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## Flags on the move



It was a perfect day for flag football last Saturday. Youths from Post participated in a tournament held at the Post ISD track located behind Post Elementary School.

Photos by Mitch Holly



## Hinkle new Heritage House manager

By Rosa Latimer  
Correspondent

Shawnette Hinkle has been named Manager of the Heritage House, a conference center and family history library in Post.

In addition to office space for the Caprock Cultural Association, the 8,600 sq. ft. Heritage House has a parlor, conference room, grand meeting room and catering kitchen to rent for events such as social gatherings, business conferences, retreats, community organization meetings and reunions.

The Heritage House will also be used to develop and preserve the history of Garza County families.

Beginning in October, the Post Rotary will hold its weekly noon meetings at the

Heritage House and the Chamber will use the facility for its monthly meetings.

Hinkle recently served as Manager of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce.

"It was not an easy decision to make this change; however, I am looking forward to the challenge of developing the Heritage House," she explained. "My positive experience with the Chamber will pave the way for a strong relationship between the Caprock Cultural Association and the Chamber, as well as other community organizations."

Prior to moving to Post Shawnette was General Manager and Editor of the Crosbyton Review newspaper and also held positions of responsibility at Pizza Venture of West Texas and Holiday Inns of Lubbock.

She is a member of V.F.W. Post 6797 Ladies Auxiliary and is actively involved with Boy Scout Troop 316.

Shawnette's husband, Richard, is serving with the Texas National Guard and will deploy for his second tour of duty in Iraq next month.

The couple has a son, Zach, who is in the 9th grade at Post High School.

He is a Star Scout in Boy Scout Troop No. 316 and is also a member of the Order of the Arrow.

The Heritage House is located adjacent to the Garza County Historical Museum at 109 No. Avenue N. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 10 to Noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The telephone number is 495-4148 and e-mail address is ccart@poka.com.

## McEntire headlines center's fund-raiser

■ Community Recovery Center hosting Saturday, Oct. 18 event featuring entertainment and silent auction

Country music entertainer Pake McEntire will be doing his part to help Post's Community Recovery Center.

McEntire is set to entertain guests Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Heritage House starting at 6:30 p.m. The fund-raiser will include a silent auction.

McEntire, along with his sisters Reba and Suzy, performed at the annual roping several in 1973 and 1974. Pake's father, Clark McEntire, won the first OS Ranch Steer Roping back in 1971. Pake won the same event at the roping in 1972 and 1974.

The recovery center was the idea of Glenda Baker in 1982 to provide citizens of Garza County and the surrounding areas a safe, comforting environment for the individuals and the families of those impacted by chemical dependency. Since that time, the staff has provided the following services:

- extensive screening and assessment interviews including medical, chemical and legal issues along with drug testing
- substance abuse counseling



Pake McEntire

services, treatment placement and supportive outpatient services and aftercare for clients and their families

•referral to and coordination of services with other agencies such as Garza County Mental Health, Manage Care, Victim Assistance Program, Catholic Family Services, Medical Doctors, etc.

•educational seminars for employees at the Dalby Correctional Facility and seminars at Post ISD and local churches

•advocate for clients in court with substance abuse issues and domestic violence and anger management services

•substance abuse groups support with new groups being formed as needed. For more information about the recovery center call (806) 495-3173.

## Post Notes

### GED classes offered at PHS

GED classes started on September 23 and are free to the public to persons ages 17 and up. Classes meet at Post High School in room 18 (use southwest entrance) Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. If you need information, you may call 495-2770, leave name and phone number, and the instructor will contact you.

### VFW meeting

VFW Post 6797 Men and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their regular meeting Monday, Oct. 13. The ladies meeting will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the men at 7 p.m. at the post on Clairemont Highway. All members are urged to attend and ladies are asked to bring groceries for their district grocery basket.

### Chamber seeking info about Main Street

Post Area Chamber of Commerce is compiling a "Walking Tour of Post" to give to visitors and put in our brochure holders. We need your help!

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Shawnette Hinkle, Heritage House Manager

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# Film production in Post?

■ Garza County representatives attend economic meeting in Canyon where possibility of drawing film, commercial productions to rural communities is discussed

By Rosa Latimer  
Correspondent

Can you imagine Brad Pitt and Sean Penn working in Garza County for several weeks? How about seeing a familiar ranch vista as the backdrop of a popular automobile commercial? Now, consider that such activities could provide an economic boost to the county because of money spent on building material, gas, food, and hotel rooms. In 2007, commercial productions, including corporate videos, industrials, music videos, and sports broadcasts, spent almost \$100,000,000 dollars in Texas, according to the Texas Film Commission web site.

