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# The Post Dispatch

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## Post City Council Considers Proposed Budget

**By Rosa Latimer  
News Editor**

The Post City Council met for a regular council meeting Thursday, August 20. After the approval of minutes from a called meeting on August 11 and invoices received for September subject to the approval of the committee, agenda items were addressed.

Chris Adkinson, Director of the Community Recovery Center made a presentation regarding that organization. The Community Recovery Center is requesting funding from the city in the 2009/2010 city budget.

After discussion, the council approved the Texas Municipal League Interlocal Agreement for insurance coverage for city

employees. The city manager wants to look at proposals earlier next year to "test the waters" as far as other options available.

Following a thorough explanation by City Manager Taylor, the council approved the Atmos Energy rate review ordinance.

The council also approved the sale of property located at the 600 block of North Avenue G and property at the 600 block of North Avenue L determining that it will

be good "to get these properties back on the tax roll."

Frank Tobias approached the council regarding his dispute of water meter readings at Two Draw Lake. City Manager Arbie Taylor offered to have a city employee check the meter reading at the same time each day for a week and compare these findings to those of Mr. Tobias. Mr. Tobias agreed to this resolution.

A public hearing regarding

an environmental assessment for a water development infrastructure upgrade grant followed by a regular meeting to adopt the 2009/2010 City budget was set for September 22 to begin at 5:30 p.m.

The council then entered into Executive Session. According to the agenda the purpose of this session was "for consultation with the city attorney regarding contemplated litigation concerning real estate/commercial water rights

contract and/or to deliberate regarding the purchase, exchange or value of real property."

After reconvening into Open Session, the council considered a real estate contract with Gary and Joy Jean McDaniel and voted to terminate the contract. The council also considered a real estate contract with Roy Wilson and family members and voted to have the city attorney draft a contract and present it to the Wilson family for

their consideration.

City Manager Taylor presented the proposed city budget for 2009/2010 to the council. As budget discussions progressed towards personnel issues, the council again entered into Executive Session. The council returned to the Budget Workshop and after further discussion primarily focusing on law enforcement funding, the meeting adjourned with no further action taken.

## County Schedules Public Hearings

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The Garza County Commissioners Court held meetings on August 17 and August 21 to continue to sort out the 2009/2010 county budget. With that process now complete, two public hearings are scheduled in early September.

Friday, Sept. 4, 9:15 a.m. and Wednesday, Sept. 9, 5:00 p.m. Both meetings are at Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center. A proposed total tax rate of \$0.375 cents per \$100 property valuation will be presented at these public hearings. This rate represents a \$0.066 increase over last year's rate of \$0.309.

**Special Meeting and Budget Workshop**

The Commissioners Court of Garza County met in a special meeting on August 17, 2009 at 9 a.m. The Court heard and approved recommend procedures for permitting operations. The court also considered a request from Post

Montgomery to close part of County Road 225, also known as White Road. County Attorney Mike Munk informed the court that in 1950 Post Montgomery conveyed six easements to Garza County.

Post Montgomery believes that the original purpose of the road has expired and current unauthorized activity may expose them and the county to potential liability. Post Montgomery has indicated an interest in closing the road which would require the county to abandon the road to public access. The court may set a public hearing in the near future to discuss this issue. No action was taken.

The court reviewed each line item of the 2009/2010 budget, discussed preliminary tax rate figures and considered possible dates for public hearings.

**Regular Meeting**

In election related business in a regularly scheduled Commissioners' Court meeting, County

Clerk Jim Plummer explained that it is customary for Garza County to consolidate the voting precincts to one location due to historically low voter turnout for Constitutional Amendment elections. Approximately 200 voters are expected. The Commissioners approved the Order for the Consolidation of Election Precinct Boxes to One Polling Place for the November 3, 2009 Constitutional Amendment Election. The court also approved Early Voting Poll workers for the November 3 Constitutional Amendment election as presented: Terri Laurence, Clerk; Rebecca Quintana, Deputy Clerk and Lina Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk. Travis Sweet was appointed Presiding Judge and Billie Jean Cross as the Alternate Judge for the November 3 election. Also for the Constitutional Amending election in November, Kathy Beach was appointed the Early Voting Ballot Board Presiding Judge and Jessie Raben was appointed Alternate Judge.

The court considered new services and a pricing package regarding the county's County Information Resources Agency (CIRA) account. CIRA hosts most of the county's email accounts. The Commissioners also considered the Sheriff's and Constables' fees. No action was taken on either item.

In other business, minutes from the August 10 regular meeting were approved and precinct and countywide accounts payable for August 11 through August 21, 2009 were approved. There were no line item transfers or budget amendment requests presented.

**Law Enforcement Budget**

At the beginning of the budget workshop Judge Norman



**Community Support for Post ISD**

Thank you to all the businesses and organizations for the wonderful meals provided to school faculty during inservice days last week. MTC, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Booster Club, Citizens Bank, Wells-Fargo, Post Area Chamber of Commerce and others furnished delicious food! It is terrific to begin a school year with your support!!

**The Middle**

The August 21 article regarding protective orders reports only the middle of a dialogue started to try to find a more effective way to

serve victims in Garza County and the rest of the 106th Judicial District. That dialogue is still ongoing. However, without the information 1) of what started the discussion and 2) that a more efficient and effective method to help victims in a timely manner is still being explored, the information that was provided to The Post Dispatch did not present an accurate representation of the situation. Please seek out "the rest of the story" for your readers.

*Editor's Note: The Post Dispatch is gathering additional information regarding this issue.*

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Community/Government Meetings**  
All of these meetings are open to the public.
- Garza County Public Hearing  
To discuss proposed tax rate  
September 4  
9:15 a.m.  
Trailblazers Senior Citizen Center  
205 E. 10
  - Post ISD School Board Meeting  
September 8  
7:30 p.m.
  - Post ISD Business Office  
501 S. Avenue K
  - Garza County Public Hearing  
To discuss proposed tax rate  
September 9  
5:00 p.m.  
Trailblazers Senior Citizen Center  
205 E. 10th
  - Garza County Commissioners' Court Meeting to adopt 2009-2010 budget and set tax rate  
September 21  
9 a.m.
  - Garza County Courthouse  
300 W. Main
  - City of Post  
City Council Meeting  
Public hearing on water development infrastructure upgrade grant  
Followed by regular meeting to adopt budget  
September 22  
5:30 p.m.
  - Council Chambers - City Hall  
105 E. Main

- OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS**
- Bold Gold vs. Sundown  
August 28  
7:30 p.m.
  - Jimmie Redman Memorial Stadium
  - "The Baptist"  
Ragtown Gospel Theater  
August 28 - 7:30 p.m.  
August 29 - 3:00 p.m.  
877-RAGTOWN for reservations
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## Two Garza County 4-H Members Headed for Leadership Conference

Garza County 4-H members, Reed Williams and Jackie Milton, recently received an invitation to attend the Texas Leadership Conference in Washington D. C. November 27 to December 1. The pair qualified to participate by each receiving first place in state 4-H record book competition in their respective categories. Having two winners from the same county is an outstanding achievement.

Reed and Jackie will visit numerous exciting places in our nation's capital and stay at the National 4-H Center. Excel Energy has scholarships for all Texas youth participating in the conference.

There were 316 record books submitted across Texas. Jackie entered her record book in the rabbit category but it also included her other 4-H projects including Food & Nutrition, Fashion Show, Fashion Design, Veterinary Science, Entomology & Public Speaking.

Reed's record book was in the Conservation and Natural Resources Category. His other projects included Swine, Wood Science, Leadership, Shooting Sports, Consumer Decision Making and Family Life.

Garza County agents, Nancy McDonald and Greg Jones, recently honored Reed and Jackie at the annual 4-H achievement banquet with a surprise presentation. The agents presented the pair an inscribed plaque of Texas, balloon bouquets and cash to jump-start their fund raising efforts.



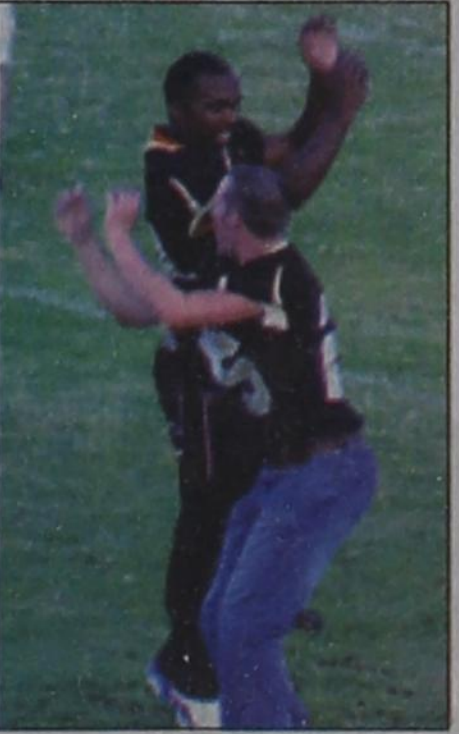
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*Photo by Jerry Taylor*  
Senior Antelope Trent Babb and Junior Chase Greathouse mix it up a little during the introduction of the Varsity football team at "Meet the Lopes" earlier this week. The coaches and team displayed enthusiasm and excitement for the upcoming season while being cheered by the crowd.



*Photo by Rosa Latimer*  
Back to School! — Bunny Lynch (right) holds the door for her daughters Lauren (left), a 5th grader and Morgan, a 4th grader as they head back to Post Elementary for the new school year. All Post ISD classes began Monday.

## Post Notes

**Antelopes' first pep-rally scheduled today**

The Antelopes' first pep-rally will be on Friday, August 28 at 3:00 pm in the arena it is a community wide pep-rally to help kick off the season. Everyone is welcome

**Garza Co. Jr Livestock Fun-raiser**

Everyone is invited to attend the Garza Co. Jr. Livestock Association's fun-raiser & brisquet Dinner on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at the Post School Cafeteria at 6:30 pm. There will be many items to buy at the auction and jackpot drawings for various cash amounts up to \$5,000.00. Jackpot tickets can be purchased for \$100.00 each from GCJLA members. You do not have to be present to win jackpot drawing.

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# Opinions

## Letters to the Editor Policy

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## Socialism By Any Other Name Still Stinks

By David Bozeman

A piece in the current Reader's Digest purports to clear up all the confusion over health-care reform. In a WashingtonPost.com excerpt, Ezra Klein laments that the terms 'socialized medicine' and 'single-payer health care' have been distorted beyond all meaning. He states that no one is proposing that government should employ doctors or own hospitals, which would be socialistic. He goes on to define a single-payer system as simply one entity paying for health care without owning the doctors or hospitals. "What we're actually getting," he concludes, "is not socialized medicine or single-payer health care. It's a hybrid. Private insurers, hopefully competing with a public option. Private doctors and hospitals. Government regulations and subsidies. . . A mix of corporate preferences and public compassion. . . A uniquely American system."

Of course, socialists will never identify themselves by that name. Merely because government doesn't own doctor's offices or the wares of their trade matters little if, in their stated quest to control costs, they hold the purse strings for millions of Americans.

Mr. Klein's reasoning -- and in one of America's best-read publications -- illustrates the advantage leftists wield in furthering their agenda. Conservatives tend to argue in terms of absolutes, i.e. right versus wrong. Leftists follow the adage, 'if you can convince 'em with brains, baffle 'em with bull malarkey.' They are patient, willing to enact their agendas incrementally. In fact, they are not overly concerned with the specifics because once health-care reform is enacted, it can be modified over time. They have succeeded in the past, wearing down the passions of the American people with time and tedious details.

To health-care reformers, the notion of a 'hybrid' solution is the epitome of deep, enlightened thinking. But if President Obama's goal is to reduce costs, then the best way is to promote

competition, which thrives best in a free market. Author and columnist Mark Steyn said it brilliantly, if crudely (and I'm paraphrasing): if you mix ice cream with horse manure, there's no question which taste will stand out. The same principle applies to mixing freedom and statism.

Government controls rarely if ever enhance competition and choice, they merely breed more controls. Free markets, unencumbered by restraints (some of which we live with), weed out the weak and inefficient, government enshrines them. Reform proponents claim they are merely seeking to fund health care for the uninsured, but clearly, he-who-holds-the-purse-strings controls how the money is -- and is not -- spent. The Congressional Budget Office and the Heritage Foundation agree that the numbers of people accepting the public option will be massive -- a permanent class and voting bloc dependent on the federal government.

America is an exceptional nation because of its exceptional regard for freedom -- an unwavering devotion born of principle and not practicality. A 'hybrid' mix is a vague, all-encompassing concept that could mean any amount of coercion the mob of the moment demanded. Because ideals such as freedom and constitutional government are much easier to define does not make them any less effective. A distinctly American health-care system would offer all the benefits of the other capitalist enterprises we take for granted. Ideally, Americans would see doctor's offices on every corner, national chains would pop up, with sharp, shiny logos, animal mascots and bubbly spokesmodels. Dinner time would bring annoying phone calls from telemarketers hawking cheap care and insurance, and health clinics opening up would offer balloons and tote bags to the first 100 patients.

