

Blackburn Media Group, Inc. purchases The Post Dispatch

by Wesley W. Burnett
As manager of Texas Media Enterprises, LLC, I have the distinct privilege to announce the sale of The Post Dispatch to Blackburn Media Group, Inc. headquartered in Childress, Texas under the direction of veteran newspaper publisher Christopher Blackburn. With the publication of this June 20, 2008 edition of The Post Dispatch, we will be ending our tour of duty as the steward of your hometown community newspaper. I am pleased also to announce that staff members Kristie Odom and Merika Strivens will continue to serve our readers and advertisers as they join Chris Blackburn's growing newspaper team.

Pat and I, as well as our children Tim, James and Kimberly, have been blessed beyond measure during our more than 25 years in Post. We came here by the grace of God, and we depart on another journey at his calling. We could never make a list long enough to include the hundreds or perhaps thousands of people who have enriched our lives in this thriving West Texas beacon of prosperity. No newspaper publisher has ever served with such top notch helpers as have I in Post City. And what fun we have had bringing you a weekly newspaper for all these many years!

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Matti Smith earned her position for barrel racing on the Junior High rodeo team.



Aaron Macy earned his position for team roping on the Junior High rodeo team.

Aaron Macy and Matti Smith advance to the 4th Annual Wrangler Junior High Finals Rodeo

Aaron Macy, a Post Middle School seventh-grade student, and Matti Smith, a sixth-grade student at Post, have earned positions on the Texas Wrangler Junior High Rodeo Team and will travel with fellow teammates to Gallup, N.M., to compete at the 4th Annual Wrangler Junior High Finals Rodeo June 30 through July 5. Macy will compete in team

roping, while Smith qualified to compete in barrels. Featuring more than 1,000 contestants from 47 states, Canadian provinces and Australia, the Wrangler Junior High Finals is the world's largest junior high rodeo. In addition to competing for more than \$75,000 in prizes, contestants also will be vying for more than \$50,000 in college scholarships

and the chance to be named the Wrangler Junior High Finals Rodeo National Champion. To earn the title, a contestant must finish in the top 15 after two go-rounds of competition before advancing to the final championship performance. This year, the championship performance will be televised nationally as a part of the 20X Rodeo High telecast series.

City, county officials consider shared projects in joint session

Members of the Post City Council and the Garza County Commissioners Court met in joint session June 10 to discuss funding for shared projects in the coming fiscal year.

County Judge Lee Norman asked Post City Council members to pay 50 percent of the law enforcement budget and urged the entities to enter into an interlocal agreement concerning law enforcement efforts within the city and the county.

Following much discussion, Mayor Kim Mills advised that council members will meet in a work session to determine the city's role in the funding of law enforcement.

Tentative agreements were reached on other shared projects, including the airport (equal funding); summer youth recreation program (city, county and Post Independent School District to each fund 1/3 of the cost); and landfill (county to fund 25 percent, city to cover 75 percent).

No formal action was taken. At the close of the joint session, the City Council resumed its regular June agenda.

Items considered or handled during by council members included:

- Approved a donation of \$1,500 for fireworks to be utilized during this year's MAD DADS Fourth of July celebration at City Park. The city previously contributed \$500 per year for fireworks.
- Conducted a public hearing for an oil and gas well permit in Section 1225 and Section 1233 of the George R. Brown Partnership. No one in attendance spoke out against the proposed permits, which earned the approval of the council.
- Approved a funding request for Post City Celebrations.
- Approved the final punch list of the city's paving project.
- Approved the amendment to the city code dealing with animal control.
- Approved the sale of unimproved property located at the southeast corner of Avenue F and Pine Street described as the northern half of Lot 15 and the northern half of Lot 16, Hart Addition, City of Post.
- Recommended Paul Beach and Ric Walton as nominees to the Airport Board.
- Tabled until the next meeting a request from the Post Fire Department regarding its budget. The fire chief was unable to attend the meeting.
- Tabled action on a chamber request regarding the use of hotel/motel tax revenues.
- Approved Resolution 347, Southwestern Public Service's proposed tariff amendment,

with reservations.

- Approved an amendment to the employee policy regarding vehicle use.
- Approved a lease-purchase

agreement for fire equipment.

- The approval of invoices.
- The approval of minutes from the May 26 meeting.

Post Notes

SPCAA energy assistance program

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. has received additional funding to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program through December 31, 2008. Funds are available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-income households. Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, a handicapped individual and families with young children under the age of six. For additional information concerning this program, please contact Billie Williams at (806) 495-2329 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Graham Chapel School Reunion July 26

The Graham Chapel School Reunion will be July 26 at Graham Community Center from 2-4 p.m. If anyone chooses to write their family history for a book about the Graham Community, please mail copies of pictures and stories to Jane Mason, 109 Ridge Rd., Post, TX 79356 or call 806-495-2980. The deadline will be December 31.

Graham Ole Opry

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday, June 21 from 7 until 10 p.m. at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles south on FM 399. There is no admission charge; a hat will be passed for donations to help with upkeep on the center. For more information contact Noel White at 495-3261.

Garza Summer Recreation Program

Summer Recreation continues through Wednesday, July 2 from 8 a.m.-12 noon at the old Middle School gym. You may sign up any day of the month. Ages are K-12th grades. Breakfast and lunch provided by the cafeteria. Come and have fun with us! If you have any questions call Lorie Rivera at 495-3253.

20 year reunion for Class of 1988

The Post High School Class of 1988 will be hosting a 20 year class reunion the weekend of July 4. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please contact Jayta (Ticer) Cravy at 629-4070 or Trevah (Bush) Yarbro.

"Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"

Garza Theatre, 226 E. Main proudly present "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland", directed by Heather Rushing. Seven performances only: June 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 at 8 p.m. and June 22 at 2:30 p.m. Admission - \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, students, military (with ID), and \$8 children 12 and under. Call 806-495-4005 for tickets and reservations.

Variety of tournaments planned July 4th

Anyone interested in participating in a Brisket Cook-off, Horseshoe and/or Washer pitching tournament should contact Mark Odom at 495-5816.

Mr and Miss Firecracker pageant planned

Mini Mr and Miss Firecracker and Little Mr and Miss Firecracker Pageant is scheduled for July 4th at the City Park at 2 p.m. Entry fee is \$15. Ages: Mini Division - 2-4 years old; Little - 5-6 years old. Your child must be 3 years of age by August 1, 2008. For more information and to pick up a questionnaire, contact Bunny Lynch at 620-0051 or Diane Poe at 495-1207. Deadline is June 23.

2008 summer food service program

Post I.S.D. announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program to be held Monday-Friday, began June 4, and will continue through July 2. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the school cafeteria, 211 S. Avenue K. Breakfast will be served from 8-9 a.m. with lunch being served from 11:45 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. Children 18 years of age and younger are eligible to participate in the program.

1981 & 1982 Class Reunion planned

The Post High School graduating class of 1981 and 1982 have scheduled a class reunion on Saturday, August 9 beginning at 12 p.m. at the VFW. RSVP by July 20. For more information contact Barry Morris at 495-2454, Chita (Mason) Hataway at 549-0732 or Laurie (Beliongia) Odom at 549-5323.

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City releases drinking water quality report

The City of Post recently released its 2007 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, also known as the Consumer Confidence Report.

Included in the report is a "special notice" for elderly individuals, cancer patients, individuals with HIV/AIDS or other immune problems, and infants. According to the notice, "Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants

can be particularly at risk from infections."

The special notice states that individuals in the above categories should seek advice from their physicians about drinking water.

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring materials and, in some cases, radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or humans. Contaminants that may be present in source water prior to treatment include

microbes, inorganic contaminants, pesticides, herbicides, radioactive contaminants and organic chemical contaminants, according to the report.

The EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

To learn more about the drinking water available locally, local residents can attend the regular meetings of the Post City Council, which are conducted on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 105 E. Main St. For more information, call 495-2811.

The City of Post's drinking water is regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the TCEQ has determined that "certain water quality issues exist which prevent our water from meeting

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 Sammy Baugh Golf Course at Western Texas College
 Tee Time: 6:00 p.m.

Entry fee: \$150 per team
 Fee includes: Course fee, hamburger/hot dog supper & a "glow in the dark" ball

Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place in three flights. Prizes based on full field

Cart fees are separate. Number of carts is limited so golfers are encouraged to call and reserve one early, if needed. Call Darla at 325-573-9291. Or for more info, call Belinda at 325-574-7182



Mr. and Mrs. Brandon McDonald

Ownership

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We ask you to embrace Chris Blackburn as he continues The Post Dispatch tradition of excellence that we inherited in September 1982. We have been honored to share the tradition with founder Eddie and Pauline Warren and Jim and Helen Cornish.

It's been a blast! Memories and experiences we've enjoyed with you will always be with us.

God bless you all, and stop by on your way east of Dallas on IH-30 ... we'll be hanging our hats in Rockwall, Texas.

