

The Post Dispatch

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\$2.4 gym planned Petition required for referendum

by Sheri Lewis
 Trustees for the Post Independent School District, in a special called session held Monday evening, adopted a resolution authorizing the lease-purchase method of financing construction of a new gymnasium. The resolution serves as the formal go-ahead for the project. The school district, as required by the state, is detailing its financing plans in advertising space purchased this week in the Post Dispatch and the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, according to Dr. Bobby Bain, district superintendent. Following publication, the district must observe a 60-day waiting period to allow for public input on the proposed project. If during that time no objections are raised and there is no petition drive asking the board to call for a referendum on the issue, the district will move forward with the plan. According to the information being published, a petition asking trustees to call for a public vote on the proposal would require signatures from at least five percent of the Post ISD's total number of registered voters.

The board opted to go with the lease-purchase financing option in an effort to save money and shorten the length of payoff time, according to earlier reports. By utilizing the lease-purchase arrangement, a school district can save tax monies with lower interest rates and avoid costs associated with bond issues. In order to complete the lease-purchase arrangement, members of the board of trustees will be required to form a non-profit corporation, the Post ISD Public Facilities Corporation, which will have the gymnasium construction site surveyed and appraised. Next, the non-profit corporation will purchase the property from the school district at fair market value and will turn around and lease the property to the school district for construction of the new building. After the 10-year payoff is completed, ownership of the building and the land will revert to the Post ISD. The lease-purchase arrangement being negotiated will allow the district to build a new gymnasium, resurface the track and install aluminum bleachers at Antelope Stadium at a total cost of about \$2 million to be paid off over a 10-year period.

Post Notes

Catholic Church fajitas plates

The Holy Cross Catholic Church will be selling dinner plates on Sunday, April 5, 1998 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plates will be \$5 each for fajitas, beans, rice, tea and guacamole.

April 4th Tower Opry cancelled

The Tower Theatre Opry planned for April 4, 1998 has been cancelled. There will be a show on May 2 and one on May 15.

Ladies Auxiliary garage sale

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW 6797 will be having a garage sale on Saturday, April 4th at the VFW Hall on the Clairmont Hwy from 8 a.m. to ? . Any donations will be greatly appreciated. For pick up call 495-3393, 495-2470, or 495-4185 after 5 p.m.

Homestead and Ag exemption

The Garza Central Tax Appraisal District is reminding property owners that if they have not signed up for their Homestead or Ag Exemption they can go by the Garza Central Appraisal District office at 124 East Main to do so. Sign-up deadline on these exemptions is April 30, 1998. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65.

Also, rendition statements for personal business property are required to be filed with the Chief Appraiser before April 14, 1998. Forms have been delivered but if someone has not received one, they can contact the Garza Central Appraisal Office.

Methodist Church mission drive

The First United Methodist Church is sponsoring a mission drive during the month of April to benefit Women's Protective Service.

A list of items needed are posted at the The Post Dispatch and Dollar General (109 W. 8th) along with a "drop-off" box.

Financial donations along with any other items, will also be taken at the Methodist Church office, M-F from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Booster Club meeting

The Post Antelope booster Club will meet April 6, 1998 at the Community Center. They will be discussing the upcoming All Sports Banquet.

Art Guild Spring Art Show

The Post Art Guild annual 1998 Spring Art Show opens for public viewing today at the Algerita Art Center, 131 E. Main Street, and continues through Sunday afternoon. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 1 p.m. Sunday. The show will close following awards presentations at 3 p.m.

Trade Days celebrates 'Nifty 50s'

Old Mill Trade Days will celebrate the "Nifty '50s" this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The '50s flavor will be strongest Saturday when the Lubbock-based Nifty 50 Classic Car Club brings in 27 or more of its automobiles for display at sites throughout the Trade Days park. Many of the vendors will be decked out in '50s clothing at noon. The Guthries will take the stage to perform music from the decade.

On Sunday, 16-year-old Courtney Fullingin of Petersburg will perform '50s music beginning at 1 p.m., followed by another performance by The Guthries (weather permitting).