One could argue that the benefits of capitalism, with its acquisitive spirit and cheesy excesses, don't extend to the dire realm of health-care. In fact, it is the limitations of government that don't carry over. Just recall President Obama's recent

contrast of Fed Ex and UPS to the near bankrupt postal service. Government has proven itself effective at protecting us from foreign invaders and violent criminals and maybe a small list of other things, but skepticism over massive intervention in our lives, by whatever name you wish to call it, is the uniquely American concept that Mr. Klein is missing.

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## The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

### The First Day of School

My son Jackson hit the big time Monday. He is now a kindergartner. I dreaded this day all summer. I really don't know why either. It's a big step in my son's life, but letting go was difficult for me. Maybe it's a control issue. For the first time in his life, he's really in the hands of others. Perhaps that's the reason. Then again, it may be the fact that he's taking a large step in his young life. It's not every day you start school for the first time. Jack has been through a lot in his young life. Could it be that I feel helpless or powerless now? I guess that's another control issue. As my wife and I were leaving his classroom this morning, I paused and looked back at Jackson. He sat their calmly, facing forward and not saying a word. "Come on Jack, just give me one quick glance," I said to myself. "Please Jack, look over that left shoulder and give me a thumbs up!" Nothing. He remained still. His little toe-head fixed on what was in front of him. "I know you're scared son ... just give me a look and I'll make you feel at ease." Nothing still. "I finally joined my wife and younger son and we started the long walk out of the school. Jackson was on his own and I had to deal with it. In retrospect, it was probably a good thing that he didn't look back. I'm not so sure I could have kept it together. Sometimes I'm not so sure about our society. Part of me feels like taking the wife and kids and hiding out in the mountains for a couple of decades. That way I can keep them safe and sound and out of harms way. I can shelter them from the influences of others. But that's neither wise nor practical. Job number one is preparing them for the challenges they will face in their lives. It's a job I take seriously and one I think I'm pretty good at. It is comforting knowing I left my son in good hands today. The teachers in that school are incredible and we're fortunate to have such a place. I told Jackson of my difficulty when I picked him up this afternoon. I told him it was hard on Daddy to let go. "I know Dad, I was a little bit scared too," he told me as we walked to the car. "You don't need to worry though. No matter how many times I go to kindergarten, I'll always love you and I know you'll always love me too." I guess the students do become the teachers on occasion. All-in-all, he handled his first day of school better than I did. And, he even earned some extra recess.

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## The SCHIP of State

Just how far will the politicians in Washington go to distort and pervert America's health care system? If their dubious manipulation of the SCHIP children's health insurance bill is any indication, the answer may be "to the ends of the earth."

Even if they have to redraw the earth's boundaries to do so.

In 2007, shortly after seizing the Senate and House, the Democrats declared that they had to rush through a coercive bill mandating taxpayer-funded health insurance to "low-income children" throughout the land. So, they passed their bill (which George W. Bush later vetoed), and declared it would cure the ills of the ailing young.

Well, not quite. In the first place -- as those who pushed the bill through well knew -- SCHIP was not really aimed at "low-income children" at all. The truth is that 77% of the targeted beneficiaries came from homes with incomes in excess of \$60,000 a year. And they already had private health insurance.

So, what was the real purpose of SCHIP if it wasn't actually to help "low-income children"? Quite simply, it was to expand the federal government's reach over the health care industry and drive private health insurance programs out of existence. In

short, it was a power grab. Sound familiar? Well, it should, because that is also the precise purpose of what is now known as "Obamacare" -- and should be known as the most massive redistribution of the wealth and health in human history. From the private sector to the public domain. From those who work hard to those who hardly work.

The second revealing codicil in the SCHIP scam was that in order to implement the federal power grab, the bill actually went so far as to redefine the latitude and longitude of the entire country and all of the states therein. Sound preposterous? Well, it was.

For example, according to New York Times reporter Robert Pear writing in 2007, the Bay Area Medical Center (BAMC), located on the border between Wisconsin and Michigan, received SCHIP funding because Congress decided that it was in Chicago. That's right, in the "Windy City," that "toddling town" -- in Illinois.

Here's the actual wording from the SCHIP legislation: "Any hospital that is co-located in Marinette, Wisconsin, and Menominee, Michigan, is deemed to be located in Chicago." There is only one hospital in America fitting that description. You guessed it, the BAMC --

which is more than 250 miles from Chicago, Illinois.

The fact is, in their SCHIP deception, the members of Congress redrew the map of the United States to make 40 different hospitals parts of metropolitan areas that were nowhere near the institutions' actual locations. It was a sinister and cynical effort to take advantage of little children in order to get Big Government's piercing tentacles into health insurance programs all over America. To the politicians in Washington, that might be known as "hope" and "change." To the rest of the world, it is known as a lie.

And now, those same politicians are preparing to plunge their tentacles in even deeper with a socialized medicine power grab that would put the government in charge of every breath Americans take -- and put private health insurance out of business altogether.

In short: in 2007, they attempted to redraw the boundaries of the entire nation. Now, they're getting ready to redefine the boundaries of life and death. And that's why patriotic Americans are vowing to go "to the ends of the earth" to stop them in their tracks. More power to them.

Don't Forget our new deadline: Monday at 5 p.m.

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## White River Water Report

08/24/09

Gauge Reading -- 2348.0  
 Feet below spillway -- 24.6"  
 Rise - 0"  
 Rainfall Past Week -- 0"  
 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 1,977,589,719 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 17% capacity or 6,069 acre feet. Subtract 47,090,725 MG for evaporation this week in August that leaves 1,930,498,994 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

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# Obituaries



**C.B. Bilberry**

Services for C.B. Bilberry 88, of Slaton and formerly of Post, were 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at the First Baptist Church in Post. The Rev. Chris Downer of the Bible Baptist Church in Slaton officiated. Military graveside rites followed in the Terrace Cemetery, Post. Arrangements were under the direction of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home in Post.

C.B. died Friday August 21, 2009 at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He was born on April 12, 1921 to John Henry and Lucendia Elizabeth (Conner) Bilberry at Whiteflat. In 1930 they came to Garza County to farm in the Graham Chapel Community for R.B. Taylor. C.B. attended school at Graham Chapel and Post. He entered the service July 11, 1942, serving in the Army during WWII, in the South Pacific. He married Thelma Lois McDougal on August 17, 1946 at Thelma's parents home. She preceded him in death May 8, 2004.

During their 57 years of marriage they made their home here in Post. C.B. worked for the City of Post and became a Master Plumber. He owned and operated C.B. Bilberry Plumbing and retired in 1997. At that time they moved to Cleveland and in 2000 they returned to Slaton. C.B. enjoyed camping, fishing and fixing stuff. He was a member of the VFW. C.B. was Baptist and a long time member of the First Baptist Church, Post.

He is survived by three daughters: Wanda and her husband Larry Young of Higgins, Glenda and her husband Jim

Booth of Cleveland and Jalena and her husband Clyde Peck of Slaton; two brothers: Cephas Bilberry and Hamlin Bilberry both of Post; 13 grandchildren: Bruce Crenshaw, Michelle Crenshaw, Marsha Beltron, Juan Beltron, Tammy Duncan, Adam Duncan, Larry Young II, Amanda Young, Brandon Kitchens, Amanda White, Brandon White, Cody Peck and Colter Peck; 11 great-grandchildren: Heather Willis, Mindy Lewis, Bradley Cook, Lysnie Duncan, Jacob Beltron, Alexandra Booth, Tyler Crenshaw, Kaylee Crenshaw, Katelyn Kitchens, Justin Young, Chariti Scotting, Sadie Young and Braxton White.

Pallbearers were: Brandon Kitchens, Larry Young I, Larry Young II, Cody Peck, Colter Peck and Bruce Crenshaw.

Visitation was held Tuesday Aug. 22, 2009, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Justice-Mason Funeral Home in Post.

## Cynthia (Cindy) Knight

Services for Cynthia Ann (Cindy) Knight, 52, of Katy were held at 12 Noon Friday, August 21, 2009 in the Hudman Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Scott Richards of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery, Post was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at Methodist Hospital in Houston. Cindy was born December 15, 1956 in Post to William and Loretta (McCary) Cates. She married Dana Knight in December, 1986 in Odessa. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Dana Knight of Katy; four daughters: Camila Cates of Katy, Dana Thomas of Harlingen, Carol Knight of Harlingen and Shawna Tucker of Lewisville, one son: Travis Knight of Katy; two sisters: Cathy Godfrey of Manor and Lori Cates of Odessa; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Cindy was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers: Billy Cates, Terry Cates and Robert Cates.

## Richard Allen Ray

Services for Richard Allen Ray, 65, of Lubbock were 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 22, 2009 in the Terrace Cemetery, Post. Charley Huffman, Church of Christ Missionary officiated. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Richard died on Thursday August 20, 2009 at his residence.

He was born on September 3, 1943 to Ted and Trannie Lea (Moore) Ray in Lubbock. At the time of his birth, his family lived in Garza County. Richard went to school in Garza County and graduated from Post High School. He worked for R.E. Cox Lumber Co. and married Peggy Ramsey on March 1, 1962 at the First Baptist Church, in Post. Later they moved to Lubbock and Richard worked for Texas Tech at the Textile Research Center. He then went into the construction business and remodeled homes. Richard specialized in counter tops and was known for his work. He was a Methodist.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Ramsey Ray of Lubbock; two sons: Richard Brook and his wife Bonnie Ray of Wildorado and Bart Allen Ray of Lubbock; one brother, Ted (Mike) and his wife Kerick Ray of Rowlett; two sisters: Sandra and husband Charlie Huffman of Lubbock and Sara and husband Jim Ingram of Dallas; three grandchildren: Brittany Ray and Brandon Kyle Ray both of Wildorado and Tristan Allen Ray of Lubbock and a special niece, Donna Jan Tillman of Lubbock.

Memorials are suggested to the Lynn County Hospital, Tahoka.

Visitation was held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday at the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.



Fashion magazines are getting thinner. Somehow that seems appropriate.

If I were thinner, I might buy one myself. But I'm not.

Seriously speaking, some television economists are saying Vogue shrinkage reflects a shrinking global economy. Maybe so, but it's not because I've stopped buying the classy publication that I wasn't buying in the first place. My brand of fashion news is anything on how to look good cheaply, like "Tips on Thrift Store Chic." If those words ever appear on the cover of Vogue, it'll be a sure sign the economy has fallen off the runway.

As for buying wholeheartedly into the fashion scene, some of us still remember when we really did. Turn back the clock to the mid-1960s. My mother and I faithfully bought every August issue of Seventeen, the teen fashion bible when I was 17. Maybe it still is. I remember that Seventeen was expensive, like maybe \$1.50. To save money, we shared the magazine with my classmate Barbara and her mother, with whom we split the price.

After all, people in the Great Depression had shared license plates. So why not share a copy of Seventeen and have more money for shopping? We alternated yearly as to who got permanent custody of the fat back-to-school August issue. That's how I remember it, except the more I think about it, I think Seventeen was just a dollar then.

Regarding today's pricey fashion magazines, who buys them anyway? People who can afford high fashion or people who can't?

Probably both.

When I was a letter carrier, one of my favorite magazines was the Art & Antiques I delivered monthly to a family that lived in a dented trailer house near the railroad tracks and kept goats in their yard.

That magazine's description of itself: Art and Antiques is the authoritative source for high-end collectors and connoisseurs, who seek information about fine art and antiques collectibles. The most widely read art magazine in the world, Art and Antiques features sophisticated editorial content by world-renowned writers ...

And so on. Wouldn't it have made more sense for those folks to have been getting a goat magazine? On the other hand, when you live with goats, maybe you'd rather read about art and antiques.

GOOGLE PAUSE. Curious about goat-oriented publications, I searched the Internet for "goat magazine" and came up with G.O.A.T. Magazine, a publication that targets followers of hip hop music and sports, ages 18 to 34, and The Goat Magazine, "dedicated to goats and the people that raise them."

The kicker: Both magazines' Web sites indicate the publications are struggling, reflecting the universal difficulties of making it nowadays in the world of print magazines. Blame the economy or blame the Internet. Blame both.

Meanwhile, I've checked the newsstand. Both the British (more expensive) and American issues of Vogue currently include articles on saving money - respectively, "More Dash Than Cash" and "Fashion's Quick Fix for \$19."

They're treading the edge of the runway. At least they didn't mention thrift stores.

## Post Stampede Rodeo Huge Success

By Rosa Latimer  
News Editor

By all accounts, the 69<sup>th</sup> annual Post Stampede Rodeo earlier this month was a great success. The total payout for the event was \$35,351.10; 296 entries competed for the prize money.

"This year's event was a great," said Lane Jones. "Our attendance was up every night from last year as well as both dances. Our vendors all had a successful event, too."

