water Taffy for sale

Second Annual Back to School Street Health Fair

The Back to School Health Fair is planned to take place on August 21, 2009 beginning at 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. If your organization would like to participate please contact: Jamie Edwards 327-5312, Barbara Palmer 470-1295 or Community Organizer Reyes Pequeno 778-2628 for more information.

Garza County Democratic Party to meet

Yeller or blue, there's room for you! The Garza County Democratic Party will meet Saturday, August 22 at 10 a.m. in the Citizens Bank meeting room. Come and joins in positive change. Yes we can!

Close City-Garlynn Reunion

The Close City-Garlynn Reunion is scheduled on Saturday August 15, 2009 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The location is in the Garden Room at Chapa's Family Restaurant, just north of Post on highway 84. Come for coffee, donuts and visiting at 10:00 am, for lunch just order from the menu and go Dutch. For more information contact: Miriam O'Neal at 806-495-2002 or Oneita Gunn at 806-495-2009.

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Opinions



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

How Stimulating

Our tax dollars are going toward pornography in Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi's district. Hard to believe?

According to news reports, the National Endowment for the Arts is spending some of the money it received from the Recovery and Reinvestment Act to fund nude simulated-sex dances, Saturday night "perv" revues and the airing of pornographic horror films at art houses in San Francisco.

The NEA was given \$80 million of the government's \$787 billion economic stimulus bill to spread around to needy artists nationwide. Most of the money is being spent to help preserve jobs in museums, orchestras, theaters and dance troupes which have been hit hard during the recession. I don't have a problem with that as cultural things are needed in our society.

But some NEA grants are being misused, in my opinion, for things which Americans should be up in arms against. One such matter is a \$50,000 infusion for the Frameline film house, which recently screened "Thundercrack," "The world's only underground kinky art porno horror film, complete with four men, three women and a gorilla."

Makes you wonder what else has slipped through the cracks concerning the stimulus package. Guess that's what happens when Pelosi and her cohorts decide to pass bills without reading them first.

A few members of Congress raised questions as the stimulus bill was being drafted and approved, but President Obama, while admitting there were problems with the \$787 billion legislation, stressed the need for immediate action.

Surely Obama didn't intend to have stimulus money help fund the weekly production of "Pervs Put Out" at San Francisco's CounterPULSE, whose "long-running pansexual performance series" invites guests to "join your fellow pervs for some explicit, twisted fun."

CounterPULSE received a \$25,000 grant in the "Dance" category; a staffer there said they were pleased to receive the grant, "which over the next year will be used to preserve jobs at our small non-profit."

Wow. So basically, our tax dollars are going to porn stars in Pelosi's district.

Victoria Hutter, an NEA spokeswoman defended the agency's choices and said its grants would help "preserve jobs in danger of going away or that had gone away because of the economic downturn."

"Our review process is very comprehensive -- we take great care with applicants and with grantees," said Hutter. "It's a thorough, rigorous process that they all go through, and we're proud of the projects that we've been able to support."

Really?

"The Symmetry Project," which has received past NEA funding and stands to get an additional boost from a \$25,000 stimulus grant, is a dance piece by choreographer Jess Curtis.

According to Curtis' Web site, "The Symmetry Project" features (hold on to your hat) "the sharing of a central axis, [as] spine, mouth, genitals, face, and anus reveal their interconnectedness and centrality in embodied experience."

Basically, it's a live sex show.

Curtis said the NEA funding will help keep his art afloat.

"I think art is an incredibly important part of our culture and our life and ... that it's very much appropriate that our government should be supporting it," Curtis said.

Well, I think it's a complete waste of our tax dollars and San Francisco may be as out of touch with mainstream America as a remote village in Nepal.

"With these stimulus funds San Francisco arts organizations will be able to weather the storm and continue to provide jobs and to generate revenue while enriching people's lives through innovative, high quality programming," said Luis R. Cancel director of cultural affairs for the San Francisco Arts Council.

High quality? Doubtful.

No question, the stimulus bill needs oversight BEFORE money is handed out. Porn, questionable art, etc... - these things need to be funded by patrons and not the taxpayer. As for Nancy Pelosi, she's needs to be run out of office in the worst way.

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The Leaderless Revolution

A revolution is taking place in America. It's as intangible as the whispering wind. Yet as ineluctable as mounting gale. To the politicians, it's still but a passing breeze rustling the hair at the nape of the neck. To the grassroots masses, it's rushing torrent destined to sweep the elite from the Halls of Power.

America is at the very incipience of a Leaderless Revolution. One could see it at the hometown Tea Parties disclaimed by politicians as ragtag assemblies and disdained by Barack Obama who speciously claimed not to have even known they even occurred. One can sense it in the polls, as one after another shows plunging support for this president and his policies.

And one can hear it loud and clear in the angry outpourings at "Town Hall" meetings where sputtering politicians are driven from the podiums and forced to seek shelter behind a phalanx of guards.

In New Hampshire, Rep. Carol Shea-Porter tried to defend the snails' pace of socialized medicine with the absurd claim, "Many of my constituents would love to stand in line." Maryland's Sen. Ben Cardin, when pressed by his constituents on why they should be forced to turn over their health care to government bureaucrats, yammered that Americans simply can't be trusted. (And he has now made his town meetings "by invitation only.")

In Syracuse, NY, Rep. Dan Maffei had to call in the police to restore order at his health care town hall after angry protesters shouted him down. And Rep. Tim Bishop (D-NY), experiencing his own problems with outraged attendees decided

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just to cancel town hall meetings altogether.

Ellen Sauerbrey -- the courageous lady who many feel won the governorship of Maryland in 1994, only to have it snatched away by a post-election recount -- recently wrote: "I have never seen people so upset and scared. The rebellion today is a true grassroots uprising of citizens that don't believe either party in Washington represents them, hears them or cares what they think. More and more I hear, 'A plague on both their houses. Throw all the bums out'."

What the politicians need to learn is that insulting their constituents' intelligence, denouncing them as slackers, having them arrested, or trying to act as if they simply don't exist is not going to solve the problem of a grassroots rebellion on the ascent. Nor will trying to single out some contrived opponent to belittle and besmirch, as Barack Obama did Rush Limbaugh.

The real problem the politicians face is that there is no opposition leader. In fact, there

are no leaders at all. The hallmark of the grassroots uprising now befuddling and deflating the Washington political elite (and their mainstream media factotums) is that they are flying in the face of a Leaderless Revolution soundlessly inundating the very air they breathe.

It is amorphous. It is dauntless. It is unyielding. And it needs no person or party to state its case or fight its cause.

Carried in a purse, a brief case, or a backpack; wielded in the palm of the purveyor's hand; as easy as aps; and summed up in 140 characters or less; this is the Leaderless Revolution that Bill Gates predicted was coming at the "Speed of Thought" on the wireless wings of the wind.

Unfortunately for the Washington establishment, in America today -- just as in Iran, Honduras, and Moldavia -- the thought has now become an action. The words have become deeds. They have begun to sew the wind. And the tone-deaf political elitists are about to reap the whirlwind.

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White River Water Report

08/03/09

Gauge Reading -- 2348.70

Feet below spillway -- 23.9"

Rise - 2"

Rainfall Past Week -- 2.83"

Rain to Date -- 7.41"

Rainfall for 2004 43.58"

Rainfall for 2005 15.57"

Rainfall for 2006 28.85"

Rainfall for 2007 24.19"

Rainfall for 2008 33.16"

DID YOU KNOW

White River Lake has 2,124,874,371 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 21% capacity or 6,521 acre feet. Subtract 47,090,725 MG for evaporation this week in July that leaves 2,077,783,646 BG available as of today.

White River's daily average demand for 2008 was 1.23 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.