In addition to the special entertainment with the '50s flair, local horseshoe-pitching champion Johnny Davenport and his wife will be in Booth 406 in the Ragtown area from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and from 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Davenport, a Texas doubles champion in 1995 and 1996 and creator of his own pitching horseshoe,

will be on hand to give horseshoe pitching demonstrations and provide pitching tips to new and practices horseshoe pitching enthusiasts. Trade Days officials are encouraging visitors to Davenport's booth to step up and challenge the pitching champion and his wife.

This weekend's Trade Days is expected to be a big one. As of early Tuesday, all but two outdoor booths had been rented and those two spaces were expected to be gone prior to the event's opening, according to Trade Days' Linda Self.

The event will feature many new vendors, including several in the Cotton Picker Room. New vendors there will offer spurs, saddlebags and knives; custom-built furniture created from maple, ash and pine; and handmade clothing. Several new vendors are also located along Bluebonnet Lane, where shoppers will find a new booth full of antique clocks and toys; the "Shady Lady" booth which offers

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Housing initiative gets more attention

The housing initiative being spearheaded by the Garza County commissioners court was the subject of another special meeting. The session, which drew about 20 representatives of various entities, was conducted Monday afternoon in the district courtroom.

County commissioners, city representatives, local bankers and a handful of interested locals heard from officials with various agencies and companies interested in participating in the program.

The initiative, designed to increase housing availability in Post, targets low and middle income families interested in affordable, single-family homes.

Bryan Grimes, administrative assistant to the county commissioners court, said he has received 15-25 inquiries about the initiative since its introduction to the public a few weeks ago.

Garza County and the Post Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) are the central figures involved in the housing initiative. The City of Post is involved as well. The entities are working closely with Citizens Bank and Norwest, as well as South Plains Community Action, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Housing and Urban Development and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Officials say there are 40-50 lots in the area of the old mill, with existing infrastructure, that could be used for the new construction. There are also 20-25 lots scattered throughout the community that could also accommodate new housing starts.

Estimates indicate that an all-brick 1,300-square-foot, three-bedroom, two-bath home could be built for about \$65,000. One-hundred percent financing will be made available through the initiative with interest rates close to 6.75 percent on 30-year notes. Project officials are also applying for federal grant monies that could be used to help cover closing costs on homes purchased through the initiative.

"This is not to be confused with government housing or low-income housing," one official on hand for Monday's meeting said.

For more information on the project, contact Grimes at 495-4405 or the PEDC's Rhonda Valdez at 495-2818.