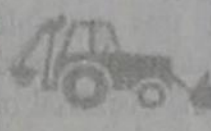
Eric Frazier of Anton took top prize of \$1137.93 in the bareback event. Aaron Lide of

Odessa won the Saddle Bronc ladies participated in Barrels event collecting \$1049.94. Miles Thompson was first out of 62 entries in Calf Roping and won \$1290.60. Thirty-six and Shannon Cowan of Canyon

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## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The GARZA COUNTY will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 5.17 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 4, 2009 at 9:15 AM at TRAIL BLAZERS EAST 10TH AND NORTH AVE I.

The second public hearing will be held on September 9, 2009 at 5 PM at TRAIL BLAZERS EAST 10TH AND NORTH AVE I.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

**FOR:** GARY MCDANIEL CHARLES MORRIS  
TED BRANNON MIKE SANCHEZ  
LEE NORMAN

**AGAINST:** NONE  
**PRESENT** and not voting:  
**ABSENT:**

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in GARZA COUNTY last year was \$31,914. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.30900 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$98.61.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in GARZA COUNTY this year is \$33,360. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.35658 per \$100

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.37500 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$125.10.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

## Southland News

By Brad Ellison, Principal,  
Southland ISD

I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our students, teachers, auxiliary staff and parents to the 2009-2010 school year. I am looking forward to a great year this year. We are truly blessed to have the staff that we have at Southland and are excited to have all of our new students and parents join our family.

We have made a few changes this year that we hope is going to increase our efficiency and effectiveness. I am going to include, at the bottom of this letter, a copy of our new bell schedule, to include the new schedule for Thursday's and Friday's. We have adopted a new modified block schedule for this year and truly believe that it is going to be a huge benefit for our teachers as well as our students. Please make sure that you have looked over the schedule for end of school times that have changed, especially for Fridays; we will now be getting out of school by 2:42 on Fridays.

Our teachers and staff are truly committed to one goal at Southland: that we treat every child as if they were our own, and to educate that child as if they were our own. Our expectation

for our kids this year is going to be higher than it was last year. We expect all of our students to per-

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## Dalby Facility sponsors team for Susan G. Komen Race

Dalby Facility's Women in Corrections is sponsoring a team for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure 5k run/walk on October 3, 2009 in Lubbock. The race will be held at the Lubbock Civic Center with start time at 8:00 am. The race will benefit breast cancer research. We welcome anyone and everyone to join us and be part of our team. It is a \$20 donation to join the team. To become a member of our team or to donate any amount of money to this cause, go online to HYPERLINK "http://www.komenlubbock.org" www.komenlubbock.org. Our team name is Management & Training Corporation & friends. If there are any questions, please call Georgette at 495-2175.

## Account setup at Citizens Bank

An account has been set up at Citizens Bank for Dillon Duncan for medical expenses. Dillon was recently hurt in an accident. He is the son of Matt and Jennie Duncan and the grandson of Lin & Sue Warren. For more information contact Brandy Fannon at 495-4071.

## 2009/2010 Football tickets on sale

Post ISD is now selling football tickets for 2009-10 season. Reserved seat tickets will not be sold after August 26th. Please see Kay Postell at the Post ISD business office. Senior Citizens may also pick up a free pass for all athletic events.

## Clothes and food available from church

Graham Chapel Church of Christ located at 15th St. and Ave. S, is sponsoring a clothes closet with all sizes for men, women and children and a food pantry at the church. Anyone needing help with clothing or food, please contact Annette Riggs at 283-1142, Greg Massey at 778-4366 or Jane Mason at 495-2980. Benefit to help Martinez Family

## Need School Supplies?

South Plains Community Action Association will be assisting low-income households in your community. Backpacks filled with the basic school supplies will be provided for children in the upcoming school year. A one-page application will be completed and verification of income will be required to complete the process. If you are a recipient of Childcare Services, CHIP/Medicaid, Food Stamps, TANF, SS/SSI, or CEAP client; you must present proof of enrollment. If you are not receiving any of the services above, you may also qualify by presenting household monthly income for the past 30 days. Contact your local Neighborhood Center for applications. Carla Perez S. Highway 84 Post, Texas 79356 495-2329.

## Old Mill Trade Day Downtown

The next Old Mill Trade Day Downtown event is September 5, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Vendors of all types are invited to participate. Space is available downtown on East Main. Vendors pay a set up fee of \$25 for outdoor space, for more information or to reserve vendor space, call 495-0608 or 495-3461. Old Mill Trade Day Downtown is sponsored by Post City Merchants and Post Area Chamber of Commerce.

## 13th Annual Labor of Love Blood Drive

Mix 100 and United Blood Services invites all available donors to be part of the 13th Annual Labor of Love Blood Drive. This year's drive will be in Post on Friday, September 4th from 2:00 - 7:00 pm at United Supermarket. Each donor will receive a 13th Annual Labor of Love T-shirt, and will be registered to win \$500 shopping spree. Also, on lucky donor will win an MP3 player with 2 full GBs of memory including an FM tuner courtesy of our good friends at Best Buy. Donor requirements are simple. Be at least 16 years of age and be in good health. Find the hero in you. Join the 13th Annual Labor of Love Blood Drive and donate at least 3 times a year.

## Speak...

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### Brown Water

You'd think with the increase in water rates we have been assessed the water could at least be clean and clear. Instead we're getting dirty water. Why doesn't the city take the extra money they're getting every month and do something about this?

### Tradition

I am not from this town but I have learned one thing fast, and that is that this town is big on tradition and history. This being the case I would like to know why all the history and tradition has been taken down in the field house/weight room?

"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 staff has the right to edit or refuse to print materials it deems to be inappropriate. Drop your Speak Up comments in the box in the front office of the newspaper or in the mail slot in the front door after hours. You can also email your comments to postcitydispatch@yahoo.com.

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Downtown Post

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The Heritage House  
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### Hearings...

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explained that the budget was at a \$144,635 deficit using the .375 tax rate. Discussion of the budget began on page 25 of the proposed budget.

Sheriff Laws explained his budget proposal and answered several questions posed by the Commissioners and Judge Norman.

With the amount of funding from the City of Post for law

enforcement still in question, Judge Norman has explored budgeting alternatives should they become necessary. One option was a reduction in staffing of the sheriff's department and the Judge requested an alternate budget from the sheriff reflecting this possible option. This request prompted rumors regarding the dismissal of sheriff's department personnel. "The Commissioner's Court does not take the budget task lightly," said Judge Norman. "We have to look at all possible options during the process of putting together the county budget." The Judge also pointed out to Sheriff Laws that at no time during this budget workshop was the cutting of staff discussed. "In the last four years that the City has cut funding for law enforcement, the county has stepped up," said Judge Norman. "That should tell everyone the county's commitment to our employees. Still we are duty bound to consider all solutions to a budget deficit."

Statement of Employment "At Will"  
Compounding the rumors about a reduction in sheriff's deputies was the recent attempt by the county to bring employees who had not signed the employee "at will" statement of employment into compliance. Judge Norman explained that the signing of this employee affidavit is a requirement of employment with Garza County to bring the county into compliance with the Fair Labor Standards. It is in no way connected to the talk of cutting jobs. Garza County employees are required to sign the statement at the time they are presented the Garza County Personnel Policy Manual upon employment. The manual provides information about county employment; employee standards and practices; employee benefits and leave; wage and salary administration as well as guidelines for separation, discipline and grievances.

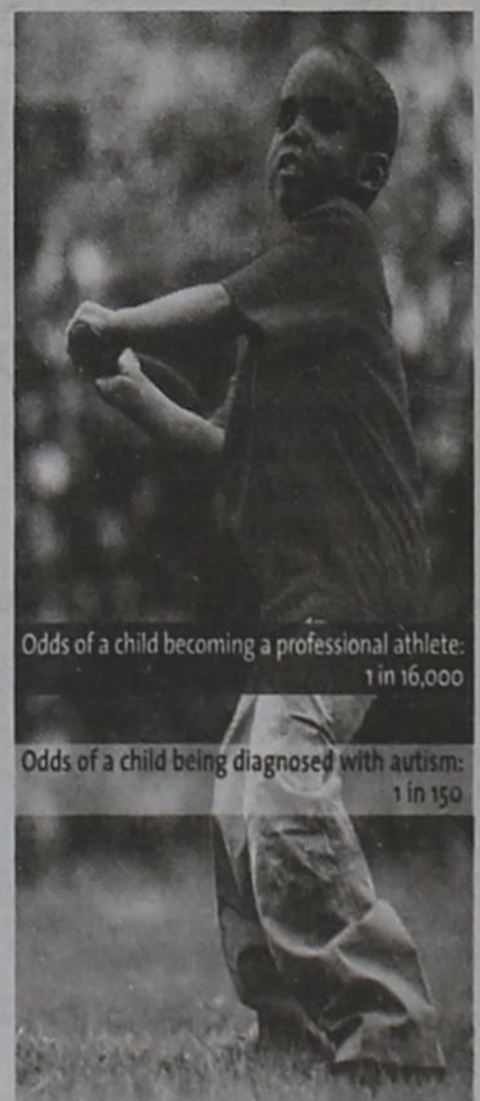
Sheriff Laws stated that the county "can't force employees to sign the affidavit" and he has "a hard time having employees sign a paper that jeopardizes their job." He expressed that this will cause problems with employees of the sheriff's department and claimed that "no one on the list will sign the affidavit." The "list" included the names of employees who had failed to sign and return the statement as required by the county. Judge Norman explained that "all county employees including those in the courthouse plus elected officials sign the "at will" form and asked the Sheriff "for help and cooperation."  
Sheriff Laws also stated that

he had "a real problem with other elected officials asking employees [of the sheriff's department] how things are being run at the jail. We are working on this diligently. Come to me, don't go to my employees." During this discussion Judge Norman indicated that either the Sheriff or his representative should attend the Commissioners' Court on a regular basis to improve communication. The Sheriff commented that he "will be here everytime but I'm not climbing those stairs." The Judge informed the Sheriff that he could attend the Court once a month and the meeting would be moved to a location more accessible.

Additional Budget Matters  
Brandt Taylor, Chief Probation Officer, presented his budget to the court. Pay raise percentages for County employees was discussed.

After a recess for lunch, the meeting resumed with Judge Norman reporting that the latest figure mentioned by the City of Post for its contribution to law enforcement is \$275,000. Additional cuts to the budget were discussed.

Tax Assessor/Collector Judy Bush discussed preliminary ad valorem tax figures. The effective tax rates are: Maintenance & Operation - .36972. The Interest & Sinking debt rate is .00528. The total roll back rate is .38441.

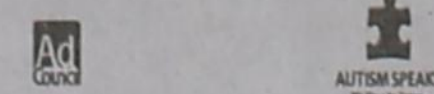


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# In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

## Weather

Ok, ya'll put rain in your daily prayers. The dryland out here is looking a little weak! I hear we may have a slight chance this weekend so hopefully by the time you read this we'll have a little moisture.

## News

Jerry Bush and two of his grandsons, Ryan and Reece traveled to Colorado for a little "guy's only getaway" While there they visited the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame, The Royal Gorge Bridge and Park and on their way home they visited Ft. Sumner, New Mexico.

Gray Beasley celebrated his 3rd birthday with a dinosaur theme party held at his home. Everyone

enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers, the 10-foot waterslide that was a gift from his parents; his dad also made a 5-car barrel train to pull the kiddo's around in. Gray is the son of Dean and Airmy Beasley and the grandson of Ronnie and Voda Beth Grajine of Close City.

Rob and I, Rynn Norman; Kirk Stevens; Deb, Gina, Heather and Keatha Palmer; Wade Bridgeman and Carey Cox all rode the bikes to Buffalo Springs on Sunday. We went the "back" way north of Slaton to get there; it was a really nice ride. While there we all enjoyed a cool drink and a few munchies at the Marina.

Billie Jean Cross has had lots of company lately. Ann Taeff came to spend the night with her during

the Ragtown Reunion. Ann lives in Roscoe; also her granddaughter, Bonnie and her family came and visited for a couple of days; Bonnie is Debbie's daughter.

We have had a wonderful response on the cookbook we are working on. Don't forget if you have not sent in your recipe we need it by September 15<sup>th</sup>. I know there are a lot of you with some great recipes that either have family out here, grandparents that went to school out here or maybe you went to school here at one time, dig them out and send them to us! The more we have the better the book will be.

## Visitors

Willie the light man came by, he is so funny. Willie does a lot of lighting jobs around the county; if

you have ever met him you definitely will remember him. Travis Lancaster stopped in on Tuesday; Melba Thomas also came by on Tuesday and visited for a while. Ya'll come see us sometime, we love visitors!

## Get Wells

Jerry Don McCampbell had knee surgery earlier in the week, his sister, Judy traveled to Roswell to visit with him and says he is doing great! We also send a big get well out to RayDon Underwood.