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

The Texas Water Development Board has issued an invitation to White River Municipal Water District for the loan they requested. The District has 90 days to accept or lose their ranking.

The Post Reservoir Permit that the Water District Owns has been renewed by the State of Texas for another 4 years, and the trade for the permit to the City of Lubbock for Water Rights for the District's Member Cities continues.

Mickey Rogers GM, White River

2009 Rodeo Board of Directors



Caption: Standing, L-R: Mike Babb, Casey Zachary (Manager), Shawn Pennell, Rodney Oden (Vice-President), Bobby Blair, Bruce Sanderson. Kneeling, L-R: Justin Koontz, Weldon Smith (Arena Director), Jon Wheeler, Jimmy Valdez, Buddy Thompson, Robbie Williams (President), Lane Jones (Secretary), Roger Daugherty



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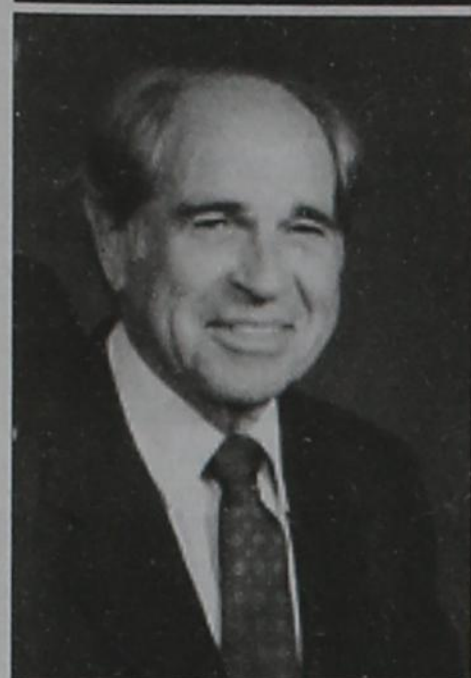
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Obituaries



Ralph Gossett

Ralph Wilson Gossett passed away July 31, 2009, in Midland, TX, at the age of 92. A graveside service was held at the Grassland Cemetery on Monday, August 3 at 1 p.m..

Ralph Wilson Gossett was born on January 4, 1917, on the family farm west of Post to Ed Lee and Sarah Gossett. He graduated from Post High School and later from Texas Technological College in 1939 with a B.B.A. degree in Business Administration. At Texas Tech Ralph met his future wife and the love of his life, Edith Barnett. With the advent of World War II, Ralph joined U. S. Army Counter-Intelligence Corp. On Kentucky Derby Day, May 3, 1942 Ralph and Edith married in Kansas City, Kansas.

After the war, Ralph and Edith settled temporarily in Lubbock for several years, and permanently in Big Spring in 1955. Ralph was an insurance agent until his retirement in 2006. He was a past president of the Big Spring Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. Ralph loved reading (especially history), jogging, farming and flying. Ralph and Edith had a large circle of friends with whom they loved to travel.

Ralph was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, his parents, his brothers, Ed Gossett, Hugh Gossett and Dr. James Gossett; and his sisters, Madge Mathias Webb, Kate McFarling and Enid Gossett. He is survived by his children: Greg Gossett and wife Leslie of San Angelo; Robert Gossett and wife Diane of Prosper and Ellen Gossett of Midland; his grandchildren: Stephen Gossett;

Sarah Cypert and husband Wade; Allison Chapman and husband; Matt, Jared Gossett and wife, Leslie and Jeffrey Gossett and nieces and nephews, all for whom he cared deeply.

There are too many names to mention, but the family gives special thanks to the staffs of Royal Estates in San Angelo and the Manor Park Mabey Healthcare Center in Midland for their loving care of Ralph.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to First United Methodist Church of Big Spring, your local Alzheimer's Association or a charity of your choice.

Funeral Arrangements were under the care of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be left at www.npwelch.com.

Floyd Dee Johnson

Services for Floyd Dee Johnson, 66, of Los Angeles, Ca. will be at 2 PM Saturday, August 8, 2009 in the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Arthur Kelly officiating. Burial in Texas State Veterans Cemetery will be under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mr. Johnson died Friday, July 31, 2009 in Lubbock. He was born November 10, 1942 in Moody, TX to Johnny and Madie Johnson. He married Leola Isles on July 1, 1992 in Post. After graduating from high school he joined the US Army and served 20 years retiring in 1980 with the rank of SSG. He served for two tours in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Survivors include his wife Leola of Los Angeles, CA, three daughters: Zenia Stewart of Los Angeles, Antionette Ellis of Post and "Kila" McNutt of Okinawa, Japan; a son: Zerk Scott of California; five brothers: Johnny Johnson of Odessa, Lloyd Johnson of Lubbock, Larry Johnson of Amarillo, Graylin Johnson of El Paso and Charles Johnson of Amarillo; six sisters: Lorene Johnson of California, Florence Johnson of Ft. Worth, Francis Wright of Lubbock, Bobbie Harper of Lubbock, Andrea Johnson of

Dallas and Sharon Johnson of Levelland; 11 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter: Shawnta Lopez on January 1, 2000.



Dr. T. H. Tipton

Services for Dr. T.H. Tipton, 87, of Lubbock were held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock with Rev. Will Dodson and Dr. David Wilson officiating. Interment followed at the Terrace Cemetery in Post, TX. Arrangements were under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

Dr. Tipton passed away on August 1, 2009.

T. H. was born February 25, 1922 in the Close City Community, Garza County, TX to Talma H. and Leta Tipton. He graduated from Post High School; attended Texas Tech and graduated from Loyola University in New Orleans. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. T.H. married Imogene North in 1946 in Slaton, TX. Dr. Tipton established his dental practice in 1953 and retired in 1988. He was a member of Southcrest Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Marshall Tipton.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Imogene; nieces, Marsha Norman and husband, Lee; Jodine McFadden and husband, Lynn; Cathy Fry and husband, David; and many other nieces and nephews.

The family received friends from 6-7 p.m., Monday at Sanders Funeral Home.

the leaky water pipe lay exposed for the first time in decades. It was ugly. Think rust.

My husband, a comfortable 150 miles away, agreed with me that the pipe should be smooth for the bushings in the repair fitting to function properly. He suggested emery paper. I told him I'd be using a hammer.

Hunks of rust fell off under my blows. I'd turned the water off, but what remained in the pipe dripped from multiple leaks — more leaks.

The fitting was designed to span a short gap. I had created a long one. Could I somehow use the device simply to plug the severed pipe?

At 11 p.m. Central Standard Time would my slumbering husband like to answer that question? Or should I call someone in Alaska?

Alaska is the right answer. My only friends there are Jim

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McPhaul, Valdez married July 25 in Post



Stephanie McPhaul and Colton Valdez were united in marriage Saturday, 7:30 p.m., July 25, 2009, at The Heritage House in Post, TX. Father of the groom, Jimmy Valdez, performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Dennis and Christine Pevehouse of Lubbock, TX. The groom is the son of Jimmy and Rhonda Valdez of Post.

Her brother, Zach McPhaul, gave the bride in marriage. Her Matron of Honor was Mandy Marsh; Maid of Honor was Aaron McPhaul; Bridesmaids were Kelsee Rios, Jessica Ramos, Cathleen Lasater, Courtney Patterson, and Monica Martinez. Flower Girls were Natalie Castillo, cousin of the bride and Madisyn McPhaul, niece of the bride.

The groom's Best Man was Quinton Valdez and Groomsmen were: Jett Lott, Felix Valdez, Justin Williams, Brad Bostick and Nathan Stone. Ushers were Alex Miller, Skylar Jones, Morgan Williams, Courtney Martinez and Ashlea Stone.

The ceremony was held under the portico at The Heritage House. The reception took place in the grand meeting room decorated in black, olive green and white. The wedding decorations were designed and created by the bride and Jackie Cruse of Post.