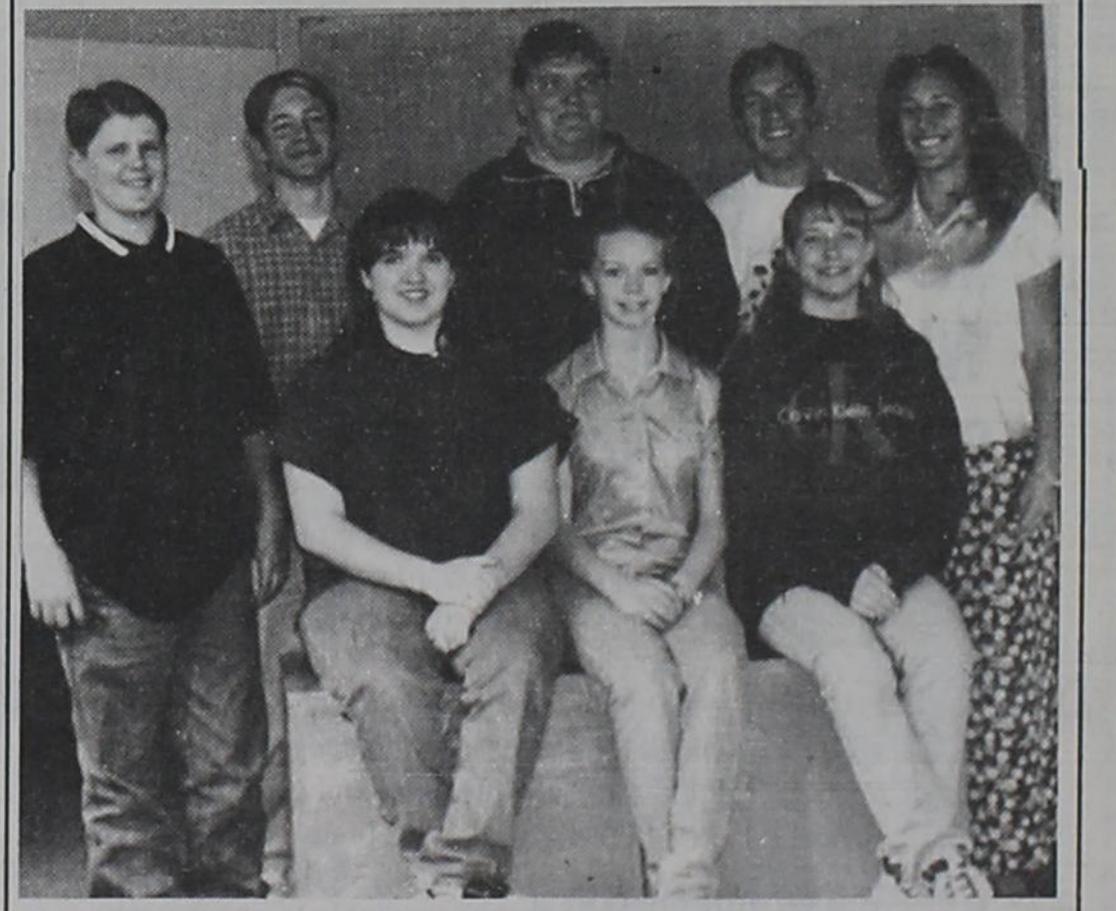
Petition drive nears 400 mark

Volunteers circulating petition forms in to call an election to dissolve the hospital taxing authority report more than 350 signatures as of Monday.

Organizers of the petition drive are seeking 500 signatures, although 445 are required to satisfy the statute regarding such elections.

Those who wish to sign a petition form may do so at The Post Dispatch or call Mozelle Rogers at 495-3250. When the drive is completed, the forms will be presented to the Garza Hospital District, which must call an election within 60 days.

District Champs!



PHS One-Act Play cast members brought home the District Trophy for their performance at Abernathy last Friday. Cast and crew members of "Children of a Lesser God" are (back row, left to right) Derrick Cowley, Daniel Fluit, Matt Cooper, Clell Knight, Natalie Pollard, (front row) Micaela Eagle, Candi Reed and Kelsey Wimmer. Cast members Lindsey Rudd and Cassie Short were not available for the photo. The cast competes Friday, April 10 for the Area title, performing at the Post Elementary School auditorium (see Page 10).

Signing for prison



Signing their names to a stack of legal documents last Friday were Garza County Public Facilities Corp. directors (left to right) Bob Macy, Janie Lopez and Victor Ashley.

Historical signing



The Garza County Commissioners Court put the finishing touches to legal documents related to securing a privately owned prison with formal signing of documents last Friday. Garza County Judge Giles Dalby (center) is flanked by commissioners (left to right) Mason McClellan, Lee Norman, Royce Josey and John Valdez. Groundbreaking for the 1,000 bed prison is expected later this month.

PHS debaters take titles

Post High School students captured first and third place wins in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) Lincoln-Douglas debate competition held recently at Abernathy.

Jenny Conoly won first place and Luke Williams finished in third place in the contest, according to PHS Principal Joe Giddens. Conoly is eligible to advance to the regional-level contest to be held April 25 at Abilene Christian University, Abilene.

Sponsor for the PHS debate squad is Candace Bowling.

• Weather in Post •				This week's quotable...
Date	High	Low	Precip	
3/25	87	46	—	"Son, I'll tell you how to make it in the newspaper business... first, save half of everything you make. Second, if you're not making half the people mad half the time, you're not doing your job." Miles P. Walker, publisher emeritus, Bryan Daily Eagle, March 1961
3/26	90	60	—	
3/27	83	49	—	
3/28	83	49	—	
3/29	85	51	—	
3/30	88	51	—	
3/31	88	37	—	

March total rainfall — 1.85
 Rainfall year-to-date — 3.65
 (Records courtesy Garza County Sheriff's Department)

Grandmas Remember Pick up your grandchildren's photos at The Post Dispatch we don't want any of these precious photos to get lost, but after 30 days, we can not be responsible.

Meet Maria-Claudia Mallarino, MD
Breast Cancer's newest opponent and a woman's greatest friend.

Maria-Claudia Mallarino, M.D.