White River Lake Weekly Report June 16, 2008

Gauge reading: 2341.50
 Feet below spillway: 31'
 Rise - 0"
 Rainfall (past week): .25"
 Rain to-date: 6.57"

Rainfall 2004: 43.58"
 Rainfall 2005: 15.57"
 Rainfall 2006: 28.85"
 Rainfall 2007: 24.19"

White River Lake has 836,785,368 million gallons left available at the intake - 10 percent capacity or 2,568 acre feet. Subtract 42,577,864 MG for evaporation this week, leaving 794,207,535 MG available.

White River's daily average demand for 2007 was 1.26 million gallons per day.

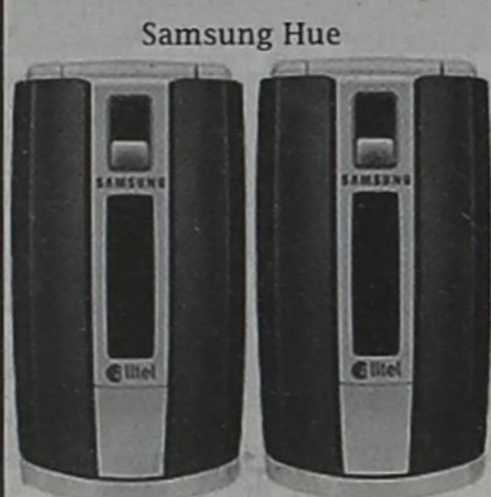
The well field wells will produce 1.90 million gallons per day. The oil company using water for mining has been stopped until the lake level rises.

White River Municipal Water District is in Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan.

Source: Mickey Rogers, general manager, WRMWD

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Bowne, McDonald wed May 10 in Kansas City

Megan Elaine Bowne and Brandon Layne McDonald, both residents of Kansas City, Kansas, were wed in a 4:30 p.m. ceremony on May 10, 2008, in the Nall Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City. The Rev. Josh Hancock, brother-in-law of the bride, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Elaine Bowne of Sharpsville, Ind., and the granddaughter of John and Eva Higgins, also of Sharpsville.

The groom's parents are Wayne and Carol McDonald of Post. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. B.R. McDonald of Post and Nora Meares of Lamesa.

The church was decorated with double candelabras surrounded with votive candlelights. A bouquet of roses, calla lilies, delphiniums and daisies was centered on the communion table. The pews were marked with bows and flowers.

The bride and groom were given in marriage by their parents, brothers, sisters and families.

For her wedding the bride wore a floor-length candlelight cream gown accented with a row of satin buttons down the back. A blushing veil adorned her hair. She carried a bouquet of roses, calla lilies, delphiniums and daisies tied with ribbon.

Serving as matron of honor was the Rev. Mendy Bowne Hancock of Kansas City, the bride's sister. Maid of honor was Andrea Bowne of Sharpsville, sister of the bride, and Beth Long of Bloomington, Ind., served as bridesmaid.

The bride's attendants wore dresses of ice blue and chocolate with wrap sashes. Each carried a bouquet of roses and calla lilies.

Flower girl was Abigail Cherie McDonald of Lubbock, the groom's niece. Her dress was accented with satin flowers in the back. She carried a basket of rose petals.

Best men were the groom's brother, Brad McDonald of Eules and Brent McDonald of Lubbock. Groomsman was Todd Terry of Lubbock.

Ring bearer was Caleb McDonald of Lubbock, the groom's nephew. Bell ringer was another nephew of the groom, Bobby McDonald of Eules.

The groom's attendants wore formal dark brown tuxedos, cream-colored shirts and bow ties.

Ushers for the ceremony were Montague Williams, Jake Edwards, Brian Schafer and Scott Savage.

Katie Savage attended the guest book.

Candle lighters were Jon Hart, Josh Smithson, Brian Lee, Damien Mitchell, Scott Shellenburger, Brian Day, Eddie Couchenour, Mike Coblenz, Michelle Shires Poppe, Diane Richardson, Audrey Richardson, Lindsey Czechowicz, Rachel Black, Missy Price, Hayley Tarrent and Roz.

Music for the ceremony included, during the candle lighting, "Canon in D," "Nickelcreek" and "You Being You" by Steph Jeck. "Wedding March" was played upon the bride's entrance to the church, while "The Lord's Prayer" was featured during the communion and family prayer by Lindsey Czechowicz. "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" served as the recessional.

Following the ceremony, a reception was conducted at the church.

The room was outfitted with tablecloth-topped round tables featuring glass bowl centerpieces. Each bowl was filled with water and fresh flowers and was flanked by bowls of coffee beans and flowers.

An Italian buffet was served to guests. Punch, a tiered wedding cake decorated with chocolate icing and blue polka dots and a German chocolate groom's cake were served from the bridal table.

Guests from Texas included Ray and Earlene Bagby and Rick and Julie Calvert, who were seated at the groom's parents' table.

Members of the house party included Heidi and Mark Elmore, Angela McDonald, Jerry Selvidge, Kim Tharpe, Jerry Nielson and Jeff and Becky Moore.

The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents, was conducted at the Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City. Jack Stak Bar-B-Q was served on tables covered with cream-colored cloths and decorated with bowls of coffee beans and blue candles placed on mirrored squares. Trails of blue and brown M&Ms meandered across the tables for guests to enjoy.

Following a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico, the couple is at home on Booth Street in Kansas City.

The bride, a 2002 graduate of Tri-Central High School in Sharpsville, graduated from Olivet Nazarene University in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She is employed as the public health nurse in the Family Planning Division of the Wyandotte County Health Department.

The bridegroom, a 1997 Post High School graduate, graduated from Southern Nazarene University in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in environmental science and from the Nazarene Theological Seminary in 2007 with a master's degree in intercultural studies. He teaches at Earthworks.

The couple will be feted with a family wedding shower on July 5 at the Grassland Nazarene Church. The community is invited to attend.

City water quality...

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all of the requirements as stated in the Federal Drinking Water Standards."

Each of the issues identified by the TCEQ has been identified in this report as a violation, according to the city report, and city officials "are working closely with the TCEQ to achieve solutions."

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Church offers assistance

The Graham Chapel Church of Christ has a food pantry with non-perishable items and a clothes closet for men, women, and children who are in need. Please contact Jane Mason, 495-2980, Bill Short, 495-4104, or Tim Tatum, 495-3066.

Fund-raiser to benefit Villegas' travels

A fund-raiser will be held Saturday, June 21 beginning at 8 a.m. at 706 N. Avenue F. The yards sale will include furniture, household items, toys, and clothes. The bake sale includes cookies, cakes, brownies and burritos. Starting at 11 a.m., you may purchase lunch plates with brisket, rice and beans. Proceeds will benefit Emilee Villegas, granddaughter of Lousia and Julio Valdez, who will be traveling to Europe with the non-profit organization "People to People".

Adult welding short course

The Post Ag department and B & J Welding Supply will be sponsoring an adult welding short course on July 7, 8 & 9 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Post Ag building. Learn new skills or brush up on old ones. SMAW (shielded metal arc welding) Beginners to intermediate skills. Limited space. Call 495-2770 to sign up.

Rabies clinic to be held June 21st

The City of Post will sponsor a rabies clinic on Saturday, June 21 from 1:30 until 3 p.m. at Avenue H & east 7th street, by the city's dog pound.

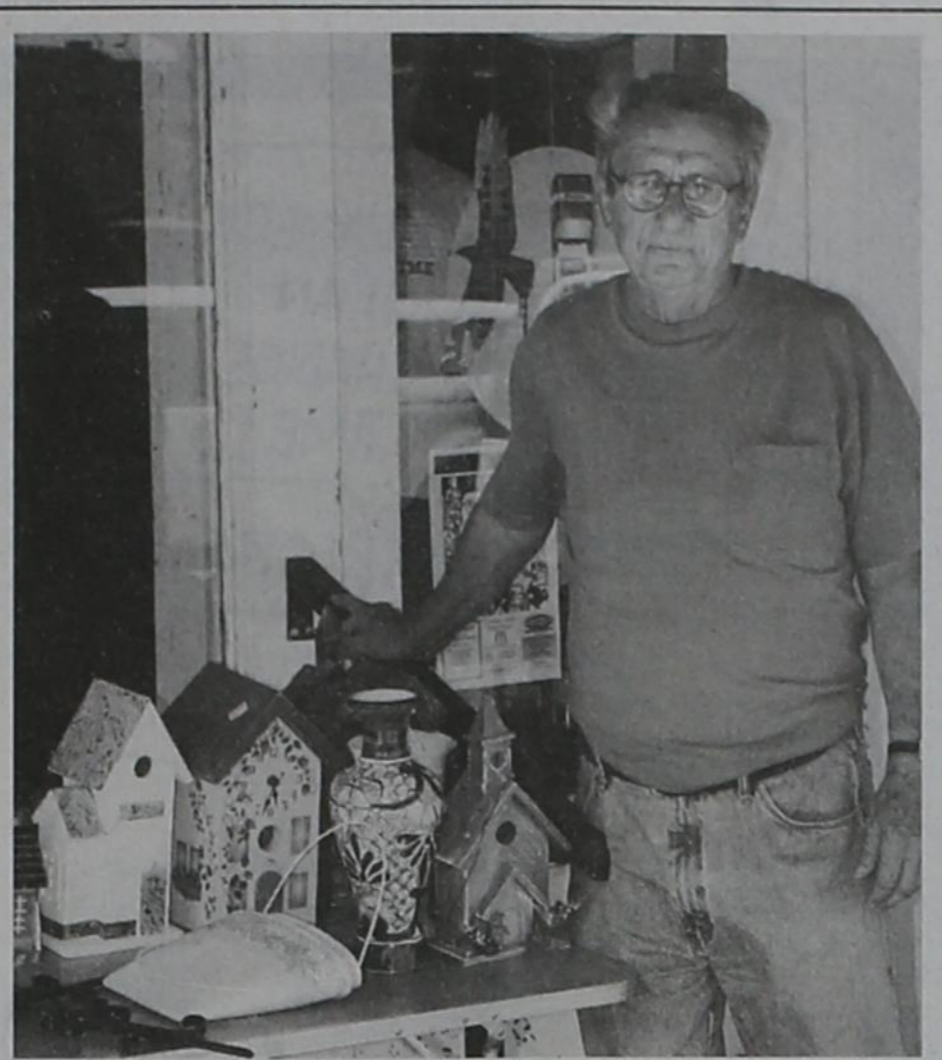
Ride Well Tour at First United Methodist Church