A rehearsal dinner at Chapa's Restaurant in Post was hosted by the groom's parents.

The bride is a graduate of the Art Institute of Dallas with a degree in Fashion Merchandising. The groom is a 2005 graduate of Post High School. And is employed by Lubbock National Bank. He will graduate Cum Laude from Texas Tech University in December 2009 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Energy Commerce.

The couple will reside in Lubbock.

Extension Extras

Rabbits

If you are interested in a rabbit project this year, Robbie and Barbara Palmer have rabbits available for a small fee and they will include a cage. Please call the Extension Office for details.

Back to School Bash

We will be at the Park August 11 beginning at 6:30 p.m. for hot dogs and games. Come and see what 4-H is all about.

Banquet

The banquet will be Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at the Heritage House. Watch extras for more details to come.

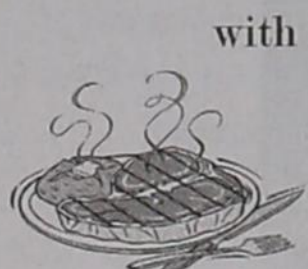
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Parents T. J. and Angel Copeland announce the birth of their daughter, Taylor Jade Copeland born June 15, 2009. She weighed 7lbs. 7 oz. and was 18 1/2 in. long. Proud grandparents are Michael and Iris Copeland; great-grandparents are: Ronnie & Annette Riggs and Bill & Anna Copeland of Wolfthorpe, TX and Great-Grandy Willis of Lubbock, TX.

Playday Awards Presented

The Playday series ended July 25 and an award presentation, cook out, and swim party was held July 29. The following awards were presented:

- Age 5 and under: Hadley McCloy, First; Kelby Short, Second; Bailey Pennell and Reagan Workman, Third.
- Ages 6 - 9: Brooke Swaffar, First; Ashlyn Powers, Second; Makaylee Butler, Third.
- Ages 10-14: Avery Wright, First; Brandon Stevens, Second; Kade Smith, Third.

Additional awards were presented in recognition of a job well done: Kohen Hudman, Most Improved Rider; Kelby Short, Hard Luck Award and Brooke Swaffar, Sportsmanship. Makaylee Butler and Kelby Short won \$50 each for selling the most raffle tickets.

Congratulations to Dr. Ben Edwards for being the lucky one to win the Jody Mason spurs.

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The 501

by
Hanaba Munn Welch

Can you dry up a wetland without an environmental impact study? Probably not. I am. Don't tell.

As wetlands go, it's a small one -- the result of a longstanding water leak under the carport at the rent house on our farm. I use the term "rent house" loosely because I'm a loose landlady regarding rent and repairs. But I use the term "wetland" seriously. What else would you call a permanent mud bog with a shallow puddle in the middle?

I guess you could call it a water leak.

It's not like I haven't known about it. My now-departed tenants (who, believe it or not, found a better place) showed me the mud circa 2006 when they moved into the house. I told them then it was a water leak. It's grown some since.

OK, I'll admit a part of me thought they might fix it. But they didn't. I didn't either. Now the soggy site has resident bull-

frogs, and a new tenant is moving in. She didn't panic when she saw the snake in the house. My kind of renter. It seemed I should fix the carport quagmire. She has a nice car. Nicer than mine.

Advice:

When it comes to well-established water leaks in rural outdoor settings, the most interesting time to fix one is after dark. That's when you meet critters that frequent the artificial oasis. Some you don't meet are watching from the shadows. Frogs leap away. Armadillos are slower to sense your presence.

It's not as if I meant to be working at midnight. It just worked out that way.

Already a late-in-the-day trip to town for a half-inch compression fitting had turned into a side-adventure that landed me in the plumbing section of the lumberyard after hours. I'll spare you the details. Think breaking and entering.

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and Carolyn in Juneau. Their business is plumbing. Sometimes you get lucky.

I used my cell phone to ask their advice and to send them a shot of the midnight armadillo.

The leak? It's now just a tiny drip.

Should I need a defense, that drip has an official name:

Environmental impact mitigation.

Bids...

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proposal. Chris Faught explained that Texas Association of Counties plans are self insurance pools and not insurance company policies. He also presented a proposal. Commissioners voted to continue coverage with the Texas Association of Counties' Risk Management Pool of coverage.

A statement of agreement between West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation (MHMR) and Garza County was presented for consideration and was approved.

The court considered an agreement for construction inspection services between Chad Price, Complete Home Inspection/County Wide Inspection, LLC and Garza County. County Attorney Mike Munk reviewed and endorsed the agreement that contracts with this company to perform inspections for residential and commercial construction within unincorporated areas of Garza County. The commissioners voted to enter into the six month agreement with Complete Home Inspection/County Wide Inspection, LLC.

A resolution regarding the interim study of under-valuation of oil and gas properties was presented to the court. The court approved the resolution that will be directed to Lt. Governor Dewhurst and Speaker of the House Straus.

The court considered whether to retain attorney John Cox as a representative for Garza County in negotiations with the City of Lubbock concerning the Lake Alan Henry water pipeline easements under county roads. Judge Norman explained that, in his opinion, Cox would be appropriate because he is working with property owners

on this project. Attorney Munk concurred. The Commissioners voted to retain Cox to represent the county as outlined above up to \$1000 in attorney's fees.

Renewal of the Texas County and District Retirement System program was approved by the court. This is a state-wide system that handles retirement funds for the county and district employees.

Commissioners considered and approved two USDA resolutions authorizing application for rural economic development grants: \$28,930 for the purchase of a digital NXT system with DVD cameras and accessories for eight Sheriff's Department patrol cars and \$10,850 for the purchase of a digital NXT system with DVD cameras and accessories for three Constable's Office patrol cars.

In other business the court approved two line item transfers; no action was taken on the Budget Workshop agenda item and the commissioners decided not to take a tour of the new office annex. Minutes from the July 13 meeting and the July 14 special meeting were approved as presented. Items of information brought before the court as a written report or for discussion were: Garza County Certificates of Obligation Bond Fund, 2008 and Garza County Public Facilities Board Bond Funds, 2005. Both were accepted. Precinct and countywide accounts payable for July 14, 2009 through July 28, 2009 were also approved.

The next Commissioners Court meeting will be August 10 at 9 a.m.

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Rodeo...

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pavilion on the rodeo grounds and dance to the music of Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys.

Playing solid Texas dance music, Jody Nix and his band are always a favorite at the Stampede Rodeo dance. The group travels

nationally playing major rodeos, club and conventions to large audiences.

The Wes Nixon Band who drew a large audience at the Post rodeo dance last year will provide Saturday night dance music. This group's fan base grows each year as they perform throughout the state.

Rodeo admission is \$5, children 6 and under free. Dance admission is \$10 per person.

Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. the traditional Stampede Rodeo parade makes it way through town. The parade entries will compete for cash prizes in three categories: business/commercial; associations/non-profits; and novelty. Parade line up begins at 2:30 p.m. at Avenue S and West Main.

Come downtown early and enjoy lunch at Trailblazers. They'll be serving a hamburger plate: hamburger, chips, drink and dessert for \$5. After lunch you'll have time to do some shopping on Main Street before the parade begins.

For more information, call the Post Area Chamber of Commerce at 495-3461.

Rating...

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system know if they are getting the job done. "You have to know what the expectations are and this testing defines the curriculum, insures it is taught and assesses to be sure the students are learning. There is certainly room for enrichment, but it is worthwhile for the kids to know this curriculum. This is not a minimum standards test. It is comprehensive. If the students know this curriculum when they finish school they will be prepared to get college or technical school. They will be prepared to do whatever they need to do."

"Our kids performed well. Congratulations are due to students, faculty, and campus administrators," Supt. Marcum concluded.