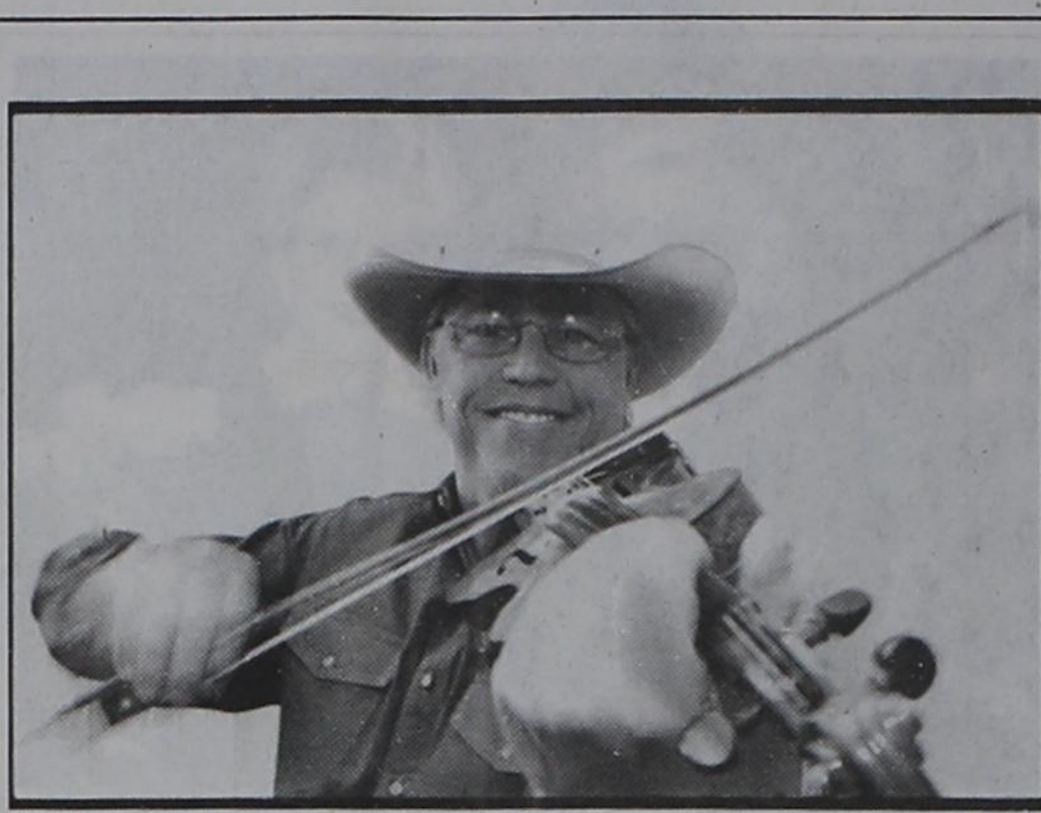
Specializing in Medical Oncology.
Board Certified in Oncology and Internal Medicine



It's reassuring to know that the region has an Oncologist who specializes in the treatment of breast cancer. Dr. Maria-Claudia Mallarino's oncology training at Stanford University School of Medicine makes her uniquely qualified to chart effective treatments in the fight against breast cancer and all cancers. For an appointment or a consultation, call 788-8105.

Lubbock Diagnostic Clinic Building
3506 21st Street, Lubbock, Tx
(806) 788-8105

A service of Methodist Medical Group and Methodist Hospital.



Alvin Crow

Texas Folklife Resources presents Alvin Crow

The town of Post, Texas, is gearing up for a week-long visit from traditional fiddler Alvin Crow. From May 11 through 17, Crow will discuss and present traditional Western Swing music for the local chambers of commerce, Rotary Clubs, seniors centers, schools, Head Start groups and other sites throughout the community. With the discussions and mini-performances, Alvin Crow will underscore the importance of Western Swing music to the region and demonstrate why his fiddle was influential in the creation of the sound we know today as swing. The week of activities will be the fourteenth of 20 Community Residencies scheduled throughout Texas from January through June.

This residency celebrates one of the core traditions of Texas country music, Western Swing. While growing up in the Texas Panhandle, Alvin Crow mastered the Western Swing style on his fiddle, which he plays well enough to earn compliments from Mrs Bob Wills. Alvin Crow is a superb entertainer, playing lively, varied, Texas dance music to appreciative fans worldwide.