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are.....Doug and Claudine Tipton and

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### GOOD AND BAD NEWS

By: Michael F. Taylor

I once heard a story of a farmer who one day walked into his banker's office and proceeded to inform his loan officer that he had some good news and some bad news. The loan officer, wanting to hear the worst, quickly responded, "First, give me the bad news." To which the farmer replied, "Okay! Well, I can't make the mortgage payments on the old farmstead." The banker answered back, "Well, that certainly is bad news." "Further," the farmer said, "the crop loan that I have taken out for the past fifteen years, I can't pay that loan either." Now on a roll, the farmer continued, "I guess that I am not going to be able to pay off the three hundred thousand dollars that I still owe on my tractor and combine either. So, I am going to give up the farm and hand it all over to the bank for an auction." After a few minutes of pondering what the farmer had just told him, the loan officer replied, "Well now, just exactly what is the good news, sir?" To which the farmer with a great big smile upon his face shot back, "the good news is that I have decided to keep on banking with you!"

I guess that life many times is filled with good news and bad news. I know in my own life, this has proven to be true. In fact, as I read the scriptures, I believe that this is universal and even applied to the life of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In Matthew Chapter 21, we are shown, "8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." This was definitely a good day in the life of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The crowd is present as he triumphantly enters the city of Jerusalem. They are shouting "Hosanna's" to him and crying, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." And then just a few days later, we are told of the triumphal day being long gone and the ultimate bad day coming upon Jesus. In Matthew Chapter 27, "27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. 28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 29 and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. 30 They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. 31 After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him." And now, we are faced with the tragedy of adversity. Beyond anything that I could possibly imagine! What kind of bad days have you experienced lately? And yet, as I look upon what Jesus Christ endured for my Salvation, suddenly, my bad day doesn't seem quite so terrible. And, the good news for you and me today, is that we serve a Savior who understands what we are going through. In our times of adversity, hardship and discouragement, we can freely go to the one who sacrificed Himself for our sin. This week my prayer for each of you is that as you face the good days- that you rejoice in them. And as you face the bad days -that you seek the one who understands and knows what a bad day truly is. May God bless each of you this week!

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# Antelopes Dish Out More of the Same; Ready for Roughnecks

By Jim Plummer  
Sports Writer

I've been told that the secret to a successful season is to improve each time you step on the field. Your Post Bold Gold Antelopes did just that in last Friday's Tahoka scrimmage. And tonight (Friday) they'll have to improve even more when the regular season kicks off as the Lopes welcome 7-1A powerhouse Sundown.

In the first set of scrimmage downs at Tahoka, the Lopes stopped the Bulldogs at almost every attempt to advance the ball. Then, it was Post's turn. First play, running back Giles Dalby was handed the ball and 70 yards later he stood in the end zone. By the end of the second and final scrimmage, the Antelopes had escorted the football over the goal line seven times while the Bulldogs were stopped cold and never crossed the line.

In the meantime, senior Reed Williams got plenty of kicking practice making six of seven extra points.

Head Coach Chris Jones claimed the offense bettered last week's performance saying "our play timing and execution improved." From my vantage point it was obvious that the blockers created large enough holes for the Antelopes to gallop for plentiful yardage. Also, both quarterbacks, Clint Windham and Aaron James, found sure-handed receivers each time they passed the ball. One of those passes, James was at the receiving end of a Windham long distance heave diving to make the catch and landing on the one yard line.

The varsity squad has adapted well to a two tier attack according to Jones. "Our players have retained a lot of last year's Spread Offense and have really picked up well on the Wing-T. Again, our execution of those schemes is the key."

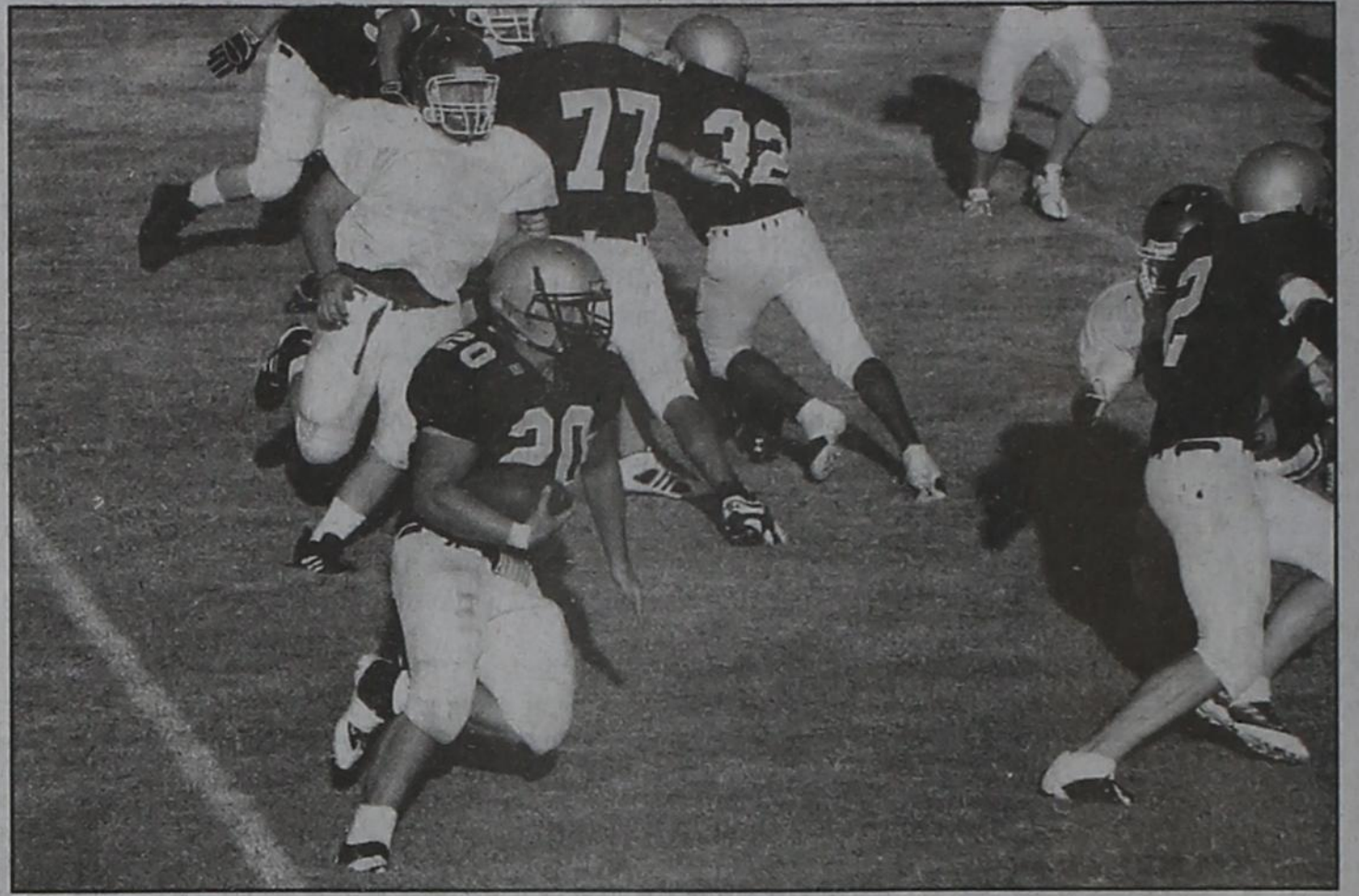
The Antelope defense simply smothered Tahoka allowing them only one first down. Except for a couple of pass completions, the Bulldogs struggled to advance the ball. Defensive coordinator Jay Hellums attributes the defensive success to "the kids beginning to understand the concept of the defense and what their role is."

Turning to tonight's game, the Antelopes have a true test when hosting the Sundown Roughnecks. Last season the Necks gave Post its first loss of the season. And Sundown is expected to repeat as district 7-1A champs.

Coach Jones explained that they "run an aggressive 4-3 defense and have a returning All-Sate middle linebacker and a defensive tackle. They have traditionally liked to 'Bring the Heat' [blitz]. We are going to have to keep them out of our backfield to be successful."

Defensively, "our biggest challenge will be to get our kids to go hard every play, and responding to the adjustments that Sundown will present us" with their wide open spread offense said Coach Hellums. He added that "they are not going to make mistakes that will beat themselves."

Tonight's game is one you don't want to miss. But, if you can't make it out to the stadium, log on to the internet at LoneStarSportsRadio.com, click on the Post helmet and follow instructions to hear the



Senior Giles Dalby makes a good run during the Tahoka scrimmage last week.

Photo by Jerry Taylor

debut of live streaming web casts of Antelope football. Allen Grisham and I will provide play by play and commentary.

## Sidelines

Did you Meet the Lopes this past Monday? The event was fun especially with a new and refreshing format. Frederic the Antelope (mascot) danced and the antics of the varsity players as they were introduced were entertaining. The girls cross country team, the cheerleaders and the football

teams were recognized with music provided by the Pride of Post band. And of course many enjoyed the traditional ice cream and cookies.

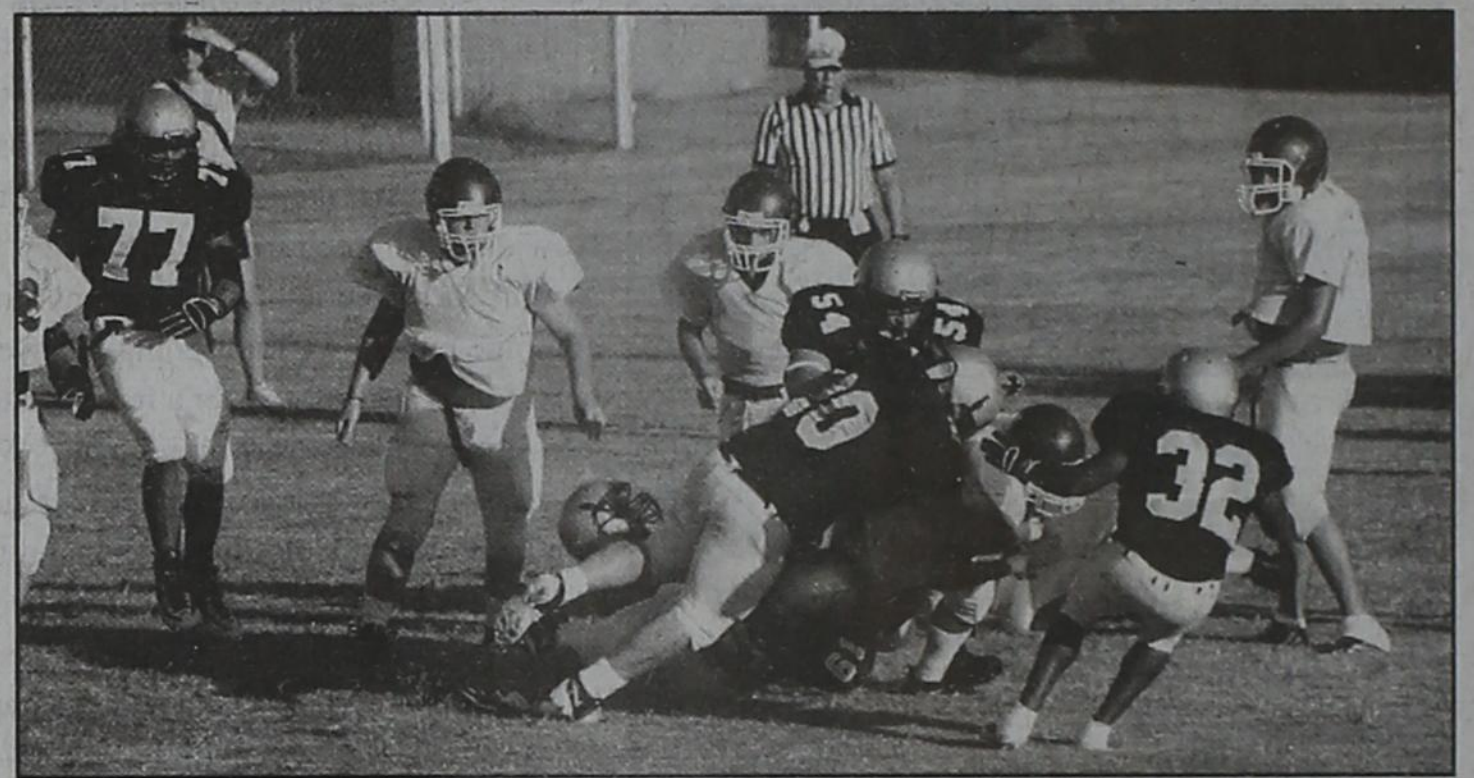
Take a look at "Antelope Profiles on pg 7." This is the first of eight weeks of closer looks at the guys on the football field. I hope you enjoy it.

Next Friday the Antelopes travel to Lamesa to play the Golden Tornados for their homecoming. The Tors are expected to finish fifth in District 3-3A. The JV squads play here Thursday at 6:00 P.M.