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Trailblazers Howdy ya'll day fundraiser

Garza County Trailblazer will be hosting a Howdy Ya'll Day Fundraiser on Saturday August 8, 2009 from 11 am to 2 pm at Garza County Trailblazers located at 205 East 10th St. Hamburger plates will be \$5 per plate which consist of hamburger, chips, drink, dessert and all the trimmings. 36" Grandma & Grandpa dolls will be raffled off. The cost is \$5 per ticket. All proceeds will go to the Garza County Trailblazers.

Men of Abiding Faith

The Church of Christ, located at 10th Street and Avenue M, will be holding its annual summer series of speakers beginning July 22 thru August 26th. - August 12th Terry Ellison- August 19th Ryan Simpson- August 26th Rontrager. Please come and join us as we hear inspiring lessons on "Men of Abiding Faith". All meetings will begin at 7 p.m.

Rodeo Parade entries

Post Area Chamber of Commerce can still accept entries for the Post Stampede Rodeo Parade scheduled for Saturday, August 8 at 3 p.m. If you would like to participate with a float, 4 wheeler, golf cart, tractor, vehicle or your unique entry, please go by the Chamber office at 131 E. Main or call 495-3461. Please call and enter today!

Marching Band Crank up

2009/2010 is an advancing year. On Thursday August 13 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. there will be a meeting for Drum Major & Squad leaders only, and then on Monday August 17, and 18th the full band will meet from 7 - 9 pm, Wednesday August 19 will be uniform checkout and catch-up from 4-6. Then on Thursday August 20 there will be another full band practice from 7-9 pm.

New student registration at Middle School

If your child is new to our district please come by the middle school starting August 10th 21st to register your child. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and social security card for enrollment.

Middle school orientation schedule August 20th

Post Middle School will have an orientation and open house on Thursday August 20th at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Auditorium. Schedules will be handed out and students will have an opportunity to meet their teachers and tour the Middle school.

Vacation Bible school schedule for August 8th

Graham Chapel Church of Christ and 10th and M Church of Christ will co-host vacation bible school for all children 3 years old to 5th grade on Saturday, August 8th beginning at 9:00 am and ending with a cookout at 12:00 noon for the children and their families and all church members of both congregations. There will be singing, crafts, bible skits games, and puppets! Everyone is welcome! The activities will be held at the Graham Chapel Church located on the corner of 15th street and Ave. S.

Garza County Town Hall Meeting

State Representative Joe Heflin will hold a Town Hall Meeting on August 11, 2009 at 10 a.m. at the Community room, Wells Fargo Bank 216 Main. Representative Heflin will be in Post to give you an update and answer your questions about recently completed regular and specials sessions of the 81st Texas Legislature. Make plans now to attend the Town Hall meeting so you can hear directly from your elected state representative about the issues and dynamics of the just-completed sessions, if you have any questions call 512-463-0604.

Back to School Bash

4-H Club is sponsoring a back to school bash on August 11th at 6:30 at the Park. There will be hotdogs and games, for more information or questions call Marcie Oden 781-3247.

Band Booster Club scheduled to meet

It's that time again!! The Pride of Post will meet on August 17th, 2009 for its first meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Band hall. Items to be discussed will be to appoint new officers, fundraisers, old business, and new business.

Clay shootout in Slaton

The Wayland Baptist University Pioneers basketball team is sponsoring a sporting clay shootout on August 22 at the Rustic Range in Slaton, beginning at 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$75 per person and includes a 50-target round and lunch. Prizes will be awarded to the top performers. Participants must supply their own gun and shells. Those interested may enter as individuals, or as a team of five. Proceeds will benefit the basketball program. For more information or to register contact coach Robert Davenport at 806-291-1147 or Chris Paddock at 806-291-1148.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

After the rains we received last week it is finally drying out enough so that the farmers can get into the fields. Some are plowing; some are spraying. It is amazing what a little rain will do for a careless weed! I believe it is suppose to be hot and dry for the next week.

Rob and I traveled to Ruidoso last weekend to attend my annual gin bookkeeping school. The weather was so nice! There is nothing like sitting on a front porch while it is cool and raining in the mountains. Tuesday morning we had 6 deer in the front yard, 5 of them were bucks. It is just a different world over there. I just love it, but it's always nice to get back home. By the way, the school was great and I learned a lot that will help my producers/landlords and me for the

upcoming season. Mom and Dad had to be out of town on Monday so Jim Ellis watched the office for us..... Thanks a lot, Jim. We heard no complaints on the coffee so I think you did a great job!

All of us here in Close City want to send our sympathies out to the family of T.H. Tipton. Mr. Tipton, who was born here in Ragtown, passed away last week in Lubbock. He was a brother to the late Marshall Tipton and the Uncle of Marsha Norman who lives here in Close City.

Congratulations to all the ropers at the County Roping. We did have a few from Close City to participate. Mike Johnson and Reece Belongia both competed and did a great job, I might add. Remember the rodeo is this weekend as well as the parade @ 3 on

Saturday. Watch for Close City! We have decided to do a community float this year instead of just a gin float, it should be really neat.

We send a "Get Well Fast" to Ronnie Dunn who is recovering from back surgery. Andra says he is doing well and will be home soon.

Don't forget our "Ragtown" folks in the nursing homes; Doug and Claudine Tipton and Carmen Abraham in Post; Jewel White in Lubbock; Jean Tipton and Odie Kemp in Tahoka. If I need to add anyone to this list, please let me know.

Everyone have a great weekend and remember.....Keep our troops and rain in your daily prayers. Don't forget to check out our blog at <http://closecitycoopin.blogspot.com> and I also need new

recipes! I know there are a lot of you people in town that went to school out here that have some great recipes. Send them to me here at the gin: 524 CR 230 Post, TX 79356 or you can email them to me at close.city.coop@pcca.com.

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August 7 - Brooke Morris
August 10 - Dena Watson
August 11 - Grey Beasley
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Weekly Inspirations

HELP ME, LORD!

By: Michael F. Taylor

It was a cold and foggy morning as my daughter Brittany started up the car and carefully backed out of the driveway, heading to school. She had not been driving for very long and was a little apprehensive about the fog, but the sheer excitement in knowing that she was now independent and driving her own car spurred her on. School was in a neighboring town twenty-five miles away and she settled in for the trip. Once Brittany got above the Caprock, the fog became even denser and she slowed the vehicle down in order to see the road ahead. The windshield wipers were beating a steady staccato as they furiously tried to clear the water from the windshield in vain. Turning down the farm to market road which led to her school, the fog seemed to close in and completely envelope Brittany and her car as she continued on. A few miles later, disaster struck! The fog, now ominously obscuring her vision of the road, caused her to hug the right side of the road. The country road had no improved shoulder and when both right side tires hit the wet gravel shoulder, the vehicle began to fish tail, sliding off the roadway. Brittany, in panic turned the steering wheel to the left, but overcorrected and the vehicle plunged forward into the muddy ditch. The car began flipping end over end, three times, coming to rest fifty feet into a cotton field, lying on the driver's side pinning her inside the car.

My daughter later told me that all she had time to do was pray that Jesus Christ would help her! And He certainly did! I don't know that I have ever felt more in terror than that morning when I received her telephone call almost screaming that she had flipped the car. To make matters worse, she had no idea where she was. My heart felt as if it would jump out of my chest. And I prayed! That my God, the God who sent his Son-Jesus Christ to die for my sins would be there with my child until I could get there. I don't remember much about that frantic drive to where she had the accident other than constantly praying that she would be alright and that God would comfort her in that time of need.