Other Community Residencies will feature such traditional music masters as fiddlers Johnny Gimble and Valerie Ryals Bates, blues artists W.C. Clark and Carol Fran and Clarence Hollimon, singer and cowboy poet Buck Ramsey, and conjunto accordionists Mingo Saldivar and Santiago Jimenez, Jr. Each musician will spend seven days in a community, in a variety of small settings, performing, jamming with local musicians, and teaching classes, all to demonstrate the connections between his or her music and the local musical heritage.

Texas Folklife Resources is a statewide non-profit cultural organization that serves both Texas folk artists and their audiences by helping to present and promote a diverse and living artistic heritage for all Texans. Statewide Community Residencies are made possible in part with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts Folk Arts Program and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

For more information on the event, contact Caprock Cultural Assoc. at 495-4148. For interviews or information on Texas Folklife Resources, contact Debbie Fant, Coordinator of the Community Residency program, (512) 320-0022.

Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

When children imitate superheroes

Remember back when you had to look up to all the "big" people and tasks like tying your shoe were still a challenge? It was fun to imagine yourself as a superhero and take on the powers you wished for in everyday life.

Children naturally imitate fearless superheroes who can overcome any obstacle in their path. When children begin leaping and tumbling about, however, adults worry that accidents will happen. Sometimes adults discourage superhero play for fear that it will become too disruptive, or that children will engage in it at inappropriate times.

Keep in mind that this type of play gives children the chance to face their fears and show off physical feats. When supervised by adults, "superhero play" can help children improve their language skills and teach them to work together to solve problems. It also encourages creativity.

When children begin pretending they are superheroes, adults can help them make the most of it. Here are some tips:

* Show children that superheroes are not special just because they are physically powerful. Point out when superheroes show kindness and helpfulness to others. Praise children when they do the same.

* Talk about real heroes with children. Introduce them to people like Helen Keller and Martin Luther King, Jr., and discuss how everyday people can demonstrate acts of courage and goodness.

* Point out the difference between movies, TV and real life. When you see actors pretend to leap out of windows or jump over speeding cars, explain to children why they shouldn't "try this at home."

* Make the rules about when and where superhero play is allowed. You may limit this sometimes rough-and-tumble play to outdoors, or during recess time. Be consistent—if "flying" indoors is not allowed on Monday, it shouldn't be allowed on Tuesday.

* Help children build on their interests through superhero play. Watching Star Wars may lead to learning about space travel. A Spiderman comic book may lead to exploring the world of insects. Always keep your eyes open to learning opportunities for children.

* Be on the lookout for overly aggressive play. Get involved if you see a child become frightened or angry. When the laughter stops, and threats or complaints begin, help children get back on track or end their play. Show them you are there to help, and offer options. Maybe it's time to take a break, or to find out why the frustration occurred. In any case, make it clear that physical or verbal aggression are not acceptable.

* Give children the chance to make choices and take on responsibilities. Children become bored when activities are not challenging, and frustrated when they are too advanced. Keep a close eye on children so that you know when they are ready to take on new challenges, like helping with a recipe or dressing themselves.

* Praise children when they accomplish real "feats" like putting together puzzles or learning to spell their own names. Children may still imitate superheroes, but they'll have more confidence both during play and in everyday living.

Programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.



The Post Dispatch will not be responsible for photos left at the office more than 30 days.

John Redman announces candidacy for City Council

I am announcing my candidacy for City Council in Ward 3.

I moved to Post in 1956 and for the past 42 years have made Post a home for myself and my family.

I have been a volunteer paramedic with the local ambulance service since 1980. I have served on numerous EMS related councils and boards representing Garza County. I have also served on a volunteer basis as the EMS administrator for the past several years.

If elected, I will be a voice for everyone in Ward 3. I will represent every citizen. As your council representative, I would be available to you by telephone 24 hours a day to answer your questions and hear your concerns.

I strongly believe that the City Council should work for each and everyone in Post to address complaints and problems on an individual basis, with all persons treated fairly.

I ask for your vote in the May 2, 1998 election. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Woman's Culture Club

by Katharine Trammell

Janoma Stephens of Knox City, TFWC state treasurer, was guest speaker for the Women's Culture Club salad luncheon on Wednesday, March 25 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church.