The First United Methodist Church will host the Ride Well Tour for Blood Water Mission on June 24. They will speak at 7 p.m. Come for fellowship and to ask any questions. All donations go directly to the Blood Water Mission which was founded by Blood:Water Mission is a non-profit organization founded by the members of the multi-platinum, Grammy Award-winning band, Jars of Clay, to address the HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa.

PCM Street Party deemed a success



Donna Degan proudly stands in front of her store, Plum Crazy, welcoming visitors shopping at the PCM street party.



Bill Curry of Wow Antiques and Unique Home Decor showcases a few of the items being sold during the PCM street party.

by Donna Degan

The Post City Merchants held their Fourth Annual Street Party on June 7. PCM had vendors from near and far. The streets were filled with vendors — from handmade items to crystal vases. Customers enjoyed shopping in the downtown Broadway shops.

Music was provided by Aaron Rathbun, band director, and Jan Olson. Their band, Caprock 3000, provided great music from the '50s and '60s era to fill the air for a unique shopping experience.

PCM businesses set up sidewalk sales along the concrete halls. Those participating were Cocara's, Rockin' K, Plum Crazy, Garza Theatre, Hudman's, Porter's, La Posta, WOW Antiques, Texas Treasures, Blaz Woodworks, Twins, Garza County Historical Museum and Jim & Gerry's Antiques.

The Garza Theatre held its monthly performance of the play "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland." It was well attended by young and old.

PCM plans to continue the Street Party tradition in the coming years, so plan to save the date for the first weekend in June 2009.

To join PCM, call Donna Degan, Plum Crazy, at 495-0888.



Blas Gomez of Age Wood Crafts proudly shows his detailed artwork to the shoppers at the PCM street party.

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Jason, Donna and Drew Porter of Porter Hardware enjoy the shade while assisting the many visitors to the PCM street party.



Naomi Matsler was assisting Donna Degan and Makenah Parks (Darla Frazier's granddaughter) in finding the perfect shade at her Avon table at the PCM street party.

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Darla and Alton Frazier (left) are showing Charlie and Sharon Barber (right) one of the many items showcased in the Rockin K Outfitters store. The Barbers came from Lovington, New Mexico to enjoy their family reunion and the PCM street party.



After a day of shopping at the various street party vendors the Valdez family relaxes as Jane Terry takes their order for lunch at CoCaRa's. Placing their orders are (back left to right) Michael and Noelia Valdez (front left to right) Delynn Hailey and Jace Alaniz.



New merchants to Main Street are Jim and Gerry's Antiques and Crafts. Their grandson, Brad Jany, from Ludington, Michigan helps during the PCM street party.



Linda Pucket (middle) and Sheri Overstreet (right) display the Post City artwork to Regina Neill of Midland (left) at the Algerita during the PCM street party.

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Goodbye to the past... and to Post

by Sheri Lewis

Change is difficult for me, and this one is no exception. With the recently announced sale of The Post Dispatch, I've decided it's time to move on. I've been writing and editing for this publication for more than 12 years—longer than I've worked for any other newspaper—but this issue of the Dispatch will be my last.

When I began working here I was a newcomer to the community, but already I was smitten with Post's many facets and the network of always-friendly faces that soon became familiar. As someone who grew up in San Saba, a small Central Texas community, I found Post comfortable and quickly adopted it as my new hometown.

A couple of years later, circumstances forced my family and me into a reluctant relocation to Lubbock, but Dispatch publisher Wes Burnett came up with a plan. Through e-mails, faxes, phone calls and occasional commutes I continued working for the newspaper.

Not only did I appreciate the opportunity to continue writing for a community newspaper, but the arrangement also allowed me to maintain my ties with Post.

Since then Post and Garza County have evolved tremendously. My life has, too.

And now it's time for another change.

I'll continue writing, as well as residing in Lubbock and working as associate director at Texas Tech's Department of Student Media, but it's time to say goodbye to my past and to Post.

Change is good—or at least I keep telling myself it is. After all, it was change that brought my family and me to Post.

And from my perspective, that turned out pretty darn well....

The Constitution of most of our states (and of the United States) assert that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves; that is their right and duty to be at all times armed and that they are entitled to freedom of person, freedom of religion, freedom of property and freedom of press.

Thomas Jefferson

When is it okay to steal?

God said, "Thou shalt not steal"
 He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal except to help the poor."
 He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, unless government needs more money."
 He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, but it's okay if stealing helps the homeless."
 He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, other than to take from those who have and give it to those who have not."
 God's word is solid, complete, simple and profound ... there are no "exceptions" to his commandment:
Thou shalt not steal!
 Theft: Taking property against the owner's permission.
 Taxation: Taking property against the owner's permission.

Taxation Can Not Be Supported by those who claim to follow God's commandments.

Opinions



Airport tyranny ...

by Walter E. Williams

It's been at least five years since I've flown commercial, and for good reason: I don't wish to be arrested for questioning actions by often arrogant, rude Transportation Security Administration (TSA) workers. Two years ago, my decision was reinforced by my daughter's experience when going through airport security with her two lovebirds. Having shown her ticket and ID to security personnel, and walking toward the metal detector, they started shouting to her, "Miss, you're going to have to take them birds out of the cage." I watched with incredulity as she approached the metal detectors. Fortunately, a TSA worker took the cages and my daughter followed without further incident. Had it been I traveling with the birds, I might have told the TSA workers something that would have gotten me arrested.

James Bovard has an article titled "Federal Attitude Policy" that appears in Freedom Daily (June 2008), a publication of the Fairfax, Va.-based Future of Freedom Foundation. According to the February 2002 Federal Register, people can be arrested if they act in a way that "might distract or inhibit a screener from effectively performing his or her duties. ... A screener encountering such a situation must turn away from his or her normal duties to deal with the disruptive individual, which may affect the screening of other individuals." That means it is a federal offense, and a fine of up to \$1,500, for any alleged "nonphysical interference" that makes a TSA screener "turn away" from whatever he was doing.

What's nonphysical interference is solely up to the discretion of a TSA screener since it isn't defined in the regulations. TSA agents can levy fines for a passenger disagreeing with the behavior or arrogance of a screener. The TSA has made little effort to control screener behavior. Bovard reports that in March 2004, airline passengers filed almost 3,000 formal complaints with the federal government over the conduct of TSA screeners. Hundreds have complained about the rudeness of TSA screeners. And yet, none of these passenger complaints resulted in disciplinary measures. In fact, passengers filed four times more complaints against the TSA than against airlines.

But it's going to get worse. The TSA aims to have 500 "behavior detection officers" (BDOs) in airports by the end of this year. The job of the BDOs will be that of examining passengers for "body language and facial cues ... for signs of bad intentions." They look for what the experts call "micro-expressions." Fear and disgust are the key ones, he said, because they're associated with deception. That would make me a prime candidate for scrutiny and possibly trouble because if I ever had to go through airport security procedures, I would have those "micro-expressions" of disgust and fear of arrest.

McClatchy Newspapers reported in an article, "New airport agents check for danger in fliers' facial expressions," (August 2007) that Jay Cohen, undersecretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology, "wants to automate passenger screening by using videocams and computers to measure and analyze heart rate, respiration, body temperature and verbal responses as well as facial micro-expressions."

Someone who wishes to hijack or destroy a plane will spend considerable time and effort to get around the TSA's attitude-detecting policies. The bulk of the people hassled by these and other TSA procedures are law-abiding Americans who have no malicious intentions, along with a few people traveling with drugs and other contraband. The TSA routinely confiscates about 15,000 items a day from passengers, in addition to the hassle, rudeness and arrogance.