Representatives of Garza County and the Post Area Chamber of Commerce attended an Economic Summit in Canyon earlier this week sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Among several thought-provoking possibilities discussed at the conference was film production in rural areas. The group learned that the idea of Garza County as a movie location is not as far fetched as it might seem.

Carol Pirie, Deputy Director & Program Manager with the Texas Film Commission,

explained that while movie production will most likely be based in a city such as Dallas or Austin, typically the movie is shot in a rural area. There's no guarantee that tourism will increase in the area where a popular movie is shot. "It certainly has happened," Pirie explained. "On-location filming is just good business for your community, and for Texas overall."

When a film or commercial comes to town, there is the added bonus of jobs for local people as well as the possibility of residents actually appearing as extras in a movie or commercial.

Just about everyone knows that the 1950s blockbuster movie Giant was shot in Marfa, TX (Population approximately 2200). Over 50 years later that community is still capitalizing on its experience as the host to such celebrities as James Dean and Elizabeth Taylor. Two movies, both nominated for multiple Oscars in 2008 were shot in the Marfa area: No Country for Old Men and There Will Be Blood. Preproduction and production of There Will Be Blood employed approximately 300 locals.

Not all film projects require weeks or months of location preproduction and production. Usually



Thressa Harp, President of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce and Marsha Norman, Board Member of the Chamber are shown with Carol Pirie, Deputy Director of the Texas Film Commission (l. to r.) at the Plains Regional Economic Development Summit held in Canyon earlier this week. Not pictured is County Judge Lee Norman who represented Garza County at the conference.

Photo courtesy of Rosa Latimer

commercials and music videos take only a day or two. In recent years Post was the shooting location for a music video by Country music star Kevin Montgomery. The singer and crew were in Post for a day; however, the video featured many shots of the Saddle Shop and Holly's Drive In as well as cotton fields in the area.

The focus of the Texas Film Commission is to bring jobs and spending to Texas. It has developed a program that provides information to film producers about possible locations in "film friendly" Texas communities. The commission also helps the community establish an approach to these opportunities that creates a beneficial experience for residents and businesses.

Incidentally, Brad Pitt & Sean Penn are the stars of Tree of Life, a movie filmed in Smithville, Texas (Population approximately 4300). The town was also the site of the movie, Hope Floats, starring Sandra Bullock and Harry Connick, Jr., released in

1998. Most blogs and comments about these movie experiences posted on the internet by Smithville residents were positive.

Perhaps Marfa and Smithville have enjoyed unusual movie successes; however, the fact remains that many film producers each year look to the state of Texas and its diverse landscape for the possibility of producing movies, commercials, television programs and music videos. These inquiries most often are made to the Texas Film Commission. With an effective relationship with the Commission, Post and Garza County would raise the probability that a film producer would choose us for his next project. "This type of activity could be an economic benefit to our local businesses and that is the focus of the Chamber," said Thressa Harp, President of Post Area Chamber of Commerce. "We will continue to explore the possibilities of working with the Texas Film Commission."

## Red Ribbon Week observed in October

In October of each year, schools and civic groups observe Red Ribbon Week to bring attention to the widespread problems Americans are having with drugs and alcohol. Far from being just a problem in urban areas, some form of addiction is present in every small town and rural area of America. And in many of these rural areas, prescription drugs are easier to get and easier to abuse than illicit drugs. Sadly, the abuse

potential for prescription drugs is so varied that a wide variety of people seeking altered states can find them in these drugs. Adolescents, college students and young adults in particular are prone to prescription drug abuse. Men tend to abuse stimulants

such as Ritalin, women are more likely to abuse opioid painkillers and anti-anxiety medications. In Texas, nearly 900,000 people abused prescription drugs in 2006, and nearly 4,100 people were admitted to treatment for addiction to opiates.

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### Butler Memorial Bronc Riding in Post

The third annual Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18th at the Post Stampede Rodeo Arena. "Ridin' high bronc riding" will start at noon, preceded by a Calcutta Auction at 11 am. A dance featuring The Lone Star Troubadours will start at 8 pm. Proceeds from the bronc riding go to the Tom Butler Memorial Scholarship & Foundation. Concession stand sponsored by the Post Ag Booster Club.

### Voter's Forum Sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce

A Voter's Forum Sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for 6:30 pm Tuesday, October 14 at the Heritage House, 109 N. Avenue N in Post. All local and state candidates have been invited to attend this non-partisan event to present their platforms. Be an informed voter! All Post & Garza County residents are invited to attend this free event. Call 495-3461 for more information.

### Clothes and food available from church

Graham Chapel Church of Christ has a Clothes Closet and Food Pantry available for anyone needing those services. Please contact Jane Mason at 495-2980, Bill Short at 495-4101, or Tim Tatum at 495-3066.