Mrs Stephens spoke the importance of cooperation, not only within our club, but also with the State TFWC and the national GFWC. We must be energetic, enthusiastic, hospitable and cooperative to achieve our goals.

Mrs Stephens is a candidate for TFWC second vice-president.

Donna Craig reported on the recent Caprock District, TFWC Convention held in Lubbock recently.

Peggy Smith, club president, presided over the business meeting. Club members were reminded to be working on their Post Dispatch Easter page.

The tables were decorated in the Easter motif, from which lunch was served to guest, Janoma Stephens, and to members: Peggy Smith, Jan Acker, Donna Craig, Ruth Hall, Nona Lusk, Jona Jones, Iva Hudman, Joyce Strubhart, Bebe Boren and Katharine Trammell.

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 8 at 2 p.m. at the Women's Clubhouse. Hostesses for the occasion will be Jan Acker and Debbie Bain. The speaker will be Zoe Kirkpatrick.

ELECTION POLLING PLACES 1998

WARD 3
POST MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY
401 W 8TH
POST TEXAS 79356

WARD 4
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
910 W 10TH
POST TEXAS 79356

WARD 5
TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
915 N AVE O
POST TEXAS 79356

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of the City of POST, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Ciudad de POST, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on MAY 2, 19 98, for voting in a general election to elect

ALDERMAN FOR WARD 3 WARD 4 WARD 5

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las

7:00 p.m. el 2 de MAYO de 19 98 para votar en la Elección General para

elegir BARRIO 3, BARRIO 4, BARRIO 5 REGIDOR

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES

(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at

(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

105 E MAIN POST TEXAS 79356

(location) (sitio)

Recommended but not required

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on APRIL 15, 1998

entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 15 ABRIL, 1998

and ending on APRIL 28, 1998. (y terminado el 28 ABRIL, 1998.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

WYVONNE KENNEDY

(Name of Early Voting Clerk)

(Nombre del Secretario(a) de la Votación Adelantada)

105 E MAIN

(Address) (Dirección)

POST TX 79356

(City) (Ciudad)

(Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

APRIL 24, 1998 24 ABRIL, 1998

(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 2ND day of FEBRUARY, 1998

(Emitada este día 2 de FEBRUERO, 19 98.)

Jim Jackson
Signature of Mayor (Firma del Alcalde)

Sports

Woods leads 'Lopes at Tahoka relays

Post High School's varsity and junior varsity boys track teams fared well at the recent Tahoka Relays.

Varsity results include:
 110 HH — Sam Woods, first place, 15.4; Eligah McElroy, third place, 17.99; Raymond Silva, fifth place, 18.42.
 800m — Matt McCallister, fifth place, 2:18.07.
 400m — Eligah McElroy, fifth place, 61.93.
 300 IH — Sam Woods, first place, 42.48; Jay Gorman, third place, 43.53.
 1600m relay — Billy Crawford, Matt McCallister, Jay Gorman, Jamie Hernandez, third place, 346.30.
 Shotput — Billy Crawford, second place, 43 feet, seven inches; Brandon Patschke, sixth place, 40 feet, 1.5 inches.
 Discus — Billy Crawford, fifth place, 109 feet, 1 1/4 inches; Brandon Patschke, sixth place, 108 feet, four inches.
 High jump — Eligah McElroy, second place, five feet, eight inches.
 Junior varsity results include:
 110 HH — Joey Cimental, first place.
 Long jump — Joey Cimental, fourth place.
 Triple jump — Joey Cimental, sixth place.
 300 IH — Joey Cimental, fourth place.

PHS Lady golfers win at Idalou and Sundown invitationals

The Post High School girls golf team recently earned a pair of first place tournament finishes.

At the Idalou Invitational held March 24, the team took a first place win with a total of 340. Individual scores included Kasey Hardin, 76 (first medalist); Becca Stelzer, 88; Natalie Pollard, 99; Yvonne Lopez, 97; and Kelli Collier, 116.
 At the Sundown Invitational conducted March 30 (shortened to nine holes due to inclement weather), the team's first-place winning total was 196. Individual scores were Hardin, 44 (first medalist); s, 54; Pollard, 49 (second medalist); Lopez, 49 (third medalist); and Miranda Palmer, 70.

'Lope golfers take 1st place

The Post High School boys golf team captured a first place finish at the Idalou Invitational held March 26.