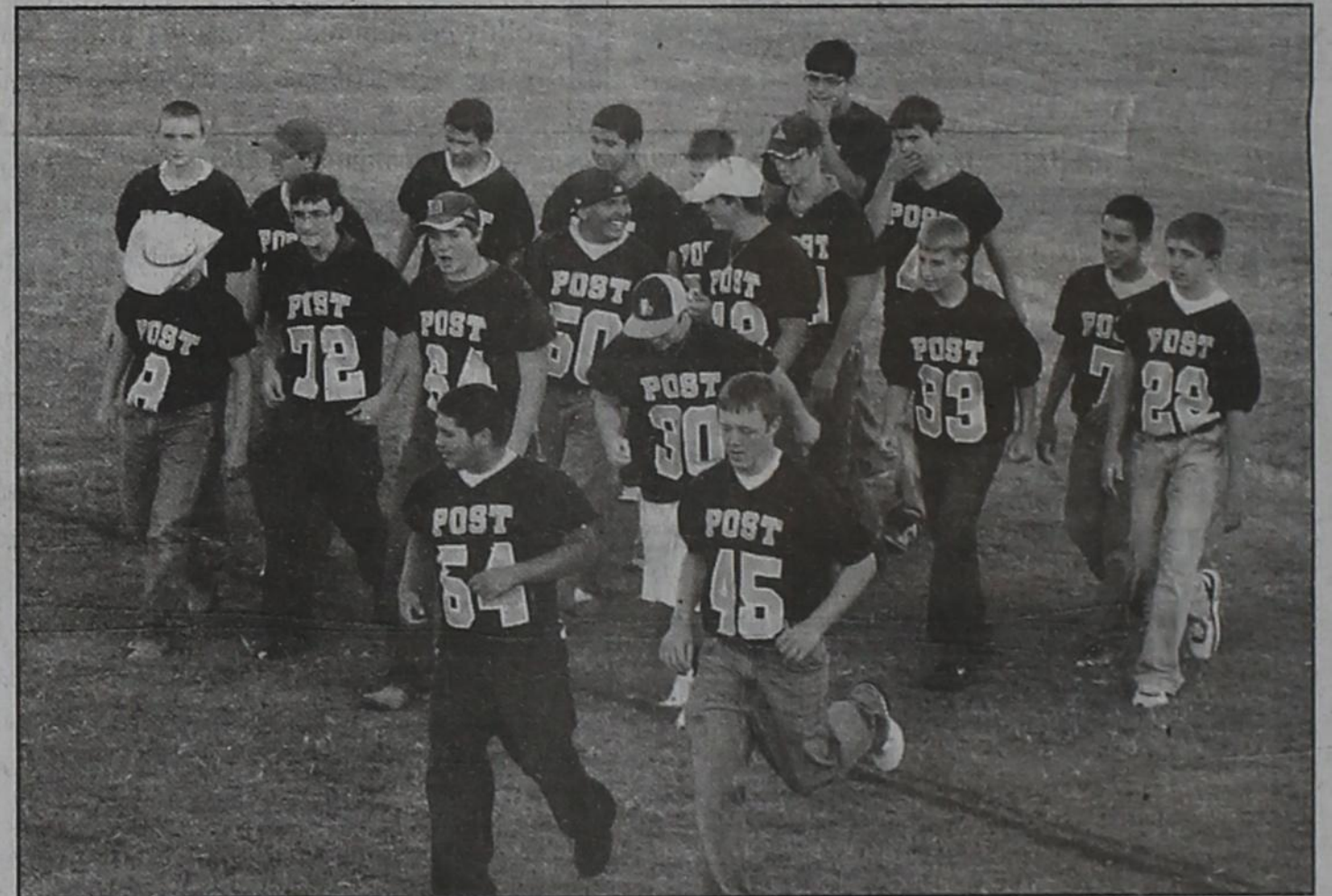
Clint Windham (2) holds the ball while Reed Williams (66) kicks one of his many extra points in the Tahoka scrimmage.

Photo by Donny Windham



Lopes defense swarms Tahoka runner during varsity scrimmage last Friday.

Photo by Jerry Taylor



The Junior Varsity team runs onto the field during the "Meet the Lopes" event Monday night. JV opened their season Thursday night, August 27, against Sundown.

Photo by Jerry Taylor



Post Antelope varsity team and boosters display camaraderie and team spirit during "Meet the Lopes" Monday night. The season opener is tonight at the Jimmie Redman Memorial Stadium against Sundown. Kick off is at 7:30 p.m.

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The 7th Grade Antelope football team is introduced to the crowd at "Meet the Lopes" Monday night.

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Eighth Grade Post Antelopes at the "Meet the Lopes" event at Jimmie Redman Memorial Stadium earlier this week.

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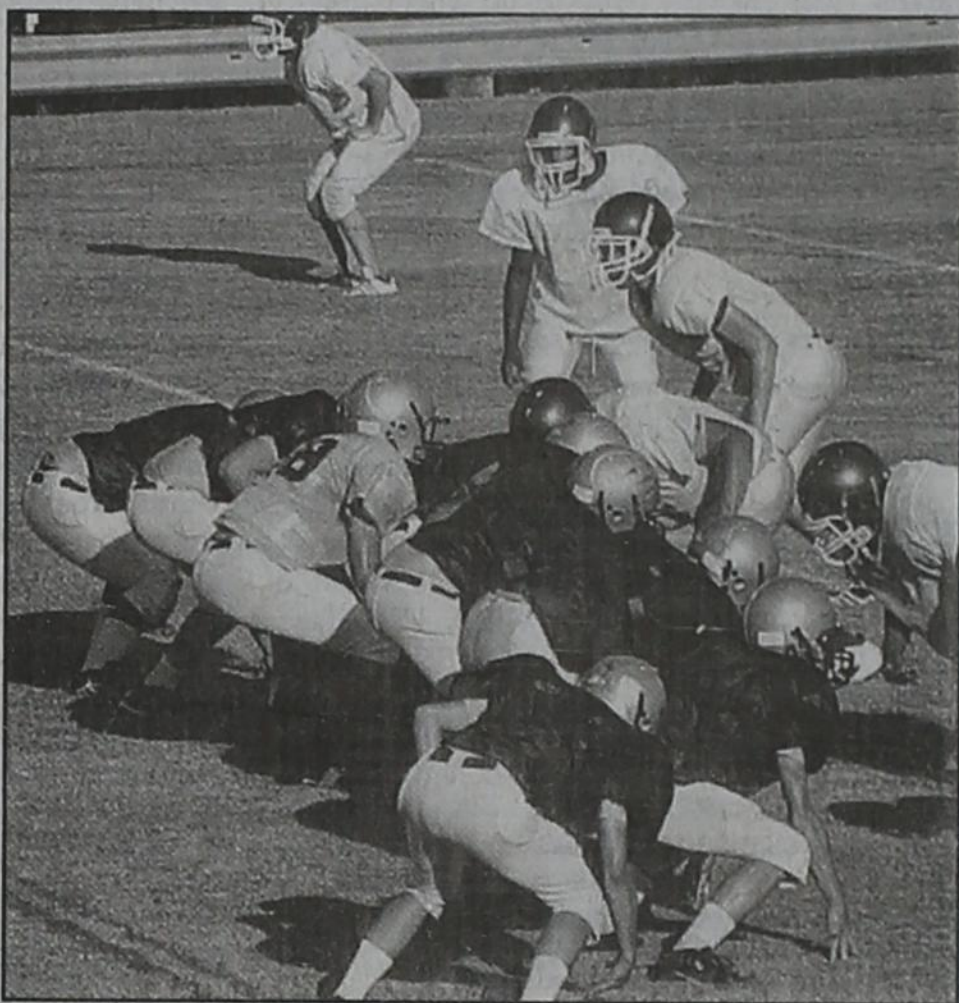
JV quarterback Aaron Macy passes under pressure during the scrimmage with Tahoka last Friday.

Photo by Jerry Taylor



Giles Dalby (20) rushes through a huge hole made by Dale Diaz, Josh Rodriguez and Joe Menjares for Dalby's second touchdown in the Tahoka scrimmage last Friday.

Photo by Donny Windham

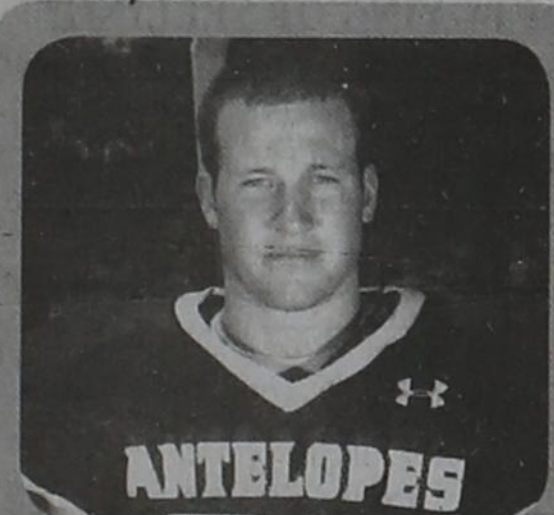


Aaron Macy quarterbackes the Antelope Junior Varsity squad to an impressive scrimmage against Tahoka last Friday.

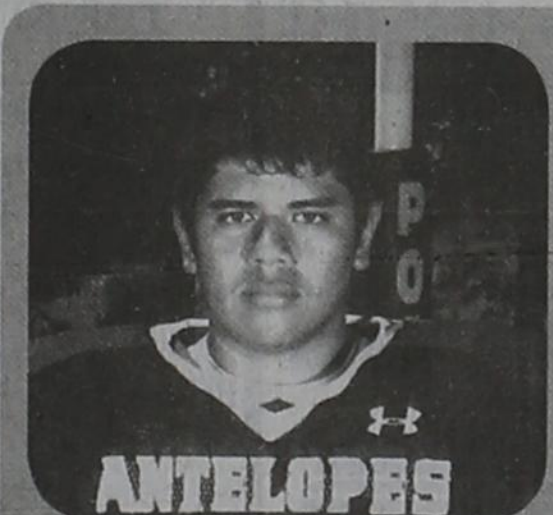
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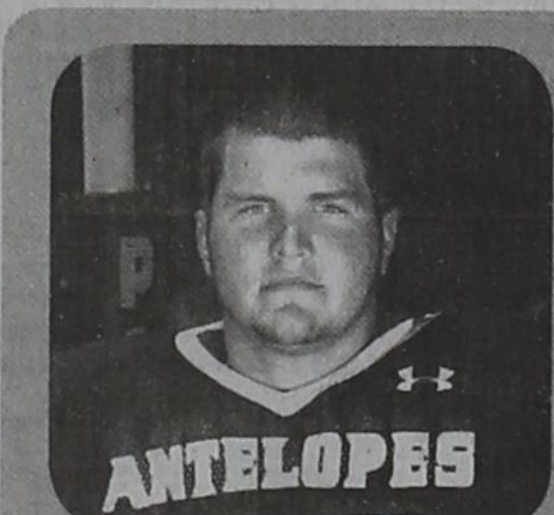
## Antelope Profiles



Trent "T" Babb (#25), son of Mike Babb and Angie Hellums, is a senior and will play Tight End on offense and Line Backer on defense. His preferred school subject is Math and he plans on becoming a fireman after high school. Trent's favorites are: college team-Texas Tech Red Raiders; pro team-Dallas Cowboys; pro athlete-Adrian Peterson; food-Chinese; music-country and rap; and musical artist-Aaron Watson.



Robert "Berto" Contreras (#77), son of Robert and Maria Contreras, is a senior and will play Center on offense and End on defense. His preferred school subjects are History and Ag and he plans to join the Marines after high school and then go to college. Robert's favorites are: college team-University of Texas Longhorns; pro team-Dallas Cowboys; college athlete-Colt McCoy; food-hamburgers; music-country and rap; and musical artist-Ely Young Band.



Giles "Stud" Dalby (#32), son of Giles and Mendy Dalby, is a senior and will play Running Back on offense and Line Backer on defense. His preferred school subject is English and he plans to go to college at Lubbock Christian University after high school. Giles' favorites are: college team-University of Texas Longhorns; pro team-Dallas Cowboys; college athlete-Colt McCoy; pro athlete-Jason Whitten; food-steak; music-country; and musical artist-George Strait.

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# Good Luck Antelopes!



Attention coaches and parents: The deadline for scores and photos to be turned in to The Post Dispatch is Monday at 5 p.m. Information can also be submitted by e-mailing [postcitydispatch@yahoo.com](mailto:postcitydispatch@yahoo.com)

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## Card of Thanks

Sunday, August 9 when I had a stroke- our Post EMS team was here in minutes and got me to the hospital in time to save my life. Then again on Monday, August 17 when a lung collapsed, Post EMS was again here in minutes to get me to the hospital.

Twice in two weeks I passed inches from the edge of life and I was rescued each time. Thank you Post EMS. Lets officially declare this "kiss an EMT" week!

Dr. Bell

I would like to thank The Catholic Family Services Rural Community Organizing Project's Reyes Pequeno and Jamie Edwards and Barbara Palmer for organizing our 2nd Annual Back 2 School Street Health Fair and for offering the Community Recovery Center the opportunity to participate in the event. It was nice to see all the vendors represented in the event and to see the families and children participate in the outing. It appeared to be well attended and a huge success. I would like to thank the Garza Theatre and Ragtown Gospel Theater for their generous donations of a family four pack to be given away by our agency and I am pleased to announce that the winner of the Garza Theatre tickets was Yolanda Sorie and the winner of the Ragtown Gospel Theater family four pack was Bobbie Escobar. Congratulations and please enjoy a wholesome and healthy family event provided by our local entertainment venues. We look forward to being a part of Back 2 School Street Health Fair for many years to come!