With these kind of costs imposed on the traveling public, I'd like TSA to give an account of themselves, namely just how many hijackings or bombings they have prevented, along with the evidence. Americans have been far too compliant and that has given the TSA carte blanche to treat travelers any way they wish.

I'm staying away. TSA has its rules and Williams has his, and one of mine is to avoid tyrants and idiots.

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Habeas Corpus: The Bulwark of Our Liberties

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Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from the majority opinion in last week's Supreme Court decision in *Boumediene v. Bush*. Citations to books and articles have been removed to facilitate reading. For the complete opinion of the Court, including citations, see this web page:

<http://www.scotusblog.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2008/06/06-1195.pdf>
 We begin with a brief account of the history and origins of the writ. Our account proceeds from two propositions. First, protection for the privilege of habeas corpus was one of the few safeguards of liberty specified in a Constitution that, at the outset, had no Bill of Rights. In the system conceived by the Framers the writ had a centrality that must inform proper interpretation of the Suspension Clause. Second, to the extent there were settled precedents or legal commentaries in 1789 regarding the extraterritorial scope of the writ or its application to enemy aliens, those authorities can be instructive for the present cases.

The Framers viewed freedom from unlawful restraint as a fundamental precept of liberty, and they understood the writ of habeas corpus as a vital instrument to secure that freedom. Experience taught, however, that the common law writ all too often had been insufficient to guard against the abuse of monarchical power. That history counseled the necessity for specific language in the Constitution to secure the writ and ensure its place in our legal system.

Magna Carta decreed that no man would be imprisoned contrary to the law of the land. ("No free man shall be taken or imprisoned or dispossessed, or outlawed, or banished, or in any way destroyed, nor will we go upon him, nor send upon him, except by the legal judgment of his peers or by the law of the land"). Important as the principle was, the Barons at Runnymede prescribed no specific legal process to enforce it. Holdsworth tells us, however, that gradually the writ of habeas corpus became the means by which the promise of Magna Carta was fulfilled.

The development was painstaking, even by the centuries-long measures of English constitutional history. The writ was known and used in some form at least as early as the reign of Edward I. Yet at the outset it was used to protect not the rights of citizens but those of the King and his courts. The early courts were considered agents of the Crown, designed to assist the King in the exercise of his power. Thus the writ, while it would become part of the foundation of liberty for the King's subjects, was in its earliest use a mechanism for securing compliance with the King's laws. Over time it became clear that by issuing the writ of habeas corpus common-law courts sought to enforce the King's prerogative to inquire into the authority of a jailer to hold a prisoner.

Even so, from an early date it was understood that the King, too, was subject to the law. As the writers said of Magna Carta, "it means this, that the king is and shall be below the law." ("The king must not be under man but under God and under the law, because law makes the king"). And, by the 1600's, the writ was deemed less an instrument of the King's power and more a restraint upon it.

Still, the writ proved to be an imperfect check. Even when the importance of the writ was well understood in England, habeas relief often was denied by the courts or suspended by Parliament. Denial or suspension occurred in times of political unrest, to the anguish of the imprisoned and the outrage of those in sympathy with them.

A notable example from this period was Darnel's Case, 3 How. St. Tr. 1 (K. B. 1627). The events giving rise to the case began when, in a display of the Stuart penchant for authoritarian excess, Charles I demanded that Darnel and at least four others lend him money. Upon their refusal, they were imprisoned. The prisoners sought a writ of habeas corpus; and the King filed a return in the form of a warrant signed by the Attorney General. The court held this was a sufficient answer and justified the subjects' continued imprisonment.

There was an immediate outcry of protest. The House of Commons promptly passed the Petition of Right, which condemned executive "imprisonment]



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Jaime and Diane Zubia, who were married June 19, 1982, in Denver, Colo., recently celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary. Family members attending the event included their daughter, Diane; son, J.J.; granddaughter, Evangelina; and brother, Ramon Zubia.

Deadline for annual photo contest nears

Entries in the 5th Annual Lubbock Parks & Recreation Photography Contest & Exhibit can be dropped off next Thursday and Friday, June 26-27.

Sponsored by Lubbock's Parks & Recreation Department and hosted by the Garden and Arts Center, the contest is limited to entries photographed within a City of Lubbock park or park facility, including Lake Alan Henry.

All photos must be the original work of the photographer. Contest classifications include Youth (18 and younger) and Adults. Categories are landscapes; nature and wildlife; people; and places (architecture, abstract images, murals and art).

The name of the park or park facility where the photo was taken is required for each entry. All entries must be framed, matted and ready to hang. Frame should be no smaller than 8"x10" (no saw-tooth hangers will be accepted).

By entering the competition, participants agree to allow the City of Lubbock and the Lubbock Convention and Visitor's Bureau to use the photos on their Web sites and for promotional purposes.

All entries must be accompanied by a 4"x6" photo or a digital image on a CD, and the photographer's name and address should be on the back of all photos entered.

There is no entry fee, but each photographer is limited to a maximum of five entries.

Entries must be dropped off at the Garden and Arts Center, 4215 University Ave. in Lubbock, by noon July 29. Entries may be shipped, but may be received by the deadline.

For more information or an entry form, visit the Parks & Recreation Department's Web site at <http://parks.ci.lubbock.tx.us> and click the Parks Photo Contest link.

Regional ARC chapter to aid with Childress tornado relief

The South Plains Regional Chapter of the American Red Cross has deployed its emergency response vehicle, or ERV, and disaster relief supplies to the Central Texas Chapter to assist in the relief efforts under way in Childress.

On Sunday, a tornado, accompanied by straight-line winds clocked at up to 80 mph, struck the Central Texas community that recently loaned out its ERV to assist with disaster relief in Iowa.

"The Red Cross is one national chapter. We support each other, no matter the location or need, it is about neighbors helping neighbors," said CEO Robin Raney in a press release issued Monday morning. "The South Plains Regional Chapter covers a 15-county area; while Childress is not in the coverage area, the South Plains Regional Chapter volunteers have dedicated themselves to serving the South Plains, Texas and the nation."

After exhausting in-house resources, the South Plains Regional Chapter sought assistance from Starbucks on University Avenue and 8th Street, Lubbock, to help provide large amounts of coffee, which will be served to victims in Childress.

The South Plains Regional Chapter strongly urges citizens in Post and surrounding communities be careful during this tornado season by remembering the following tips to help prevent fatalities during a disaster:

- Pick a safe place in your home where family members could gather during a tornado. The safest place to be is underground or as low to the ground as possible and away from all windows. An interior hallway or room on the lowest floor is the best choice if a basement is not available. Putting as many walls as you can between you and the outside will provide additional protection. Also, make sure there are no windows or glass doors in your safe place and keep this place uncluttered.

- If you live in a mobile home, choose a safe place in a nearby sturdy building. Mobile homes are much more vulnerable to strong winds than site-built structures. If your mobile home park has a designated shelter, make it your family's safe place.

- If you are in a vehicle, get out immediately. Find a sturdy nearby structure and take shelter. If there is no building nearby, go to a low-lying area until the storm passes. Taking cover under bridges is not recommended.

- If you are in a high-rise building, pick a place in a hallway in the center of the building. You may not have enough time to go to the lowest floor. Center hallways are often structurally the most reinforced part of a building.

- Check with your employer and your children's schools and day care centers to learn tornado emergency plans. Every building has different safe places. It is important to know where they are and how to get there in an emergency.

- Conduct periodic tornado drills so everyone remembers what to do when a tornado is approaching. Practice having everyone in the family go to your designated area in response to a tornado threat. Practicing your plan makes the appropriate response more of a reaction, requiring less thinking time during an actual emergency situation.

- Discuss tornadoes with your family. Everyone should know what to do in case all family members are not together. Discussing disaster ahead of time helps reduce fear and lets everyone know how to respond during a tornado.

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State Steer Validation June 23

On Monday, June 23, we will conduct State Steer Validation at Syd Conner's. It begins at 9 a.m. and validation cost is \$10 per head. If you will not be able to attend, please call the Extension office prior to that date.

District 2 Trap, Skeet Shoot June 27-28

The District Trap portion of the shoot will be hosted by Garza County 4-H at Palmer's Gun Club June 27. The District Skeet & 5-Stand will be held in Gaines County. Come out and support District 2.

Prime Time '08 I, II

The Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood is the place for Prime Time '08. Sessions I and II will be held in July. Registration continues on 4-H Connect until July 7.

Southwest Ornamental, Turf Grass Workshop

This workshop will be held in the Lamesa Community Building on June 24. Those who participate can earn five Continuing Education Units (CEUs). Call the Extension office for more information.

Youth Board Meeting

There will be a Youth Board Meeting on June 30. Members will receive a notice in the mail.

Shotgun Project

Shotgun practice will be held Mondays at 6 p.m. at Palmer Gun Club. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

As of Tuesday, here around the gin we have missed the rain. Monday night Ronnie Graves said he got 1.6 inches. Ronnie and Diane live north of town off FM 651. J.W. Payton said he got about six tenths where his place is on FM 211.