The team scored a 322 to earn the win. Individual scores for Post included Jerry Graham, 82; Marcus Lopez, 78 (third medalist); Jay Gorman, 77 (second medalist); Slade Bevers, 89; and Justin Norman, 85.



J.C. Stelzer III with his prize winning lamb at San Angelo.

Town and Country buys Local FFA Champion Lamb

Town & Country Food Stores, along with Norwest Bank purchased the Champion Finewool Lamb shown by J.C. Stelzer, Post FFA member, during the San Angelo Stock Show sale on Saturday, March 14. The purchase price was \$4,250.

According to F.L. "Steve" Stephens, chairman of Town and Country, the purchase was a "vote of confidence for our young FFA members — at Town & Country, we wanted to show our appreciation in a small way."

The floor price of the 135 lb. lamb will be donated by Town & Country Food Stores to Meals for the elderly in San Angelo.

San Angelo based Town & Country Food Stores, Inc. operates 134 convenience stores in Texas and New Mexico and six T&C Village Markets in various West Texas towns.

Tahoka trips 'Lopes 10-8

The Post High School baseball team dropped a 10-8 game to Tahoka March 28. Nine errors, with four of them coming in the second inning, hurt the Antelopes as Tahoka took a 6-1 lead in that inning. Post came back to tie the game in the inning, 6-6, but Tahoka answered with two runs in the third and two in the fifth to round out their scoring. Post scored two in their half of the fifth but couldn't come up with the runs needed to win.

Coach Fred Postel said it was a great offensive game by the 'Lopes, who had 14 hits. Braden Conner was five for five with three singles, a double and a 390-foot homerun and two RBIs. Steve Gonzales went four for four, with three singles and an inside-the-park grand slam that tied the game in the second inning. Gonzales had five RBIs. Anthony Flores, Scotty Gaydos, T.J. Gaydos, Rocky Gomez and Rudy Halford each had singles and Joseph Abraham put down a great sacrifice bunt.

T.J. Gaydos and Anthony Flores pitched well, Postel said, together striking out 12. But they walked six, including two hit batters.

Varsity 'Lope golfers win 1st and 7th at Brownfield

The Post High School boys golf teams captured first and seventh place wins at the Brownfield Tournament held March 17.

The Post A team took first place with a total of 317. The Post B team finished seventh with 380.

Members of the Post A team and their individual scores included Jerry Graham, 78; Marcus Lopez, 83; Jay Gorman, 83; Justin Norman, 73 (second medalist).

Making up the Post B team were Slade Bevers, 81; John Radle, 91; Matt McCallister, 97; Michael Ulm, 101; and Eric Lopez, 109.

PHS band competes in U.I.L. contest

The Post High School band will travel to Sundown Tuesday to participate in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) concert and sightreading contest.

A first division rating in both areas would give the PHS band their third straight sweepstakes trophy, according to Principal Joe Giddens.

Earlier this year, the band earned a

first division rating in the UIL marching competition.

Last week, the band traveled to Lubbock to perform in a practice competition conducted on the Texas Tech campus. At that contest, the Post group received a Division II rating in concert and a Division I rating in sightreading, Giddens said.

PHS One-Act play competes for Area

The Post High School one-act play production of "Children of a Lesser God" earned the right to advance to the area University Interscholastic League (UIL) play contest to be held April 10 in the local elementary school auditorium. The district win came last week at a competition held in Abilene, according to Principal Joe Giddens.

In addition to being selected as one of two productions to advance to the area competition, the PHS play also produced honors for three of its cast members. Natalie Pollard was named Best Actress, Clell Knight was singled out as Best Actor and Daniel Fluitt was selected as a member of the All-Star Cast.

Other cast members of the play include Matt Cooper, Candi Reed, Lindsey Rudd and Micaela Eagle. Members of the crew are Cassie Short, Derreck Cowley and Kelsey Wimmer.

Director for "Children of a Lesser God" is Candace Bowling. Listed in the program as assistant director is Tonya Rudd, who instructed cast members in sign language which is used in the production.

Joining the PHS production in representing District 4-AA is Crosbyton's "Thieves' Carnival."

"Children of a Lesser God" and five other district-winning one-act plays will be performed in the Post Elementary School auditorium Friday, April 10. Performances will be open to the public and local residents are encouraged to be on hand at the auditorium between 11:30-11:45 a.m. for the PHS production, according to Bowling.