**Yours in Service,  
The Staff of The Community Recovery Center**

## Public Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The City of Post will hold a public hearing Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the Post City Hall. The City of Post is considering funding from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for the construction of water system improvements benefiting customers of the City of Post Municipal Water Service which will include the repair and rehabilitation of a 14" supply water line, consolidation of 3 pump stations and hydropneumatic tank, and replacement of transmission lines to Caprock WSC and Cedar Hills distribution system. The total cost of the project is projected to be \$2,300,000.00 funded by the above said TWDB DWSRF funds. Thus, it is not anticipated at this time that there will be

any changes made to the current monthly bill, connection fee, taxes, surcharges, or other fees as in place on the date of this publication to a typical residential customer living in the City of Post. One of the purposes of this hearing is to discuss the potential environmental impacts of the project and alternatives to it. The City invites all interested citizens to attend the public hearing. A copy of the complete Environmental Information Document (EID) can be reviewed at the City of Post, City Managers Office located at 105 E Main Street, Post, TX 79356. Written comments and suggestions may be sent to Arbie Taylor, City Manager, 105 E Main Street, Post, Texas 79356. For directions to the public hearing, please call (806) 495-2811. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend this meeting should contact the City at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for assistance.

## Legal Notices

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT**

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres Formation, Post Estate Lease, Well Numbers 13, 26, 42, 37 W. The proposed injection well is located South 2.5 miles of Post in the Garza Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2750' to 3300' feet.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 ( Telephone 512/463-6792).

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESATE OF GEORGE R. LEWIS, Garza County, Texas**  
Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of Testamentary upon the estate of GEORGE R. LEWIS, deceased,

were issued to the undersigned on the 20th day of August 2009, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, in Garza County, are hereby required to present the same at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed and within the time required by law to her attorney Preston L. Poole, Jr., at P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356.  
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Lunch- Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, carrot coins, hot rolls, jello, milk

**September 1**  
Breakfast- Donut, sausage link, fruit, milk  
Lunch- Spaghetti, salad, broccoli w/cheese, garlic bread, pears, milk

**September 2**  
Breakfast- Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit, milk  
Lunch- Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, cake, milk

**September 3**  
Breakfast- Cinnamon toast, fruit, milk  
Lunch- Meat & bean chalu-pas, Spanish rice, salad, rosie applesauce, milk

**September 4**  
Breakfast- Cereal, graham cracker, fruit, juice, milk  
Lunch- Sub sandwich, lettuce, tomato, & pickles, tater tots, baby carrots, brownie, milk

### Southland ISD

**August 31**  
Breakfast- Churros, sausage

links, juice, milk  
Lunch-Pizza choice, seasoned corn, salad, slice peaches, milk

**September 1**  
Breakfast- Cinnamon roll, fruit, juice, milk  
Lunch-Spaghetti, baby carrots w/ranch, fruit cup, texas toast, milk

**September 2**  
Breakfast- Eggs, bacon, juice, milk  
Lunch- Oven crispy chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, fruit cup, texas toast, milk

**September 3**  
Breakfast-Cereal, fruit, juice, milk  
Lunch- Nachos Grande, lettuce/tomatoes, oranges, cornbread, milk

**September 4**  
Breakfast-Biscuits/sausage, juice, milk  
Lunch-Corndog, oven fried potatoes, fresh broccoli w/ ranch, crispy cereal treat, apple, milk

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# Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones From The Post Dispatch

## 10 Years Ago August 26, 1999

No final decision had been made in the Post Independent School District, but Southland school officials made their decision — prayers would no longer be allowed as part of the pre-contest observance at football and basketball games, as well as other school related events. Earlier in the year, a ruling by the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans upheld a ruling that prayer at events conducted by public schools was unconstitutional.

Funeral services for Edward Allen Warren, Jr., 96, of Post were held August 23, 1999 at the First Baptist Church. Warren was the founder of The Post Dispatch and long-time civic community leader.

LaRinda Ledbetter escorted by Matthew Ledbetter, represented the Graham 4-H Club and was elected 1999-2000 Garza County 4-H Sweetheart.

Airman Johnny Collazo, Jr. of Post graduated from U.S. Air Force Basic Military Training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He is the son of Linda Collazo of Post and the late Johnny Collazo, Sr.

## 20 Years Ago August 29, 1989

Cowboys from the double U Ranch, Rooster Swartz, Sam Whitley, Joe Pennell, Joe Marts and Dusty Dupree were all contestants in the Texas Ranch Roundup, which was held in Wichita Falls. The Double U team was in good form as they placed second in the team penning; fifth in the team roping; and seventh in the wild cow milking.

Coach Dewayne Osborne introduced a hefty group of athletes to an enthusiastic stadium of Antelope football fans during the annual "Meet The Antelopes Night". Antelope Booster Club's Charles Adams was master of ceremonies for the

event.

Virgil M. Stone and Esker L. Stone celebrated their 66<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary at a family reunion hosted by their children. Virgil and Esker were married July 22, 1923. They had four children: Margjorie M. Stone Smith, who died in 1988; Bill Stone, Anita Stone Bilberry and A.J. Stone.

Attending the ribbon cutting at the newly renamed Bluebonnet Savings Bank were Monty McDaniels, Bluebonnet vice president; Howard Neff, CEO; Nancy Norman, Renae Boren; and Terry Moore. Also present were Gail Lehman, Trina Woods, Joy Fluitt, Bryan Williams, Joe Harris, Joe Williams and Bob Turner.

## 30 Years Ago August 30, 1979

Twenty-five new teachers for Post schools were introduced in The Post Dispatch.

Kay Lamb is tournament director for a Scrambler Tennis Tournament here this weekend.

Presidents for the four Post High School classes are: Brent Mason, senior class; Holly Giddens, junior class; Mario Luna, sophomore class; and Will Kirkpatrick, freshman class.

Sam Ellis of Southland received a report from Baird that his 1978 pickup had been found, before Sam knew it had been stolen.

Sheriff Jim Pippin almost gave a Santa Fe freight train engineer a ticket and a trip to jail for obstructing traffic while the engineer waited well over an hour for a repairman to work on his engine. He finally succeeded in splitting the train with a second engine to open the crossing to save himself a trip to jail.

Post has a new resident and a new business sperson — Neena Patel — who is from India and is the new owner and manager of the Sioux Lodge.

## 40 Years Ago August 28, 1969

First day enrollment in the Post schools took a sharp and unexpected drop of 135 students to only 1,126, the lowest first day turnout in a decade.

Pam Petty and Martha Miller were selected from among 13 contestants to represent Post in the second annual White River Lake Day beauty contest.

E.W. Williams, Jr. has been named vice president of the Amarillo National Bank.

Mrs. Noel White entertained with a party for her son Steven Jay on his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Petersburg Buffaloes, who are picked by some to make it to the quarterfinals, and the Post Antelopes will scrimmage here Friday night.

Former pupils and teachers of the Graham Chapel School, which

was started in 1904, will gather at the Graham Community Center for a homecoming celebration.

## 50 Years Ago August 28, 1959

Texas Rangers and local law enforcement officers were continuing an investigation of a break-in over the weekend at Forrest Lumber Company in which about \$50 was stolen and considerable damage done to doors and the firm's records.

Ollie Weakley and Ira L. Duckworth turned the tradition first spades of earth when groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the new \$140,000 home of the First National Bank.

A mailbox has been installed at the depot "just for mail that can't be posted at the post office before 6:30 p.m."

Bryan Williams and Son will hold an open house August 29 and

30 in Sunset Homes where a model home will be open for viewing.

J.D. McCampbell was elected to the board of directors of the Tahoka-Post National Farm Loan Association.

Dr. John E. Carter and Dr. James R. Matthews are moving to the Garza Medical and Surgical Clinic on West Eighth Street, across from the junior high school.

## 60 Years Ago September 1, 1949

The rebuilt and newly equipped Planters Gin opened its 1949 season by ginning two bales of cotton from the area northeast of Post. The first bale belonged to W.S. Copeland and the second bale belonged to Horace Wood.

All World War II veterans who carried the National Service Insurance policy for as long as three months are entitled to a dividend for which they must fill out an applica-

tion. Applications are available from S.E. Camp, R.E. Shedd, T.L. Jones or Jackie Weathers.

Calvin Stie is the one bright spot in the Post Antelope football picture. The good-looking, 172-pound guard was one of the area's finest line men last year and Antelope boosters, predict another great year for him. He is the squad's only returning regular.

Mrs. W.R. Gmeber and Mrs. W.F. Presson left this week on a three or four weeks trip to Washington, D.C., Niagara Falls and Canada. They will visit Mrs. Presson's son Kent in Washington, and relatives in Detroit, Carbondale and Oklahoma City. Tom Power has added a new body and paint department to his Ford dealership.

The Justiceburg School will begin its 1949-50 term with Mrs. Vernon A. Lobban returning as teacher.

## ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "Ya'll come \_\_\_\_, ya hear?"
- 5 TX Pride's "\_\_\_\_ Have to Offer You Is Me"
- 6 this TX-born Charlie hit two HRs in a '59 World Series game
- 7 once a Port Lavaca AM, an apt station for the TX coast
- 8 coral snake warning: "\_\_\_\_, kill a feller"
- 17 "hole in \_\_\_\_"
- 18 lawn tools invented by TX George Ballas in Houston (2 wds.)
- 21 this Devil won TX Byron Nelson Golf Classic in '69 (init.)
- 22 what this TX Heloise will give to a reader
- 23 TXism: "blind \_\_\_\_"
- 24 TX Perot selected \_\_\_\_ Stockdale as '92 running mate
- 29 a really hot TX month
- 30 citrus drink suffixes
- 31 "Sha Na \_\_\_\_"
- 32 TXism for the handle of a work tool
- 34 one who initiates legal action
- 35 TX Foreman lost title to this Muhammad
- 36 "conflict of \_\_\_\_"
- 37 Kerrville is seat of this county
- 38 adultery, e.g. (2 wds.)

- 39 state senate dist. 22 incumb. in '94 & '98
- 41 TXism: "a sheep in wolves clothes" (2 wds.)
- 42 golf ball support
- 43 the infamous accounting-fraud Houston co.
- 44 investigated
- 45 TX Perot's 1st naval rank (abbr.)

- 46 Burton, TX has oldest U.S. operating cotton \_\_\_\_
- 47 state of TX George H.'s summer home
- 48 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ and a dollar short"
- 50 explosive liquid, in slang
- 51 TX Chennault was adviser to Chiang \_\_\_\_-shek in '37
- 52 environmental watchdog (abbr.)
- 53 \_\_\_\_ River

## DOWN

- 1 TX outlaw Sam Bass was a train robber who had no luck with these crimes (2 wds.)
- 2 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ in his own mind" (ego)
- 3 Armstrong Co. seat

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 4 TX-born Foote wrote screenplay for "To \_\_\_\_ Mockingbird"
- 9 Arlington's "Hurricane Harbor" was once "Wet \_\_\_\_"
- 10 repudiate
- 11 "Are we there \_\_\_\_?"
- 12 "Mingo" Ames on "Daniel Boone"
- 13 Iowa Park newspaper
- 14 light emitter
- 15 Hobby & Love arrival guesses (abbr.)
- 16 some TXns were once called "Johnny \_\_\_\_"
- 19 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ ants out of a burning stump"
- 20 grass-\_\_\_\_ jeans
- 22 deer \_\_\_\_ season is generally Nov.-Dec.
- 24 Joey of "Texas Across the River" (init.)
- 25 this MacGra was in "Convoy" with TX Kristofferson
- 26 TX Willie's "Georgia On My \_\_\_\_"
- 27 "wheeler-dealers" area: real \_\_\_\_
- 28 this Seagal was in '92 "Under Siege" with TX Tommy Lee
- 29 Archer City was the last hideout for this outlaw James
- 30 pirate Louis-Michel \_\_\_\_ patrolled the Gulf looking for loot
- 33 \_\_\_\_ Oak, TX
- 34 "you ain't \_\_\_\_ nothing yet!"
- 35 TXism: "busy \_\_\_\_"
- 37 1897 gold hunter
- 38 typeface (2 wds.)
- 40 this Dennehy was in "Precinct 13" film with TX Hawke
- 41 opera solo
- 44 \_\_\_\_ Duro Canyon
- 47 great in number
- 49 finish line? (2 wds.)

## Last Puzzle Solution

## Fun-n-Facts for Brain-iacs!

# Brain Boost!

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## SCHOOLHOUSE HISTORY

### Reading, writing and ciphering?!

In the American era of one room schoolhouses, reading, writing and math would have indeed filled your day. So, take a trip back in time and find out what it was like in the schoolhouse of days gone by...

The schoolhouse was heated with pot-bellied stoves, fueled by coal, wood or corncocks. The stove sat at the front or center of the room and was often covered with a "coat" so the little ones wouldn't get burned.