Andra Dunn traveled to Midland last weekend to visit with her son, Andy, and his wife, Aneta, and their son, Maddox. Andra made the trip to attend Maddox's baptism.

John Shults entertained his grandkids last week. Miranda Shults McDonald and her children, Katherine and Sean, came in for a couple of days to visit with John and her brother, Frank. Miranda and her husband, Robert, live in Bedford.

Charles Morris had a busy Father's Day. Charles and Sharron Morris; Bert and Ann(Morris) Gravitt; Travis and Judy (Morris) Guy and their dad, Chester, all met at Chapa's for lunch. Sunday evening Charles and Sharron; Chuck, Kristi, Dylan and Rylan; Barry, Amy and Brooke Morris all traveled to Lamesa and met up with Tim and Diane Morris, who live in Midland. When everybody got situated Kayla strolled in from San Angelo to surprise her dad, Barry, for Father's Day.

We all gathered at Mom and Dad's to celebrate the day, Jerry and Judy; Rob and I, Ryan, Reece and Raegan; Daniel, Trevah, Kale and Will all ate lunch together and visited for a while.

Stace and Kalyn Norman celebrated their marriage with a ceremony officiated by Pastor Joey Hamlin of Family Harvest Church. Seventy-five guests helped them celebrate. Eric and Stella Montanez catered the event, with Sydney Wright doing the music. Attendants for the bride were Steffi Norman, sister of the groom; Jordan Storie, cousin of the groom; and Annie Winder. Groom's attendants were Greg Storie, uncle of the groom. Josh Lee, Roby Lester and Keneth Garay.

Danny G called me on Tuesday and said that Shad Blair, a former Post boy, was out in the Close City area taking pictures for his new CD he is working on. He took some around the old school and the cantina. It will be neat to see which ones he may use.

Visitors -- Ronnie Gradine, Addie and Vondi stopped in the other day. Carroll Pate stopped in for a new hat. Lexi and Jacob Gonzales came by to say hello. They are the niece and nephew of G.B. Wilke and Robbie Wilke and Chris and JoAnn Wright.

Get wells -- We send a big get well to Mary Margaret Norman. She has been a little under the weather. We also with Travis Lancaster a big get well. He is one of our favorite visitors.

Let's all remember our loved ones. Keep them close and pray for our troops to come safely home.

Birthdays

- June 20 - Salli Bush Page
 - June 22 - Melinda Alaniz Quintana
 - June 23 - Andra Dunn
 - June 24 - Nancy Thuett
 - June 25 - Clinton Yarbro
 - June 25 - Quinton Yarbro
 - June 26 - Eva Gonzales
- Anniversaries
- June 24 - Ronald and Nancy Thuett

Though they are not official Ragtownites, I have to send a very happy anniversary to Dennis and Debbie Mason on June 20.

Be sure to call and let me know about any happenings going on, birthdays, anniversaries or anyone that may be sick. You can call me at the gin or e-mail me at close.city.coop@pcca.com.

Letters ...

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Meals for seniors grows

The Garza County Trailblazers Center greatly appreciates your past generosity, which helped us pay off debts and begin operating again.

We have grown from serving an average of 15 meals a day to anywhere from 60 or more. We are proud of our growth, but it comes with extra expenses. Many meals are take-outs, and paper goods are extremely expensive. In addition, groceries, electricity, gas and other resources have risen in cost dramatically.

We do ask for a \$3 donation for each meal, but some of our seniors cannot afford that and they eat free. We, the Board of Directors, have no other choice but to raise some of the prices on our services.

All take-outs for seniors will go up to \$5, and under 60 prices will go up to \$6, take-out or dine-in, starting July 1. It is our hope that you will understand our position on this matter. We would also ask that all carryouts be paid for at the window when you pick up your food so we can keep tabs on our records that we have to account for to the South Plains Association of Governments.

The cost of meals for seniors who come to the center will remain the same. The cost for meals for the homebound also will remain the same.

We hope you also will remember us as you make your annual charitable donations so we can continue serving our senior citizens good, wholesome meals each day.

Lana McGee
Director
Garza County Trailblazers

Claborn family gathers June 14

The annual reunion of the descendants of John Riley Claborn was conducted June 14 in Post.

Food, fellowship and family stories were shared and enjoyed by everyone present.

Those attending included Evelyn Hamilton, Priscilla, Patsy and Chrisie Mayhar of Odessa; Tommy and Nina Baker of Colorado City, Texas; J.R. Williams and Rebecca Hipp of Nevada, Texas; Marjorie Woodard, Damian and Emily Henry of Joplin, Mo.; Mary and Emily Miller and Alexis Collins of Pomona, Mo.; Andra Hamilton of Azle; Mary Lee Claborn of Post; Marie Anderson of Roswell, N.M.; Jodie and Sharon Conyers, A.J., Aggie, Annalise and Alivia Wasson of Fort Worth; Lisa and Jonathan Elmendorf,

Billy and Avin Baker, Renee Claborn, Misty, Will and Ellis Baker, and Belinda Baker of Lubbock; and Peggy Claborn and Debbie Friedman of Springfield, Ill.

Following the reunion, the family enjoyed touring the Garza County Courthouse grounds to view the memorial bricks. The elders educated their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren on family history while searching for family bricks.

Congratulations went to 2008 high school graduates Oscar Douglas Elmendorf II of Lubbock, grandson of the late Gene Claborn, and Eleanor Taylor-Marie Blake of Las Cruces, N.M., granddaughter of Marie Claborn Anderson.



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Posing for the Claborn family photo are (seated front left to right) are Patsy Mayhar, Crisie Mayhar, Alexis Collins, Annalise Wasson, Erika Miller, Emily Henry, Damian Henry and Jonathan Elmendorf; (second row from front) Peggy Claborn, Priscilla Mayhar, Mary Miller, Marjorie Woodard and Renee Claborn; (third row) Aggie Wasson, AJ Wasson, (holding Alivia Wasson), Sharon Conyers, Jodie Conyers, Belinda Baker, (holding Avin Baker) and Evelyn Hamilton; (fourth row from front) Mary Lee Claborn, Nina Baker, Tommy Baker, JR Williams, Billy Baker and Lisa Elmendorf and (standing at rear) Andra Hamilton and Marie Anderson.

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The Bufes' son, Brock, was born May 6 with medical problems, and family supporters are asking for prayers for the young couple as they face complex decisions related to their son's medical care.

To help address related financial burdens, a "love fund" has been established at First State Bank in Abernathy. To make a contribution in person, visit the bank at 402 9th St. in Abernathy. Contributions also may be mailed to First State Bank, P.O. Box 150, Abernathy, TX 79311. Checks should be

made payable to Bufe Love Fund.

Notes of encouragement also may be sent to the couple: Ryan and Ashley Bufe, c/o Ronald McDonald House,

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Obituaries

Laura Gerner Wood

Services for Laura Gerner Wood, 61, of Lubbock, were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, 2008, in the Grace Lutheran Church in Slaton with Pastor Yvonne Kiebler officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, June 15, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born April 4, 1947, to Amos and Lorine (Haley) Gerner, she started school at Garnolia and later attended Post schools where she graduated in 1965. After high school she attended Drawns Business College in Lubbock. For many years she worked for Hobbs Trailers and the Lubbock County Appraisal District. She married Billy Wood on May 6, 1995, in Slaton, and the couple made their home in Lubbock. She was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church of Slaton.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Wood of Lubbock; two brothers, Kenneth Gerner of Houston and Jerry Gerner of Post; one sister, Louise Gerner of Dallas; three stepsons, Toby Wood



and Cary Wood, both of Arkansas, and Christopher Wood of Austin; two stepdaughters, Christina Wood of Corpus Christi and Julie Wood of Austin; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins; seven step-grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Amos Gerner on Jan. 31, 1985, and Lorine Gerner, May 15, 1997.

Pallbearers were George Sterling, Damon Stotts, Jerry Dubose, Scott Gerner, Marcus Wall and Karl Gerner.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the Grace Lutheran Church P.O. Box 437, Slaton, TX 79364 or The Liver Foundation.

Billy McKamie

Services for Billy McKamie, 78, of Post were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 14, 2008, in the First Baptist Church with Dr. James T. Eagan officiating, assisted by Mike Hair and Jim Ham. Military graveside rites followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born to William Wesley and Lizzie Odessa (Penn) McKamie in Moody on Nov. 10, 1929, he attended school at Walnut Springs and joined the Marines in January 1947. He served in the military for three years. He married Weaver Ammons on Dec. 23, 1950, at Clovis, N.M., and worked for Edwin Cox in



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Oklahoma before returning to Post, which always home to the couple. He retired from Gray Petroleum, which had acquired the Cox lease. In 1981 he became an EMT with the Post/Garza County EMS. He enjoyed family, work and his coffee-shop friends.