I have never felt more relief than the moment I drove up to that scene and she hugged me, crying, and I knew that she was okay. God was truly with her and both her mother and I. And as I looked at the completely totaled P.T. Cruiser lying in that cotton field in a jumbled mass of steel and metal, I couldn't help but notice that the entire roof had been crushed in except the exact area where Brittany was sitting during the crash. And these words flooded my heart, "GOD IS ON THE THRONE. HE IS AN AWESOME GOD!" And I couldn't help but be touched by her exclamation that in the midst of the storm, she turned to the only one who could help her-Jesus Christ! Do I believe that as Carrie Underwood's wonderful country song says, "Jesus take the Wheel", that the very Son of God stepped in and intervened in my daughter's behalf? You better believe I do! And I can't help but be reminded of what the Psalmist said in Chapter 138, "1 I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise. 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. 3 When I called, you answered me; you made me bold and stouthearted." And just a few verses later, he tells us, "6 Though the LORD is on high, he looks upon the lowly, but the proud he knows from afar. 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes, with your right hand you save me. 8 The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever."NIV

This week my prayer is that each of us is reminded that even though the Lord is on High and may seem to be very far away during our storms, He looks upon us in our time of distress and His loves truly does endure forever.

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that made this year's Play Days such a success: Kim & Patsy Wilks, Danny Vernon, Rocky Gomez Jr., Weldon Smith, Shawn Pennell, Brad Swaffar, Casey Short, Jody Mason, Dr. and Mrs. Brillhart, Lichelle Hudman, John Bill Hedrick, the Post Stampede Rodeo Board, and each and everyone that bought a raffle ticket for the Jody Mason spurs.

We look forward to next year and hope to see you all then.

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Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jacky Joe Harp. Deceased, were issued on August 4, 2009 in Cause No. 1900, pending in the County Court of Garza County, Texas, to: Thressa Ann Harp.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Thressa Ann Harp
c/o: Leslie C. Acker
Attorney at Law
122A East Main Street
Post, TX 79356

Dated the 4th day of August, 2009

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Menus

TRAILBLAZERS

August 10

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August 11

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August 12

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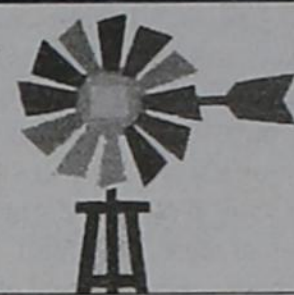
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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones From The Post Dispatch

10 Years Ago August 5, 1999

Post's Lane Jones will be one of the featured bull riders in this year's 59th annual Post Stampede Rodeo. Sidelining at the rodeo will be the first annual Saddles, Bits, Spurs & Western Collectible Tack Show.

Jamie Cooper was awarded a certificate recognizing her 20 years of service to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency. Bill Aten, County Committee Chairman, made the presentation. Mrs. Cooper joined the Farm Service Agency in 1977.

Bobby J. Brown was promoted to the rank of command sergeant major after graduating from the U. S. Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Command Sgt. Maj. Brown is the son of Judy and A.J. McAlister.

Administrators for the newly built correctional facility moved into their new offices this week.

Jona and Trey Jones announce the birth of their son Ty James Jones, who was born August 2, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He was welcomed home by his sister Allisha.

20 Years Ago August 8, 1989

Lewis Earl, secretary-treasurer of the Post Economic Development Corporation, was in Austin to attend the 1989 Texas Enterprise Zone Conference at the Radisson Plaza Hotel at Austin Center.

Contest winners in the post Art Guild's Sidewalk Chalk Painting Contest were Auburn Hammond, first place; Amber Hammond, second place; and Cameron Miller, third place. Judging the contest were Mayor Giles McCrary and Benny Jackson.

Jay Lott and Jeff Lott of Post have been appointed area chairmen

for the Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children, according to Jim Alexander, general chairman. They are among 225 volunteer chairmen statewide assisting the CRCC fundraiser, which benefits West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene and San Angelo.

The "Funtime Club" was chosen as the name for a group of ladies who have been meeting for about a year, at the Trail Blazers Center.

Friends and relatives honored LaDonna Craig, bride-elect of Kevin Buschmann, with a "Spice and Rice" brunch at the home of Carolyn Black.

30 Years Ago August 2, 1979

A state of emergency due to the rabies threat was declared for Post by the city council. The council called for community action to vaccinate local pets, both dogs and cats, against rabies and to rid the town of strays.

Recommendations for the hiring of 11 new teachers and the acceptance of the resignations of four others head the agenda for Post school trustees for their August meeting.

Slightly over 100 grid hopefuls, seventh grade through high school seniors, took their physicals at the field house, as the Antelopes face a rebuilding year with new head coach David Thompson. Assistant coaches include Darrell Radle, Arcadio Rivera, Jerry Reynolds, Dewayne Osborne, Lane Tannehill, Rick Compton and Randy Josey.

The city council without discussion tentatively approved the new city budget which calls for an eight percent salary increase for all city employees.

40 Years Ago August 7, 1969

Post welcomes a new business-

man and family to Main Street this week. They are Mr. and Mrs. Grant Lott and son, Brad, who have purchased White Auto Store from Mr. And Mrs. Fritz Brownlee.

Seventy members of the family of the late W.A. Rogers gathered at the 4-H Building for a day of visiting and reminiscing. Haydon Rogers was presented with a gift for being the eldest present for the reunion and Mrs. Bill Brandon of Chandler, Arizona, a daughter of the Rogers, won the gift for traveling the longest distance.

The Texas Water Plan, a massive \$9 billion project which looks ahead for 50 years, went down to narrow defeat in the special statewide amendment election, basically because areas which the plan would benefit most simply didn't get their voters to the polls.

Garza County, which produced 29,800 bales of cotton from the 1968 crop, will boost this figure by nearly 9,000 bales, if the August estimate of High Plains cotton production is accurate.

50 Years Ago August 6, 1959

Post today faces its most serious water shortage threat in six years. City Superintendent Henry Tate said that unless water users immediately adopt conservation measures, the city maybe out of water by the end of the week.

Equipment necessary to institute city mail delivery has started arriving at the post office here, Assistant Postmaster O.V. McMahon said. A definite starting date will be set when all the needed equipment is in.

Judy Puckett, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Brode Puckett of Wichita Falls, is visiting in Post and will attend the Southwestern Championship Junior Rodeo - something she's done every year since the rodeo began in 1948.

Winning prizes at the grand opening of The Cowboy Store, 413 N. Broadway, were Karen Knight, Grant Johns, Pete Maddox, L.G. Thuet, Jr. and Mrs. J.C. Howard.

Jimmy Moore, Post cowboy, added to his winnings by placing first in the bull riding and fourth in the bareback riding at the Hereford rodeo.

60 Years Ago August 4, 1949

Crews from Universal-International, Paramount and Movietone will be in Post this week to film the Southwestern Championship Junior rodeo for the newsreels.

Coach V.F. Bingham has announced that football practice for the fall season will begin at 8 a.m. Monday with two workouts daily. Twenty-seven of last year's Antelopes will not return this fall, and only five of the upcoming players - Calvin Storie, Maurice Stelzer, Jerry Odom, Billy Lee Smith and Jack Kirkpatrick - have had football experience.

Dr. Glenn Kahler was named health and safety committee chairman of the South Plains Area Boy Scout Council.

Odis Echols and his Famous Melody Boys Quartet will be sponsored in a public performance in the Post High School auditorium.

Bob Russell and Odean Cummings are operating Hudman Service Station while Hans and Maurine are vacationing in Colorado.