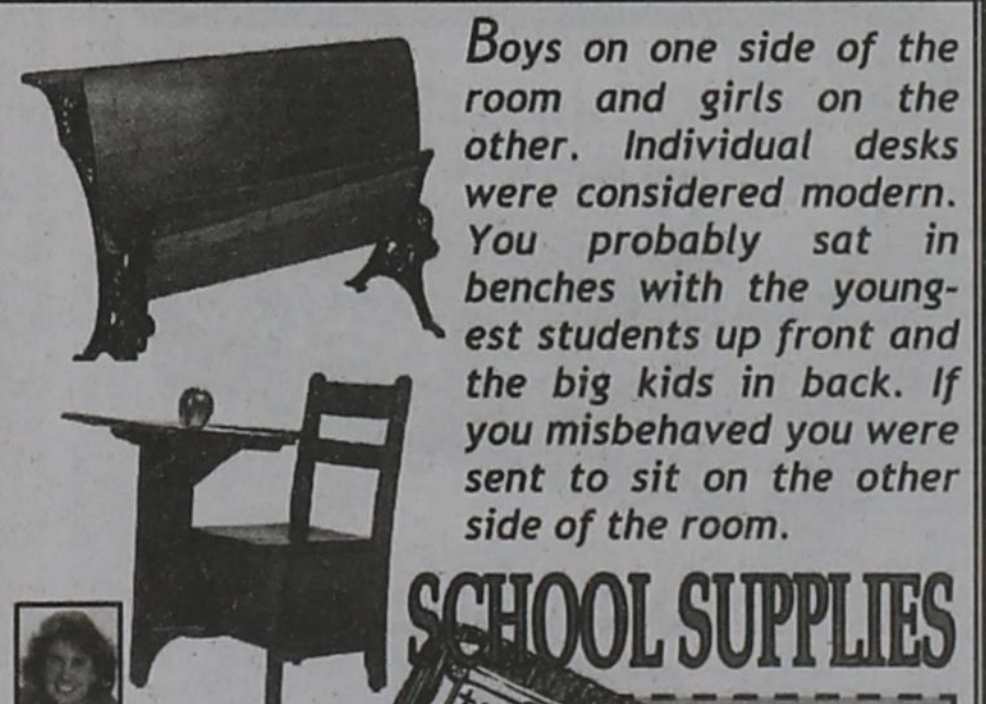
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## THREE A DAY!

Morning, noon and afternoon, students were released to recess. No fenced in playgrounds were provided. You were free to run, play and roam as far as you like, as long as you could hear the school bell ring when it was time to return to your seat.

**NO HALL PASSES:** Schoolhouses usually had two outhouses, facing opposite directions for privacy. It may be a one-two or three holer! Pages of an old Sears catalog were provided for toilet paper. Trustees of the school would pour ash and sand down the holes to keep the smell down. When the teacher excused you to the outhouse it was called *turn out* privileges.

**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.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

In very early America young scholars used hornbooks. These wooden paddles had a lesson on one side and a slate for writing on the back. Horns from sheep or cattle could be melted down and poured into a thin clear sheet. The melted horn (similar to our fingernails) was fastened over the paper to protect the lesson underneath.

In 1647 Massachusetts law required any town of fifty or more to build a school and hire a teacher. This was the beginning of public schools in America.

Laura Craig



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**Close City News...**  
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Carmen Abraham in Post; Odie Kemp and Jean Tipton in Tahoka; Jewel White in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

**Birthdays**

August 28 - Janie Norman Stach  
August 29 - Cecilia Contreras

**Anniversaries**

September 1 - Danny and Susan Gonzales

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://closecitycoopgin.blogspot.com>.

**Southland...**  
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form at their best everyday and we ask all of our parents to help us by encouraging your child to be at their best each and every day. Please make sure that your child is getting the rest each night that is required to be at their best, and that they either get to school in time to eat breakfast daily or that they get a good breakfast before they come to school. We ask that you encourage your child to get involved in the varied activities that we offer at Southland whether it be in Agriculture, Athletics, Student Council, UIL or others. We firmly believe that a child that is actively involved in their school are much less likely to get into trouble.

Again we are truly excited

about beginning this year and are looking forward to meeting all of our parents. We will be making a concerted effort this year to communicate much more often this year. At the end of the year last year many of you filled out a survey for us that we do look at and discuss. The primary issue some of you said was that "we need to communicate with parents better" so we will be doing that this year. If you fill at any time like we are not doing that please feel free to contact me and we will get right on it. We truly need our parents' input as well as your help in everything from being a parent volunteer in the classroom to helping with concession stands. Thanks again and please feel free to come and be a part of your child's education and our family at Southland ISD.

Congratulations to our Cheerleaders for all of their hard work this summer and the many ribbons and trophies they brought home from Cheer Camp in July.

Congratulations also to our football team for they way they played this past Friday night as they Scrimmaged at Whitharral. Good luck to them as they open the season this next Friday night at Knox City at 7:30.

**Events for This Week:**

- Pep Rally Friday from 2:22 to 2:42
- Football at Knox City beginning at 7:30

**Events for the Week of August 31<sup>st</sup>**

- Site-Based Committee meeting Tuesday morning at 7:15
- JV football vs. Jayton Thursday night at 7:00 (subject to change)
- Varsity football at Jayton Friday night at 7:30.

Labor Day Holiday will be Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>

Thought for the Week: The greatest gift that you can ever give is the gift of yourself.

**Stampede...**  
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posted the winning time of 17.216 that paid \$831.95. Lari Dee Guy of Abilene won the Breakaway event and won \$817.89. Out of 11 entries in Steer Wrestling, David Clements of Panhandle posted a time of 5.5 seconds and won \$597.24.

Blake Milligan of Artesia, NM and Anthony Elliott of Childress tied with a score of 84 in Bull Riding. Each won \$1,161.47. There were 70 entries in Team Roping. The event was won by Billy Stephens and Jaytin McCright with each man winning \$1,543. Two teams, Colby Lovell/John Paul Lucero and Jared Jukes/Les Walker were one second behind the winning team. Each of the men in the second place teams won \$1203.54. Callan Rice took first in Ranch Broncs winning \$412.44.

**Agricultural waste pesticide collections scheduled around Panhandle**

AMARILLO - The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service have scheduled three waste pesticide collections in September around the Panhandle.

"This collection is not only for agricultural producers," said Rick Auckerman, AgriLife Extension agent for Deaf Smith. "Homeowners are welcome to bring old paints or old pesticides or any chemicals, batteries, anything they have, they are more than welcome to bring them."

The last time a collection was held in Deaf Smith County, Auckerman said, about 20,000 pounds of pesticide were gathered. And people came from as far as Amarillo and Lubbock.

"We know there are still chemicals related to sugar beets, so bring them in," he advised area producers.

The collections are open to all Texas residents. Among the items accepted will be crop-related chemicals, oil/oil filters and other automobile fluids, lead-acid batteries, paint, fluorescent bulbs and pesticides used on livestock. Properly rinsed, empty plastic pesticide containers also will be taken.

Do not bring tires, radioactive or explosive materials, fertilizers, propane or butane cylinders larger than 20 gallons, biomedical

wastes or ammunition, the AgriLife Extension agents advised.

All collections will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The collections are scheduled as follows:

Sept. 14 in the Moore County Gin, 11800 U.S. Hwy. 287, six miles north of Dumas on 287. For more information contact Marcel Fischbacher, AgriLife Extension agent for Moore County, 806-935-2594 or [mhfischbacher@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:mhfischbacher@ag.tamu.edu).

Sept. 16 in the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn, 108 Dairy Road, Hereford. For more information, contact Auckerman, 806-364-3573, [r-auckerman@tamu.edu](mailto:r-auckerman@tamu.edu).

Sept. 18 in the Hall County Farm Supply, 305 South 2nd Street, Memphis. For more information, contact Joshua Brooks, AgriLife Extension agent for Hall County, 806-259-1621, [j-brooks@tamu.edu](mailto:j-brooks@tamu.edu).

The environmental commission organizes these free, regional collections of unwanted or unused pesticides throughout the state as part of the Agricultural Waste Pesticide Collection program.

Complete information about safely rinsing and recycling agricultural chemical containers can be found at <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/AgWaste/rinsed-containers.html>.

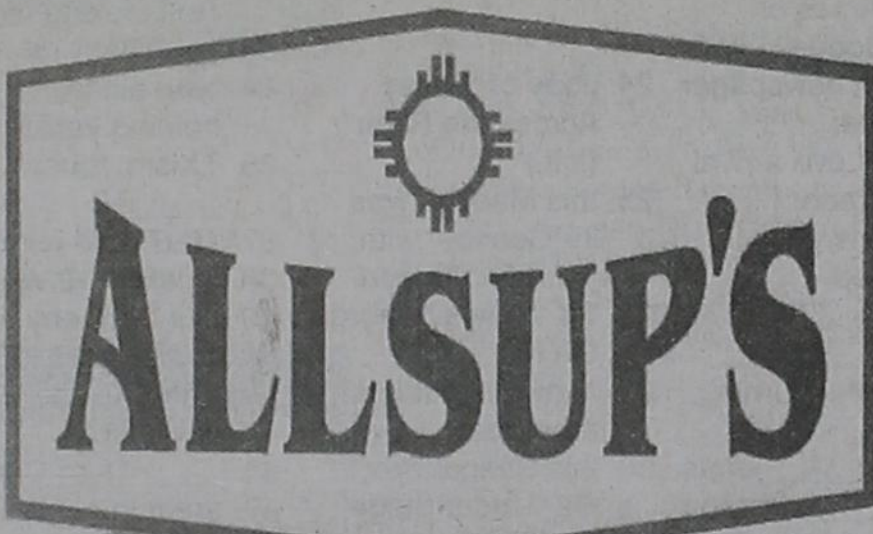
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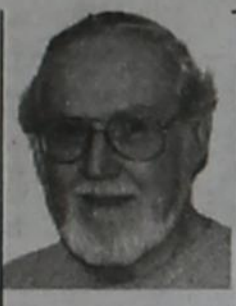
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Carolyn Tobias (from left), City Councilman Dick Odom, Mayor Thressa Harp and City Manager Arbie Taylor look over the Vac-Con truck recently purchased by the City of Post. According to Taylor, primarily the water and sewer departments will use the machine. Clogged sewer lines can be unclogged and cleaned using the "jet-rodder" attachment at the front of the vehicle. It can also be used to vacuum manholes and storm sewer inlets to remove debris. Other uses include pumping water out of holes during water main breaks and "hydro-excavation" using high-pressure water spray with the vacuum function to remove dirt from excavations where there is the potential of damage to other utilities using standard backhoe excavating techniques. Hydro-excavation can also help locate the other utilities, such as gas, electric, and phone lines without digging with a backhoe. Photo by Rosa Latimer

## Planets to Lose Moons and Rings



Paul Derrick Stargazer

Twenty years ago when I first set up my new 8-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope for a public star party, I thought folks would be most interested in seeing far-away objects like star clusters, galaxies, star-birthing nebulae and dead-star remnants.

But I was wrong. A common reaction was, "That's interesting, but can we look at the Moon?" It was the Moon that got comments like, "Wow, that's really cool! I can even see craters."

It didn't take me long to learn that three nearby neighbors -- the Moon, Saturn, and Jupiter -- are the public's favorites. Far-away objects can still be interesting, but most are faint, fuzzy and ill-defined. But with the Moon we see craters, mountain ranges and other intriguing features. Saturn, of course, has its beautiful rings, and Jupiter proudly displays its four large Galilean moons, named in honor of Galileo who discovered them in 1610.

Regarding two of these public favorites, we're about to witness the relatively rare occurrences of Saturn "losing" its rings and Jupiter "losing" its moons, with both events happening at nearly the same time.

Saturn's rings, composed of billions of small chunks of ice, are thousands of miles wide but less than a mile thick. When seen at an angle, the reflective ice makes the rings a dazzling view. But every 14-15 years, owing to the tilt of Saturn on its axis and the slight tilts of the orbits of Earth and Saturn, we see the thin rings edge-on with no tilt, making them seem to disappear.

Over the past few months, the rings have been growing noticeably thinner as their angle of tilt decreases. This will continue until the evening of Sept. 3 when the rings become exactly edge-on and invisible from Earth. Unfortunately, this is happening as Saturn is sinking into the setting

Sun, making it difficult to see in the twilight.

Jupiter, however, loses its moons in the dead of night Sept. 2. You'll want to view this through a telescope--even a small one will do. In the early evening, Jupiter is the brilliant object in the east. At first, three of its four Galilean moons will be visible with two on one side, one on the other. As the night progresses, all three gradually move toward the planet. At 10:43 p.m. (all times CDT), one moon disappears followed by a second 15 minutes later, and the third one vanishes at 11:43 p.m. From then until 1:30 a.m., you'll see Jupiter with no moons visible. Seen only a few times each century, this won't happen again until 2019, so don't miss it.

Sky Calendar.