Survivors include his wife, Weaver McKamie, of Post; two sons, Jimmy and his wife, Deborah, of Houston and Kenny and his wife, Sidney, of Lubbock; one daughter, Jana, and her husband, Doyce Haney, of Midland; two sisters, Margie Allen of Meridian and Patricia Haberland of Moody; 15 grandchildren, Chris and Sophie McKamie, Patrick and Kirby McKamie, Ryan McKamie, Jason and Misty Haney, Josh and Stephanie Haney, Casie McKamie, Scotti McKamie, Cory and Jessica Greenwood, Colin Greenwood and Cati Greenwood; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Charles, Bobby and Carrol McKamie.

His grandsons served as pallbearers.

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Fruit of the spirit...meekness

In Galatians 5:23, after faith is the spiritual fruit of meekness. With the spirit of Christ Jesus in Christians, it is available to walk by his meekness. The apostle Paul understood this when he wrote, "Now I Paul, myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ..." (2Corinthians 10:1).

Meekness refers to reverent obedience. Jesus Christ revealed that true meekness is toward God in heaven and none other. The spirit that is in God's saints is perfectly meek toward God. Therefore those who walk by the same spirit will bear the good fruit of meekness.

The issue of receiving God's word with an obedient heart is explained in 2Corinthians 10:4-6, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds. Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

Christians are exhorted to completely reject imaginations, logical reasoning and every high and lofty matter that lifts itself up and exalts itself against the knowledge and opinion of God. Everybody has their own opinion about things. Well, God has His own opinion, which is true and tried.

It is good and healthy to obey God's spirit within, as well as God's written and recorded word. Keep in mind that God's rightly divided word will not contradict His spirit that is within.

Another example of meekness is seen in the records of Moses. It says in Numbers 12:3, "Now the man Moses was very meek above all the men which were upon the face of the earth." Continuing, God later said, "With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches" (verse 7).

Our Lord Jesus was a man who was very meek toward God. Even unto the present time, his continued meekness is seen in all Christians as wonderful fruit to be seen and fully enjoyed by others. In the name of Jesus Christ, God can speak plainly and straightforward to all who will receive and believe, and not in hidden parables and dark secrets.

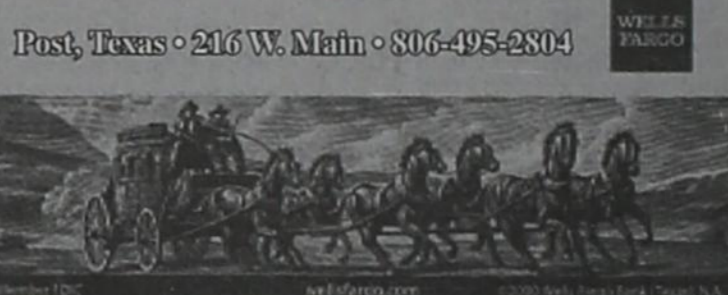
The fruit of meekness is likened to a beautiful and highly valuable display as seen in 1Peter 3:4, "But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible. Even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God, of great price."

The spirit came to the world through our Lord Jesus Christ, who was the purchased price paid in full for all of mankind. God paid a high price by asking His son to give His life. The fruit of the spirit is equally as valuable because it came through Jesus Christ whom God raised from the dead and sat at His own right hand of authority and power.

As Christians fervently desire the spiritual matters of life in the spirit from God, they can benefit fully from the meekness of Jesus Christ. They can learn to understand more fully meekness toward God and see the fantastic results in their lives. Moreover, others can enjoy and tap into that same meekness like enjoying the sweet and delicious fruit from a tree.

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Breakfast: Churros, sausage link, pears, milk
Lunch: Pizza, salad, corn, peaches, milk

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Breakfast: Cereal, toast, mandarin orange, grape juice, milk
Lunch: Cheeseburger, salad, French fries, cake, juice

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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones
From The Post Dispatch archives

10 Years Ago
June 18, 1998

Meeting in a cramped hospital room, the Garza Hospital District board of directors took no action regarding a petition to call an election to dissolve the district. The board did, however, authorize its attorney Cal Huffaker to research the costs involved in hiring an Austin law firm to prepare and guide legislation in the next Texas Legislature to amend the 1967 law, which established the district.

Jimmy, Rhonda, Coco and Quinton Valdez hosted an 80th birthday party for Elberta Martin (Mimi). Elberta received many flowers and gifts, including cards from Governor Bush and country singers in Missouri.

Garza County 4-H's attending District 4-H Leadership Lab were Breann Heckaman, Clinton Yarbro, Heath Fellhauer, Quinton Yarbro, Traci Nelson and Elizabeth Serrano.

Steve Gonzales, son of Danny and Susan Gonzales of Post was selected to the All South Plains Class 3A-1A baseball team. Gonzales was named to the All-District team and was also nominated for All-State.

20 Years Ago
June 15, 1988

Two 4-H leaders from the South Plains of Texas were among volunteers honored in the Salute to Excellence program at the 1988 State 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University. Janey Middleton of Post and Sharron Smith of Tahoka were recognized as the top adult leaders in South Plains District 2 of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, which is the parent organization of 4-H.

In a daring daytime robbery four males entered the Corner Grocery at 121 E. Main Street in Post, robbed the store's cash drawer of its contents and left the store, with the owner, Marvin Williams and nearby witnesses unaware that a robbery had taken place.

Celebrating his birthday at Golden Plains Care Center was Nathaniel Wilson, who turned 106 years old on June 12, 1988.

Former business, Susan and Co., 109 N. Avenue I opened under a new name - Style W/A Smile with hair stylist Dana Babb, Romy Ferguson and

Gayla Leary, owner.

30 Years Ago
June 22, 1978

Post residents were a "little shook" after experiencing the first known earthquake here in 47 years. No damage was reported from the tremor, which was felt over a triangular area from San Angelo to Abilene to Lubbock.

Dan Rankin, 36, a teacher in Post schools for the last 13 years with three years experience as an assistant principal, was named the new Post High School principal.

A backyard cookout honored Mrs. Betty Pierce on her 79th birthday, June 14 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy McKamie. Nine of Mrs. Pierce's eleven children were present to help celebrate the occasion.

Carter White, who had lived his life in the Graham Community until he moved away in 1972, was West Texas' newest author. His book, "Big Remuda", included 92 true-to-life stories about unusual horses he had known in his lifetime.

40 Years Ago
June 20, 1968

William C. Wilson of Post was graduated from the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, on June 12, and received a temporary license for the practice of medicine.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Thomas opened their new drive-in, Toby's Drive-In located at 507 S. Broadway had all new equipment, 36-seat dining room, and big all-weather parking lot.

Miss Jaynie Josey, bride-elect of Bobby Dickson was named honoree at a bridal shower in the home of Mrs. J. D. McCampbell.

Karen's Korner by Karen Hundley: A dance was held at Teen Town with "The Shyles" playing. Couples attending the dance were Debbie Tucker and Duke Altman, Donna Stewart and Dennis Altman, Linda Altman and Billy Max Gordon, Jan Adams and Danny Cooper, Debbie Young and Homer Stillwell, Kippy Payne and Jay Bird, Karen Hundley and Jimmy Johnston, Barbe Gilmore and Bill Bevers, Beverly Allen and Curtis Abshire, Sue Eubank and Ray Altman, Joanne Yandell and Ronnie Petty, Kathy Jones and Joey Lee, Kay Altman and

Jerry Crenshaw and Ruth Ann Byrd and Bobo McWhirt.
50 Years Ago
June 19, 1958

A proposal to consolidate the Post and Close City independent school districts was defeated at Close City by a vote of 61 to 39. The consolidation issue was approved in Post, 62 to 3, but it was necessary that it be approved in both districts to carry.

The Post Dispatch set a new Texas Press Association record in newspaper prize-winning in Dallas. Publisher Jim Cornish was presented with the sweepstakes trophy for Division V of the 1958 state press association newspaper contest. Staff included Cornish, publisher, Don "Corky" Ammons, printer-pressman; Orabeth White, reporter and classified ad manager; James Hill, shop foreman; Ruby Montgomery, women's page editor; Martin Shepherd, printer, and Charlie Didway, editor.

R. E. Josey won first in double mugging and Ed Sims first in calf roping at the Terry County Sheriff Poses Rodeo.

Brenda Holly, age 9, was the first youngster to color and take to the Dispatch office the scene picture from "The Left Handed Gun"

60 Years Ago
June 17, 1948

"PostFolksAtWork" honored Howard "Mutt" Rankin, who operated the Gulf Service Station. Howard operated the station on a 24-hour basis and constantly kept his station up-to-date, which included a new cement driveway.

Fifty-seven boys enrolled in the Post Boys Club, under the supervision of Coach Bing Bingham were entertained this week in 1948 with a picture show. Sponsored by the Post Chamber of Commerce, a sports film, "Football Thrills of 1947," and a comedy, "Grandfather's Clock was shown at city hall."

Marine Private First Class Howard E. Trice, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Trice of Justiceburg, completed a three weeks instruction course at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif. Trice was assigned to the Marine Detachment aboard the USS Tarawa, one of the Navy's largest and finest aircraft carriers.