ACROSS

- 1 this George was successful president of Rice University ('85-'93)
- 5 TXism: "___ piece" (distant)
- 6 pie ala ___
- 7 ___ hwy. 277 goes through Munday
- 8 TX Gene Roddenberry's "Star Trek" genre: ___-fi

- 9 what some TX youngsters call their grandfather
- 15 "___ kill"
- 16 TXism: "busier than ___ fry cook at a truck stop"
- 19 in Lamb Co. on 84 this Christopher was in film "Noises Off..." with TX-born Carol Burnett
- 22 quick clever reply to an insult or criticism
- 27 "___ as a pin"
- 28 TX Charley Pride hit: "___ Angel Good Morning"

- 29 Minnesota port city
- 30 TXism for "amateur"
- 32 TX Ellerbe book: "And ___ It Goes"
- 33 obligated (2 wds.)
- 36 Harrison Co. name-sake had a leading role in route of the ___ Canal
- 37 TXism: "you ___ the nail on the head"
- 38 TX Admiral Nimitz returned these swords to ancestral homes after WWII
- 39 snot rag? (2 wds.)

- 41 Robert De ___ was in "Showtime" with TX James Roday
- 42 giant copier company
- 45 abbr. for "in the legal case of"
- 46 rattlesnakes casa
- 47 boot smell
- 48 less than a TX "whopper"
- 49 perfect lawn? (3 wds.)
- 52 minority at TWU
- 53 DFW security (abbr.)

- 54 this Lovett was 1st president of Rice University (init.)
- 55 TX "Pecos Bill's sweetheart Sue (init.)"

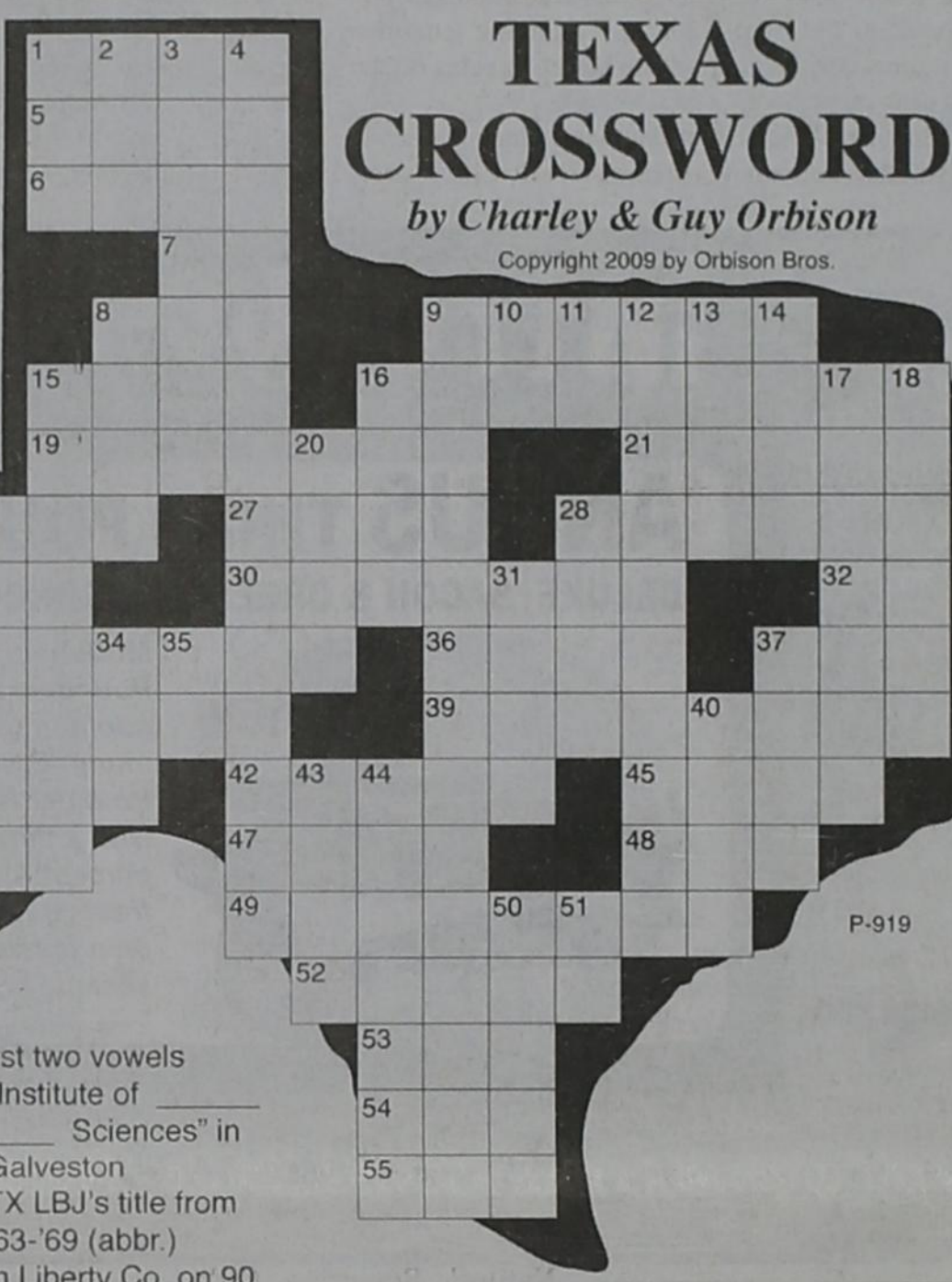
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- 1 in '08, Ogbonnaya was a Longhorn, in '09 he's this
- 2 unknown aerial phenomenon (abbr.)
- 3 Cattle Co. seat
- 4 this Richard made TX Connally treasury secretary in '71 (2 wds.)
- 8 TXism: "turn ___ clods" (plow)
- 9 TXism: "___ an alley cat" (immoral)
- 10 init. of 4-down

- 11 1st two vowels
- 12 "Institute of ___ Sciences" in Galveston
- 13 TX LBJ's title from '63-'69 (abbr.)
- 14 in Liberty Co. on 90
- 15 this Bill was Dallas PD chief before '96 director of Olympic security
- 16 TXism: "frisky ___ unsaddled horse"
- 17 TXism: "when he ain't hemming, he's hawing"
- 18 indicate or signify
- 20 TX "Cowpokes" artist Ace
- 22 this Duvall starred in "Lonesome Dove" by TX McMurtry (init.)

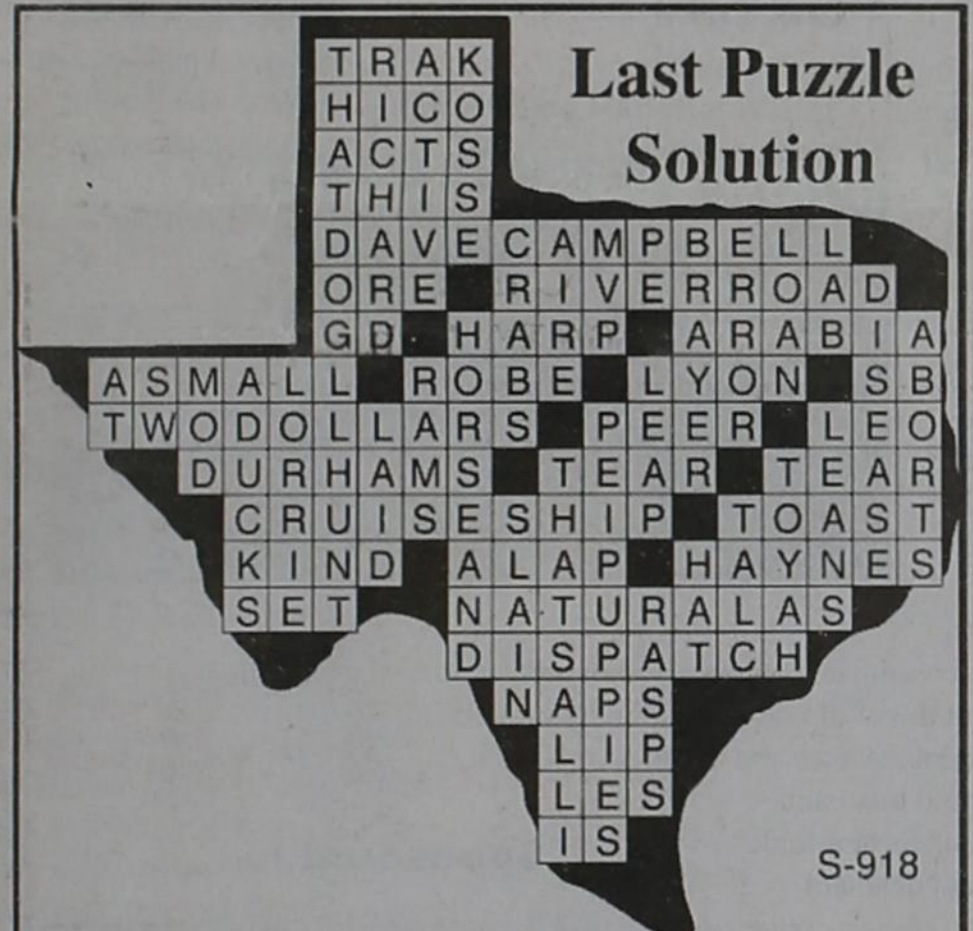
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DAILY CHORES:

Students and teachers were expected to keep the schoolhouse neat and tidy. During the noon break girls would sweep the floor and boys would bring in wood and refill the wash bucket and drinking pail.



Boys on one side of the room and girls on the other. Individual desks were considered modern. You probably sat in benches with the youngest students up front and the big kids in back. If you misbehaved you were sent to sit on the other side of the room.

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Small but Mighty

By Jim Plummer
Sports Writer

Five out of the eight District 3-2A high schools are among the top 20 largest schools in the Region 1AA division. Post High School, with a population of 253 students, is 41st out of 52 teams in the region. The most populated school in the region is Presidio with 429 students.

Excuse me for using the overused cliché "good things come in small packages."

But, in Post's case that's true.

The population numbers are against us, but that has never stopped this great school and community in the past. For instance, as a community, the Post Stampede Rodeo is one of the best annual rodeos in the state, visitors are pleasantly surprised with our vibrant downtown and business community and our school system strives to be the best it can be academically and with extracurricular activities. When it comes to extracurricular, the Post Antelope Booster Club did an excellent job last year of raising funds, almost \$10,000, for items the coaches and players needed, not to mention the offering of fashionable school spirit attire.

Why does this matter? As I discussed last week, the Antelopes are looked at favorably by the eyes of Texas Football magazine. They are predicted to finish second in district. (That's way up from 2008's sixth place finish.) The expected improvement mostly is attributed to the large amount of returning lettermen and starters despite the low number of students on the team or in our school.

Another obvious consideration is the experience and winning know-how of Head Coach Chris Jones,

who possesses an impressive career record at schools known and respected for their performance on the football field. He's been a head coach since 2003 starting at 2-A Refugio where he spent four seasons, then a year at 4-A LaMarque before coming here last season. Jones' overall head coaching record is 48 wins to 28 losses while making the playoffs five out of six years. He knows how to get to the post season.

So, going into the first scrimmage at Coahoma next Saturday, August 15, expectations are high for the 2009 Antelopes. And you're encouraged to get involved in the excitement. However you choose to partake in the fun, whether it's personally encouraging the players and coaches; joining the booster club; wearing black and gold; attending the games; praying for safety and sportsmanship or all of the above, you're participation is welcome.

As one of the smallest schools in our region, it'll take all of us pulling in the same direction to achieve success on the field.

Go Lopes! See you at the games.

Sidelines:

At press time (Tuesday), two-a-day workouts were into the second day. Coach Jones reports that 46 players are out for high school football and he expects about 25 to play on the varsity team at the start of the season.

I'm pleased and excited to be part of bringing PHS sports available for mass consumption. Starting August 28, Allen Grisham and I will deliver live web casts of the Post Antelope Football games via LoneStarSportsRadio.com on the World Wide Web. The web site is undergoing an upgrade. Check back soon.

This week in Post City

By Rosa Latimer

New Businesses Coming to Town?

It now appears that the stories about a new hotel and at least one new restaurant coming to town are more than rumors. I've spoken with the restaurant owner and, although there are a few details to finalize, he will soon be ready to make an official announcement. I have no direct word on the hotel, but there is evidence that this transaction is also very near completion. This is all good news for our community; however, we all know that it's not a done deal until the deal is done!

Birth Certificate Brouhaha

I was a little disappointed to see Congressman Randy Neugebauer's name on a list of "birthers" during a recent national newscast. As you probably know, the "birthers" are trying to keep the possibility that President Obama is not a natural-born US citizen in the news; this despite an authenticated birth certificate showing the President's birthplace as Hawaii - our 51st state. (A copy of the birth certificate is available at factcheck.org. The web site www.politico.com provides additional information.)

These "birthers" seem to have forgotten that John McCain wasn't born in the United States. His birth certificate shows that he was born in Panama, but on a U.S. military base. Congress passed a resolution prior to the 2008 campaign declaring that McCain would be considered a natural-born U.S. citizen and thus eligible to run for President. It seems to me that if there were a legitimate question

about Obama's birth place, it would have come to light at that time.

I have often felt that Congressman Neugebauer's representation of District 19 in Washington was intelligent and thoughtful. My disappointment in his "birther" affiliation doesn't have anything to do with where the President was born. I'm disappointed that Mr. Neugebauer is evidently spending time and energy on this birth place issue when there are so many other things on which our representative in Washington could build his reputation; issues that would make a difference in the lives of his constituents.

And, I sincerely hope this debate on the birth place of Obama doesn't continue for the rest of his term in office.

Let's instead debate the President on issues such as unemployment, whether the gazillion dollar stimulus is working and how to help our troubled youth who find solace in gang membership. There are so many life changing, life threatening problems in our country that need our attention, Mr. Neugebauer's attention and the attention of all of our elected officials. I'd like to see Congressman Neugebauer take the high road and attach his name to a list of people who are diligently pursuing these important issues.

And, if removing Obama from office is an important issue, why not work diligently to find a well qualified candidate to run against him in 2012?

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Natural conduits

By Russell A. Graves

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Like the Wink Sink, the Lakeview sinkhole was of significant size. At more than 400 feet wide, the circular sinkhole enveloped 3.25 acres when it collapsed. What made the sinkhole easy to spot was the water glistening in the depression. In this semi-arid climate, it was apparent that groundwater - not surface runoff - filled the hole. Although nearly at capacity, striation marks were easily spotted in the dirt, signifying where the dirt sloughed off into the hole.

As we flew away from the sink, it struck me how the sinkhole served as a direct conduit to the underground aquifer.

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"Since they are often considered nuisances and unproductive land by some, they have commonly been used for disposal of household trash and appliances, agricultural products such as herbicide and pesticide containers, old cars and dead animals," he says.

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Thank You to Greg Jones, Lanny Fluitt and Chris Belongia for all your time and the grey hair. It was fun.

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Post Little League would like to thank and recognize all of our donors who made the 2009 season most memorable. With you help 230 kids participated in T-Ball, Girls Softball, Minor League, Major League, and Jr. League. We are proud to be a chartered little league program for the 54th year and are District 38 Jr. League All-Star Champions, District 38 9&10 Year Old All-Star runner up, and District 38 11&12 Year Old All Star 3rd place finisher. Without your continued support none of this would be possible

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Team Roping Event Raises Scholarship Funds

The 2009 Garza County Team Roping event was held Saturday, August 1 at the Steve Miller arena. The event was dedicated to Jimmie Redman, community leader who died in an accident in 2007. Approximately \$800 from the proceeds of the roping was donated to the Jimmie Redman Scholarship Fund at Post High School.