- \* Aug. 27 Thu.: The Moon is at 1st quarter.
- \* Sep. 1 Tue. morning: Venus is just to the right of the Beehive cluster low in the east before dawn; binoculars will help see the cluster.
- \* 2 Wed. evening: Jupiter is to the right of the big gibbous Moon.
- \* 4 Fri.: The full Moon is called the Fruit Moon.
- \* 11 Fri.: The Moon is at 3rd quarter.
- \* Naked-eye Planets. (The Sun, Moon, and planets rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth's west-to-east rotation on its axis.) Evening: Saturn and Mercury are very low in the west at dusk with Jupiter rising in the east. Morning: Jupiter is the bright object in the southwest as "morning star" Venus is in the east with much fainter Mars well above it.

Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707. (254) 753-6920 or paulderrickwaco@aol.com. See the Stargazer Web site at stargazerpaul.com.

## EXTENSION EXTRAS

### Lamb & Goat Validation

The Deadline to get your tags ordered is 4:00 Tuesday, September 1, 2009. Please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible.

### Quiz Bowl

Meetings will start soon watch for updates in Extension Extras.

### Briskets

We still have briskets available that were left over from the rodeo. They are cooked and frozen. Contact the Extension Office to get yours.

### Rabbit Project

Meetings will begin on September 3, 2009 from 4:00-5:00 QR 7:00-8:00 at Barbara Palmers house. The meetings will be held every Thursday. If you need additional information, please contact the Extension Office.

### Club Meeting

The first club meeting of the year will be on September 8, 2009 at 6:30. We will meet at the Show Barn and have Record Book lessons. Barbara Palmer will prepare the meal.

### GCILA Fundraiser

This event will be held on September 12, 2009 at 6:30 in the Post Cafeteria. Jackpot tickets are on sale now, you may pick yours up at the Extension Office. All 4-H members are encouraged to attend and bring a dessert. If you would like to help decorate, please be at the Cafeteria at 2:00. Auction items may be dropped off at the Extension Office.

Extension Office: 215 W Main (806) 495-4400

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

## Food Pantry Provides Families Much Needed Help

The Rural Community Organizing Project and the Post Ministerial Alliance manage the pantry. It primarily provides food to individuals 55 years of age or older; however, help can be extended to others in need.

The food pantry has helped many families in Post because of generous donations from United Supermarket of Post and monthly food drives by churches, civic groups and individuals.

Those participating include Templo Bautista, Holy Cross Catholic Church, Church of God of Prophecy, Caprock Springs Fellowship, Garza County Sheriff Department, Barbara and Robby Palmer and the 4-H Club.

The Food Pantry can only function with this type of community support. Any group who wants to sponsor a food drive or make a donation should contact Reyes Pequeno, Rural Community Organizing, 806-778-2628 or 495-1803.



Volunteers (from left) Savina, Candy and Julian Gomez worked in the Food Pantry this summer. (Courtesy Photo)

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### Annual 4-H Event Honors Outstanding Individuals



Barbara Palmer was honored as Outstanding 4-H leader for 2008-2009 at the 4-H Achievement Banquet held at The Heritage House last week. Courtesy Photo.

The Garza County 4-H Council recognized outstanding participation and volunteerism for the 2008-2009 year at their annual Achievement Banquet. Council members conducting the program were President Reed Williams, Cheyenne Morris, & Jackie Milton. Others participating included Ashlyn Powers, Pake Jones, Kara Grace Egan, Pacey Blevins, Dakota McDonald, Dakota Greer, Ja D Young, Kelbie Oden, Audree Williams, Jessi Isbell, & Tori Huckaby.

Jackie Milton was awarded the Gold Star Award. Jackie has exceeded expectations in several 4-H projects including Rabbits, Entomology, Veterinary Science, Food and Nutrition and Fashion Design. The Gold Star Award is

the highest award given to senior 4-H members who have completed a record book; been actively involved in more than 3 projects and held offices. Jackie has shown great success as the senior leader for the rabbit project by recruiting new members and organizing county activities.

Jackie Milton was also announced as the 2009-2010 Garza County Sweetheart. Barbara Palmer was voted by the 4-H members as the Outstanding Adult Leader. Barbara has organized and helped with fund raisers, animal projects, and promotional events. She has served as the Garza County Representative for District and State Volunteer Leaders Association of Texas. She is currently the leader of the Garza County Rabbit Project. Jackie and Barbara will be recognized at the District Gold Star Banquet in November held at the Texas Tech University Alumni Center.

The Senior Leadership award went to Reed Williams. This award honors senior 4-H members who have actively demonstrated leadership and participation in activities from the county, district and state level as an example for other 4-H members to follow. Audree Williams was presented the Silver Star Award. This award is presented on the county level to outstanding Intermediate 4-H members who have shown outstanding involvement in a variety of activities, offices, projects and District contests.

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Judge Carter Schildknecht and the Post Stampede Rodeo Board each received the Friend of 4-H award. These awards, voted on by youth members, recognize individuals and groups that support Garza County 4-H throughout the year.

Fifty-nine attendees enjoyed a luau dinner with festive flowers, pineapples and coconut trees. Special guests included Judge and Mrs. Lee Norman, Judge Carter Schildknecht, and Commissioner & Mrs. Ted Brannon. Special thanks go to The Heritage House, Caprock Cultural Association, United Supermarkets, Garza County 4-H Booster Club, Garza County Commissioners Court, Palmer Oilfield Construction, Post Independent School District, Southland independent School District, and Lyntegar Electric Cooperative for their support.

Following the program the 4-H Council Members were inducted for the 2009-2010 year. They are: Cheyenne Morris, President; Audree Williams, Vice President; Ja D Young, Secretary; Reed Williams, Reporter; Dakota McDonald, Treasurer and Jackie Milton, District Delegate.

For more information about Garza County 4-H please contact Marci Oden, Garza County Club Manager or Nancy McDonald at the Extension Office.



Garza County 4-H Council officers recently honored Judge Carter Schildknecht (left) as the 2009 Friend of 4-H along with the Post Stampede Rodeo Association (not pictured). Newly elected Council members shown from left are Ja D Young, Secretary; Audree Williams, Vice President; Dakota McDonald, Treasurer; Jackie Milton, District Delegate; Reed Williams, Reporter; and Cheyenne Morris, President. Courtesy Photo



Daniel Ballard (left) and Jon Steele portray two men desperately seeking to resolve the mystery of "The Woman in Black" in the current production at the Garza Theatre. Directed by C. D. Adamson, the drama presents a thoroughly engaging story that is enhanced by excellent lighting and sound. The final performances of the play are this weekend: Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Call 495-4005 for reservations. Photo by Rosa Latimer



Cheering the Antelopes this year are Varsity cheerleaders (from left): Shirley Ariaza, Darlene Ariaza, Crystal Sanchez, Marissa Hernandez, Taylor Joy (head cheerleader), Mascot Kat Villalon. Photo by Juanetta Bocko



Post first grader Andrew Quintana and his sister, Quincey Quintana, a sixth grader, stop at the VFW Post 6797 Ladies Auxiliary booth at the second annual Back to School Health Fair. Auxiliary members Janet Ratliff (left) and JoAnn Stelzer distributed patriotic information to fair attendees. Photo by Kristie Odom

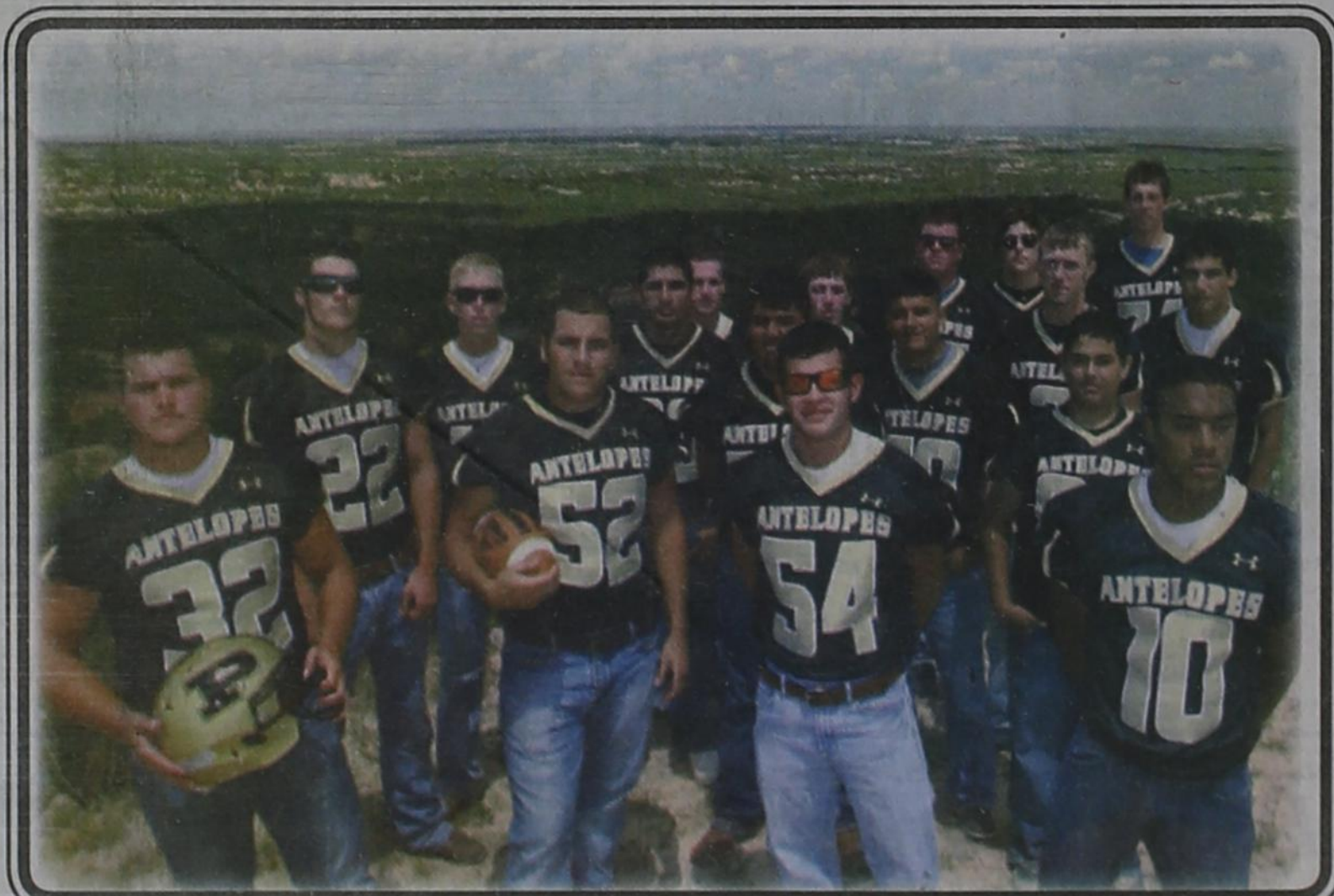


JV Cheerleaders for 2009/2010 are 9th graders (from left): Julie Boren, Macie Merritt, Kimberly Rivera, and Haily Berry. Photo by Juanetta Boco

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### Close City/Garlynn Reunion

The 2009 Close City/Garlynn Reunion was held at Chapa's August 15th with 55 in attendance. Four of those attending were over 90 years of age: Mary Gale (Baker) Young, Post; Eldon Roberts, Abilene; Odee (Roberts) Charles & Sharon Morris; D. R. Kemp, Post; Annie Laura (Coleman) Francis, Post.

Others in attendance were: Linda (Livingston) Runkles; Oneta (Jones) Gunn; Walter & Joanna (Furr) Morris, Albuquerque, NM; James & Mary (Shults) Allison; Gaye (Roberts) Morris; Reta (Jones) Settlemire; Dee Hodges; Beth (Kemp) Cook; Clinton Smith; Janet (Blacklock) Porterfield; Barbara (Blacklock) Rushing, Phoenix AZ; Fern (Blacklock) Adams; Bunny Smith; Ann (Arnold) Teaff; Judy (King) McAlester; Margaret

Ritchie; Norma (Ritchie) Saunders; Gloria (Blacklock) Gee, Seattle, WA; Lois Ritchie & Aubry Sparks, Portales, NM; Billie Jean (Longshore) Cross; Johnny Kemp; John & Joyce Shults; Charles & Sharon Morris; D. R. Adamson; Harry & Nelda Smith; Marilyn (Curry) Mason; Robert & Patsy (Shults) Craig; Lois (Custer) Childs; Jimmy & Nedra (Childs) Ellis; Joy Smith; Neal & Jenny Francis; Jonnie (Redman) Cowdry; Neal & Lanelle Clary; Ann (Roberts) Adams; Tommy Young; Jean Adamson; Jane (Francis) George; Chester & Patty (Cash) Cooper; Laverne (Furr) Aten.; and Miriam (Smith) O'Neal.

The next reunion is scheduled for the third weekend in August, 2011.



Among those attending the Close City/Garlynn Reunion were (from left): Marilyn (Curry) Mason; Beth (Kemp) Cook, Ann Teaff; Johnny Kemp; Ann (Roberts) Adams; Eldon Roberts; Odee (Roberts) Kemp; and Gay (Roberts) Morris Griffith.

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