Miss Jimmie Ruth Rains, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rains, became the bride of Charles Hoskins in the First Baptist Church.

The Idle American

Seeking Lodging in High Places...

By Dr. Don Newbury

What are super-cautious tourists to do? For some, even selecting hotel rooms is daunting. Historically, many guests have opted for rooms on lower floors, in case of fire.

Now, some of the same people, reading about inner city crane accidents on both coasts, are, uh, thinking higher.

One hotel desk clerk—sure he had heard every possible question—fielded a new one from a New York City visitor who had tip-toed into the city. She said she would check in AFTER he determined the height of the tallest crane at a construction site nearby. He made a phone call that yielded the answer: 310 feet. "I want a room on any floor that's at least 320 feet above the pavement," the tourist demanded....

New York City, the bull's-eye for tourism in the USA, isn't feeling the pinch of a drab economy. Even gasoline pumps—one-armed bandits that are public enemy number one—are't diminishing the luster of the "Big Apple."

A tourism pro explained the NYC scenario this way: many Americans who typically flock to Europe in the summer months are staying home because the dollar wilts at international monetary exchange counters. So, they're staying home, many of them opting for visits to NYC.

Since Euros are bullies in the American marketplace, Europeans are cashing in on good vacation deals in the USA. So, NYC is hanging strong in

the summer tourism derby....

What a difference a half-century makes! In the 1950's, gasoline priced at 15-20 cents per gallon was common, and many service stations passed out trading stamps with each purchase. (Attendants also threw in free windshield cleanings, and checks of radiator, tire pressure and oil levels.)

Such stamps went the way of the dodo bird three decades ago.

Now, automobile dealerships are flooding the ad market with promises of \$2.99 gas for three years, or tanks of the precious fuel for new-car buyers. This is probably NOT a good time for trading stamps to make a comeback....

Did you see in the papers where Robbie Knievel—the "Evel" one's son—was successful in his bid to clear 21 Hummers on his airborne motorcycle jump?

Again, timing is everything. If he'd waited a few years, he might have had a hard time finding 21 Hummers to line up!

Oh, and what about that newspaper headline: One called his feat a "Hum-Dinger"....

Perhaps everyone is feeling more pressure per square inch in the living of these days.

No one is spared, not even well-known sports personalities. One example is Ron Washington, manager of the Texas Rangers whose job was in peril a short while ago. Dealing with prima donna athletes (some of whom

are living, breathing bobble heads) AND media on a daily basis, Washington may soon be linked with Yogi Berra and the late Casey Stengel in the world of fouled-up oral responses.

The other day, he fended off a barbed question with this answer: "Don't expect me to 'validate' that." Perhaps he meant "validate," or maybe "verify." When job pressures squeeze, maybe we're lucky if managers and coaches get a syllable or two right....

A friend lamented the other day that this would be a terrible time for the meek to inherit the earth.

Citing skyrocketing costs across the board, he claims he's not sure how long he can survive in what we've long called a "free enterprise system."

He smiled when he spoke of family friends whose last name is "Card." They named their new-born son "Maxed Out"....

We're outta here. The wife and I are heading to New York City for a few days, then board Carnival's Miracle, a renowned cruise vessel. We're eager to see if the water's still wet, the Caribbean still blue, and buffets still lavish.

We trust we'll encounter interesting people and circumstances along the way. If so, we'll write about them later.

Please notice I didn't call this time away a "vacation," and made nary a reference to "well-deserved"....

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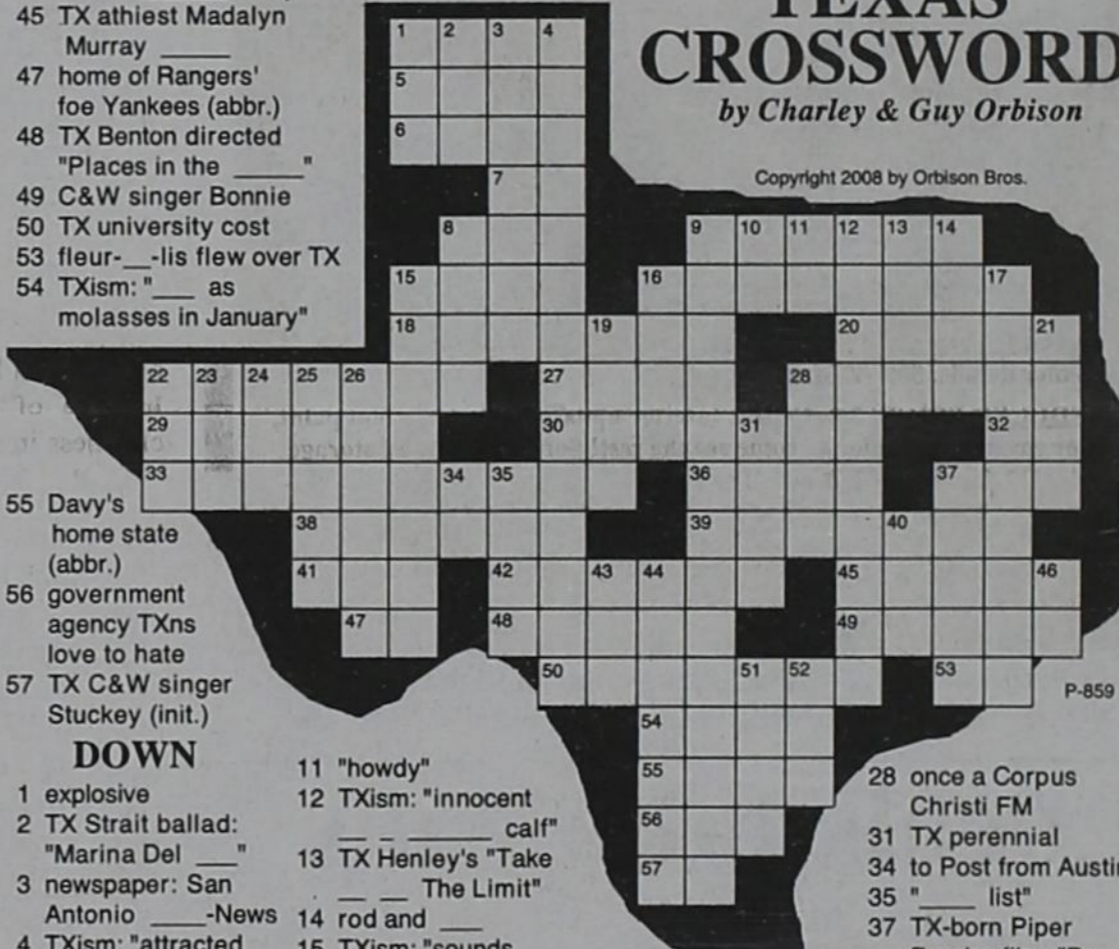
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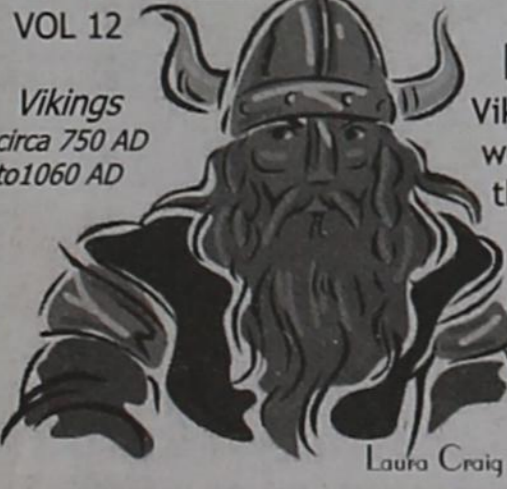
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Vikings circa 750 AD to 1060 AD

For 300 hundred years the Vikings were a powerful influence on the world. Leaving their Iceland homeland, these expert ship builders traveled far and wide, finding new lands, (Greenland and "Vinland"/North America) as they searched for trade and treasure. Vikings were fierce warriors and often used violent raids to gain power.

← Two of the statements at the left are fact, but one is fiction. Read on to find the truth. Viking artifacts have been discovered in Newfoundland, Florida and New England, which means Vikings discovered America 500 years before Columbus!

- VIKING FACT & FICTION**
- Vikings were expert shipbuilders
 - Vikings wore animal horns on their helmets
 - Vikings discovered America before Columbus

Going Berserk

In Old Norse language a berserk was a bear skin shirt. Viking warriors would wear bear skin and work themselves into a frenzy before a raid (much like a pep rally for the big game). This fighting rage became known as "going berserk". We still use this expression today.