Winners in the roping event were:

- 1st place - Weldon Smith & Shorty Clark with a 30.40 on 3

- 2nd place - Cass Tatum & Ky Fuston with a 34.83 on 3
- 3rd place - Cass Tatum & Cody Newton with a 37.06 on 3
- 4th place - Wacey Moore & Rex Prather with a 38.82 on 3

The Steer Stopping winner was Clint Johnson. The Novice Header buckle was awarded to Cade Smith and the Novice Heeler buckle went to Shawn Pennel.



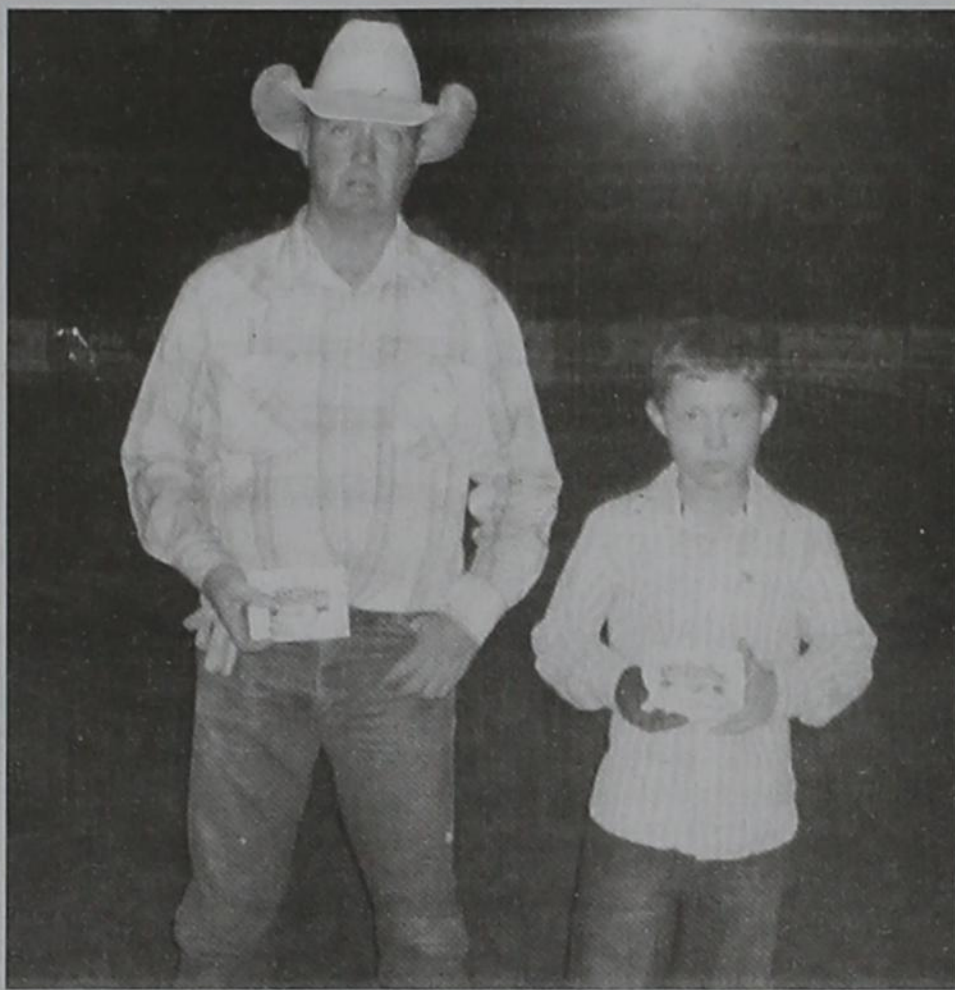
Masseys Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Massey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 18, 2009 with a trip to Ruidoso, NM with the family. Their children hosted the celebration. They are the parents of Donna and Kelly Baker of Post; Greg and Angela Massey of Post; and Dustin and Amber Massey of Abilene. Dickie and Mildred married July 18, 1959 at Church of Nazarene in Post. They have 10 grandchildren: Brandon and Coryn Massey of Jacksonville, FL; Hayley and Tye Mason of Post; Kristen Massey of Madison, OH; Kam and Whitney Baker, Klent Baker all of Post; Ashlee Massey and Allison Massey of Abilene.



(courtesy photo)
Steve Miller (left) is shown with Clint Johnson, Steer Stopping winner at the 2009 Garza County Team Roping.



(courtesy photo)
Weldon Smith and his son, Cade display the buckles they won at the recent Garza County Team Roping event. Weldon, with partner Shorty Clark, took First Place in the event. Cade won the Novice Header buckle.



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Shawn Pennel (left) was presented the Novice Heeler buckle by fellow roper, Steve Miller. The Garza County Team Roping event was held at Miller's arena.

Representative Heflin to Discuss 81st Legislative Session At Town Hall Meeting

State Representative Joe Heflin will have a Garza County Town Hall meeting in Post on Tuesday, August 11, at 10 a.m., in the Community Room of Wells Fargo Bank. Heflin will discuss the issues and outcome of the recently-concluded regular and special sessions of the 81st Texas Legislature. The regular session ended June 1, and Rep. Heflin has returned to the District to report to area residents about the session, to respond to their questions, and to hear about their issues and concerns.

that I can represent their interests to the best of my ability."

Rep. Heflin invites everyone to come to the town hall meeting. "I hope Post residents will mark their calendars and make plans to attend," continued Rep. Heflin. "The more that people know and understand about the state legislature, the better I am able to ensure that state government can respond to and address the needs of West Texans," he concluded.

Rep. Heflin represents Texas House District 85, including Borden, Crosby, Fisher, Floyd, Garza, Glasscock, Hale, Howard, Jones, Kent, Lynn, Irion, Reagan, Sterling, Stonewall, and Terry Counties. He may be reached at his Capitol Office in Austin, 512.463.0604, at his District Office in Crosbyton, 806.675.1583, or in Big Spring, at 432.213.2897.

In announcing his town hall meeting schedule, Rep. Heflin said, "I consider this one of the most important parts of a state representative's job - to meet with and hear about the issues that are on the minds of constituents in the district. It is essential both to keep voters informed of what is happening in Austin and to make sure

Mayor Attends Orientation

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

Although Post's newly elected mayor, Thessa Harp, has been on the job for a couple of months, she recently attended an orientation in Austin to learn more about successfully meeting the challenges of her responsibilities.

"This conference covered many subjects relating to city government and the role of a Mayor or City Councilmen. The speakers were very informative on their particular subjects," Mayor Harp said.

The two-day event, sponsored by the Texas Municipal League and the Association of Mayors, Councilmembers and Commissioners was for newly elected city official. Topics covered

included building a sense of community, parliamentary procedures, financial oversight responsibilities and governing ethically. Other sessions addressed issues such as planning for economic development and governing within the parameters of the Open Meetings Act.

"One of my favorite speakers was Dr. Gary D. McCaleb from Abilene Christian University, who spoke on the importance of 'Community,'" Harp continued. "His research and experience as Mayor of Abilene were instrumental in his philosophy that all businesses, government offices and people in a city working together are key to a City not only surviving but thriving. At a time in which small towns are dwindling daily, I took heed of his advice."

Arbor Day Foundation Offers Free Trees

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation during August 2009 will receive 10 free white flowering dogwood trees.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign, a program dedicated to environmental stewardship through the planting of trees.

The trees will be shipped postpaid between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10, at the right time for planting. The 6-to-12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Planting instructions are enclosed with each shipment of trees.

"White flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to homes and neighborhoods," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries that attract songbirds all winter long."

New members of the Arbor Day Foundation also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care, and Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Dogwoods, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by August 31, 2009, or join online at www.arborday.org.

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