New Texas constitution emphasizes no taxation

Texas government will be funded through voluntary methods if Texans adopt a new constitution being drafted by delegates to the Texas Constitutional Convention of 1997. In the proposal, governments are forbidden to impose or collect taxes of any kind.

Delegates to the convention wrapped up the first draft of a nine article constitution during the 10th session held in Brownwood March 14-15. Work on a transition plan and fine-tuning the constitution will keep delegates busy at the next session, May 9-10 in San Antonio.

Government funding emphasizes county political power, by placing all funding at the local level. "We are giving government wide latitude in funding, as long as it is strictly voluntary," convention chairman Don Henson says. County governments will retain 70 percent of locally collected revenue, sending 30 percent to the national government.

Delegates also approved a ratification plan modeled after Article 7 of the U.S. Constitution, which will use county conventions for citizen participation. "We believe in the republican form of government as did the founders of the U.S.," Henson adds, "and our ratification plan is an example of that philosophy."

When the draft constitution is formally adopted by the convention, delegates will appoint 12 Texans to serve on a Texas Constitution Ratification Committee, to ensure the lawful and peaceful ratification of the new constitution. The transition plan will take affect following ratification.

Contacts for additional information: Wesley W. Burnett (806) 495-4135 or (806) 495-2816 Don Henson (915) 587-4616 Convention Updates at: <http://colossus.net/wepinsto/txconv/update.html> or www.rtmag.com

JDC numbers growing

The average daily population of youths housed at the Garza County Juvenile Detention Center is gradually climbing, according to the facility's superintendent, David Eastland.

The facility is currently showing an average daily population of 15-18 students, Eastland said. That number was 5-7 students at the close of 1997.

"It's climbing, slowly but surely," Eastland said. "We're getting our name out and word is getting out that we're doing a good job."

The facility has served a total of 11 counties since opening five months ago. More counties would probably be using the facility if it had opened earlier in the year. Eastland said many counties had already earmarked their detention center monies for the fiscal year by the time the Garza County facility opened.

"Next fiscal year will be a whole different story," Eastland said. "Our name's getting out and they know what we're offering."

It is an ongoing effort to fill the 48-bed facility, the superintendent said. Recently, the State of Delaware agreed to contract with the facility to house juveniles here in the 1999 fiscal year and the effort to negotiate a contract with the Texas Youth Commission is "getting close."

"We're down to hammering out the little details now. There's a lot of red tape dealing with state agencies."

Eastland said he doesn't believe that Lubbock will take advantage of the local juvenile facility despite an apparent shortage of space. Lubbock has recently received grant monies that will be used to address that city's growing juvenile detention needs.

As the youth population grows in the Garza County facility, Eastland said he is looking at bringing the facility back up to full staff. Several layoffs occurred shortly after the facility's opening.

"We're doing the best that we can do to keep everybody employed," the superintendent said. "They're not going to lay anybody else off. We have state guidelines to meet."

The detention center earned favorable marks on a recent inspection by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission.

The 22,000-square-foot center, which opened Oct. 29, is designed to provide space for long- and short-term housing for juveniles from throughout the South Plains.

The \$3.5-4 million project was financed through the sale of about \$4.5 million worth of revenue bonds. Revenues collected from other counties housing juveniles at the facility will be used to repay the revenue bond debt. Once all debt on the facility has been satisfied, ownership of the facility will revert back to Garza County.

The center is located at 800 N. Avenue F.

Rosie's

507 S. Broadway - Post
495-3205

**Friday Night
Fish Fry... All You Can Eat
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Post High School cast takes the stage at noon... the public is cordially invited to see this marvelous production and support our students!



Post High School One-Act Play cast won the District 4AA Championship in competition last Friday at Abernathy. Cast members are (back row, left to right) Kelsey Wimmer, Daniel Fluitt, Matt Cooper, Lindsey Rudd, (front row) Derrick Cowley, Candi Reed, Clell

Knight and Natalie Pollard. Cast members Micaela Eagle and Cassie Short were not available for photo. Candace Boling coaches and is assisted in sign language training by Tonya Rudd. Knight was named best actor and Pollard was selected as best actress in the play, "Children of a Lesser God."

Congratulations to students and coaches!



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