A VIKING RAID

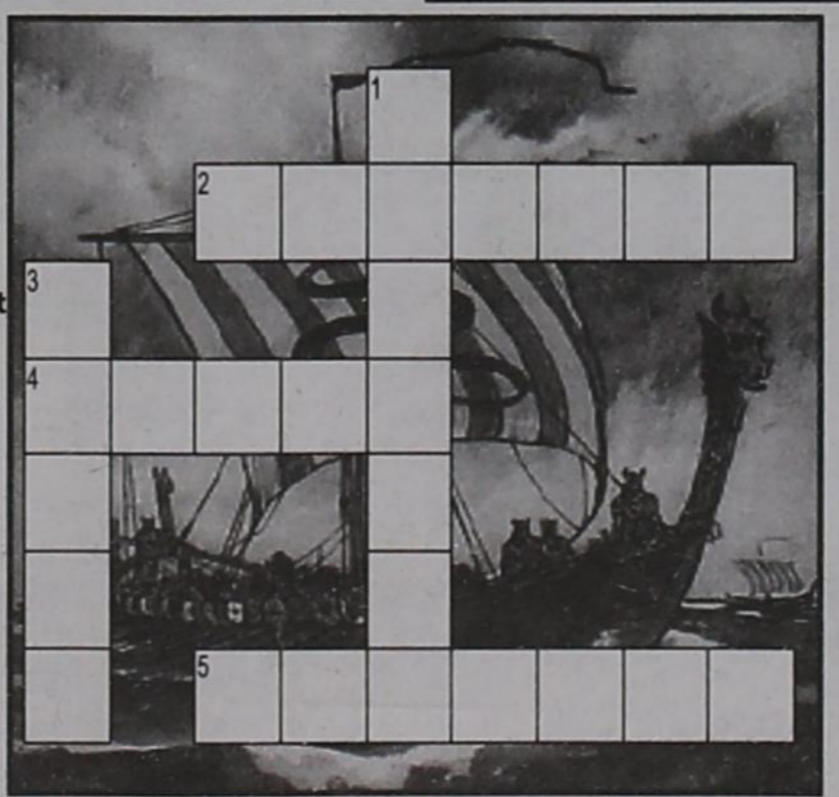


A tale of two horns...

A 19th century costume designer for a German opera added horns to a Viking stage costume. In spite of the fact that there is no evidence that real Vikings ever had horns on their helmets, the false image endures.

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- ACROSS**
- 2 Viking homeland
 - 4 Never found on real Viking helmet
 - 5 Discovered N. America
- DOWN**
- 1 Old Norse for bear shirt
 - 3 Vikings built the fastest—
- Viking ships** were long, narrow (only 6 ft in depth) and the fastest ships on the sea (12 mph) until the invention of power boats.



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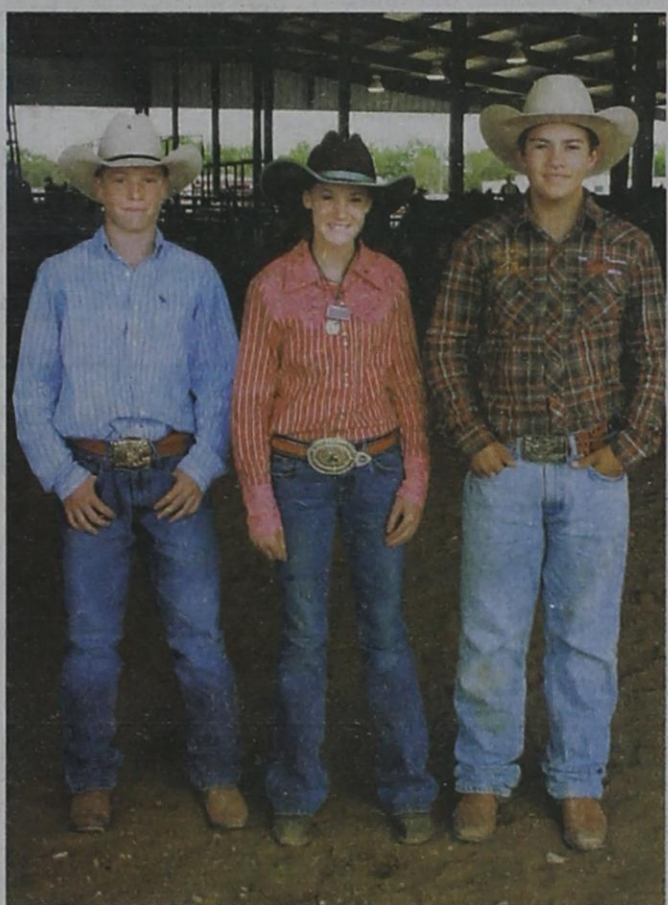


At 121 North Avenue S, the Bagby's home is this week's "Yard of the Week" recognized by the Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. Standing (back left to right) are Ray and Earline Bagby, and Pat Cruse. Front (left to right) Blaine and Jadin Reece and Jimella Simpson. (Photo by Merika Strivens)



Service awards were presented to several individuals in honor of their many years of service to the George R. Brown Partnership, L.P., at a June 9 luncheon. Making the presentations was Fred Gibson, president. Award recipients included Dennis Odum, assistant superintendent, 40-year service award; Tommy Hill, superintendent, 35-year service award; and Dan Hodges, CO2 manager, 35-year service award.

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Participating at the Texas Wrangler Junior High State Final are (left to right) Tylo Kirkpatrick, Matti Smith and Aaron Macy.

Locals take wins in Wrangler finals

Tylo Kirkpatrick, Matti Smith and Aaron Macy participated at the Texas Wrangler Junior High State Finals in Gonzales June 2-7. Kirkpatrick finished fourth in the second go-round of the tie-down calf roping with a time of 11.76, winning a buckle. Smith won the title of reserve champion barrel racer for the state. She won two buckles. Macy won the title of champion team roper for the state, along with heeling partner Brent Ivy. Smith and Macy will compete at the nationals in Gallup, N.M.

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Plans under way for Fourth of July event

Coordinators are already gearing up for this year's Fourth of July event at the city park.

The annual MAD DADS-sponsored event, which will take place July 4, will run from 2 p.m. until dark, at which time the fireworks celebration will begin.

Although numerous food and game booths already are planned, organizers still are accepting vendors who want to operate booths on the day of the event.

"This would be a perfect opportunity for you to raise money for your youth group or organization," said Diana Poe, who has helped spearhead the event for several years. "We would like to fill the park with as many games, activities and food as possible. We would love to see you and/or your organization participate in the celebration by providing a game or food booth for all to enjoy."

Booth space costs \$15 for spaces with electricity and \$10 for those without. Proceeds from the booth spaces benefit the local MAD DADS youth organization.

Anyone interested in securing booth space should contact Poe at 495-1207.

In addition to food and game booths, scheduled activities include a talent show for individuals ages seven to 10; an apple pie-baking contest, which will be

judged by experienced bakers; obstacle courses, including an 81-foot run that will include a bouncer and slide combo, and a 90-foot "extreme" obstacle challenge; train rides; and the Mini Mr. and Miss Firecracker Pageant, open to children ages two to four, and the Little Mr. and Miss Firecracker Pageant, which will feature children ages five and six years old.

Sidelining the activities will be the giveaway of a laptop computer. Chances for the drawing

cost \$1 each.

The annual fireworks spectacular will round out the day's events, Poe said. Those planning to attend are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets to ensure comfortable viewing.

Individuals interested in assisting with this year's festivities, as well as those needing information on the talent show or pageants, should contact Poe at 495-1207.



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THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!

NO ONE CAN POSSIBLY KNOW WES AND HIS FAMILY AS WELL AS THOSE OF US THAT HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF SPENDING MOST EVERYDAY WITH HIM. HE IS A MAN WITH A GREAT AMOUNT OF QUALITIES. HIS HUMILITY WOULDN'T WANT THIS SAID AT ALL. BUT I'M GONNA ANYWAYS. SO MUCH KINDNESS FILLS HIS HEART. AND AN ABUNDANCE OF ENCOURAGEMENT. HE UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY AND GIVES YOU ROOM TO SPREAD YOUR WINGS WITH A VAST RUNWAY TO LAUNCH OFF.

NOT ALWAYS DID I SEE EYE TO EYE ON EVERYTHING, BUT REALLY, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT...DOES ANYBODY? WE JUST DON'T ALWAYS HAVE THE FORUM THAT THE NEWSPAPER OFFERS. I HAVE WITNESSED MANY THINGS COME AND GO FROM INSIDE THESE WALLS (THAT I WILL NEVER TELL) THAT NEVER MADE IT'S WAY TO THE PAPER. THIS CAUSED MANY TO BE ANGRY WITH WES. BUT FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, HE ALLOWED SO MANY TO SAY WHAT THEY FELT EVEN IF IT WAS NEGATIVE TOWARDS HIM. HE WEEDED OUT MANY THINGS AND TRIED HIS BEST TO PUT OUT SOMETHING EVERYBODY WOULD ENJOY. AGAIN...CAN'T PLEASE EVERYONE ALL THE TIME. THAT'S OKAY, BECAUSE HE TOUCHED MY HEART AND MADE A MAJOR DIFFERENCE IN MY LIFE. ALL OF THEM DID! GOD BLESS YOU WES, PAT & TIM. WE WILL MISS YOU! MERIKA