### Community Recovery Center Fundraiser

The Community Recovery Center invites everyone to attend a celebration of recovery and fund-raiser for chemical dependency issues at the Heritage House 109 N Ave. N, Post, TX on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at 6:30 PM. There will be a silent auction. Pake McEntire will provide the entertainment. RSVP: 495-3173

### Life Skills Class in Need of Kitchen Items

The Life Skills classes have begun cooking and we are trying to gather items to furnish our kitchen. If you have any old pots, pans, utensils, measuring cups, etc. that you would like to donate, we would really appreciate it! Please bring any donations that you have to Michelle Simmons or Stephanie Smith or drop by the elementary school office.

### Cub and Boy Scout Popcorn Fundraiser

The members of Boy Scout Troop 316 and Cub Scout Pack 316 will be selling Popcorn for our annual Fundraiser. The funds raised go to support both the local Pack and Troop, along with the regional Scout Council. Locally, the funds help the Pack provide crafts and assists with Cub Scout Day Camp scholarships, and members of Boy Scout Troop 316 use the money for the cost to attend monthly campouts and summer camp. Sales will continue through the end of October. Please help support our local Scouting Program.

### Boy Scouts New Meeting day and Time

The Boy Scout Troop 316 is holding regular weekly meetings on a new day and time. Boys from grade 6 through 12 are welcome to join us on Sunday afternoons from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Come join in the fun of camping and adventure. For more information, please call Scoutmaster Trevor Thuet at 495-3476.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Ever wonder why we are this way?

Do we ever wonder why we are like we are? Sometimes I wonder why do I do this or that. The other day while driving to work down toward Snyder, I saw a rubber bungee cord laying on the shoulder. I drive to the next cross-over and turn around and go back and get it.

I find that it is broken, but I cut the good hook off one end and put it in my pocket, thinking, I'll need that someday. Why do I save the rubber bands off of the newspaper? I have no idea, probably got a coffee can full of the things. My eyes light up when I find a good shiny 16 penny nail that's only bent a little bit, I'll need that sometime...for what? Who knows, maybe I'll straighten it.

I found an old rusty railroad spike the other day, my mind goes into such a rig-a-ma-roll of wondering where it was used or come from. Since there is about 3000 railroad ties to a mile, that shouldn't be that hard to figure out.

Some people call it being a packrat, maybe so, who knows? But I believe I have put together a theory, of why I am like I am. Although I was born here in Post, I was raised on a very poor farm and ranch in Oklahoma. We had plenty of homegrown veggies and pork and beef.

We had to save every piece of tin, buckets, boards, or whatever might be used someday. My father could build anything out of nothing. It

might not be very pretty, but whatever we built would work.

I remember telling "pop" one time when I was about 14 years old. "Pop, when I get a little older, I'm leaving this mess". His only reply was, we've done the best we can with what we got, so if ya don't like it, why don't you just leave now?

Well the answer to that is that I wasn't quite ready to leave yet, and never said that again. My only problem now-a-days, I'm good at saving everything but money. Oh, well, money won't be necessary where I'm going someday nor will my wonderful collection of rubber bands, nails, or bungee cords.

Why are some of us like we are, I suppose the 1940-1950 era made me this way. Wouldn't it be neat to one day soon, get on a bus and drive back into that era, only just for a little while?

Nowhere in the world can we have a life like we have it right here in Post, Tx, Garza County, USA. I love it and the folks in this part of the world.

As I see it and my opinion only  
Everyone have a good day!

Someone once said: It's what you learn after you know it all that counts...

O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson  
Post

I write this urgent plea with a heavy heart. Since my recent trip to Washington D.C., I am compelled to share my concerns. The founding fathers of our country penned several documents not as suggestions but as unchangeable declarations on how our country is to be governed. The Declaration of Independence, being one of those documents, states that "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Life is for all individuals, even the unborn. A famous Anti-Nazi German pastor, Martin Niemoller, was quoted as saying: "First, they came for the Socialists and I did not speak out because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak for me." May our hearts not grow cold like Hitler who thought it was his right to determine who should live or die. This is not the time for silence!

As I observed the beautiful monuments I noticed something very interesting. The older ones, such as the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials all contained words acknowledging God and our religious heritage. The more recent ones, such as the Roosevelt and World War Two memorials make no reference to God. Our religious heritage is being forgotten. We cannot be silent!

As we visited the Capitol building, we were informed that a capitol visitor center is being constructed. Those involved in the plans have

left out what our founding fathers built this nation upon. In the house chamber above the speaker's rostrum are inscribed the words, "In God We Trust". The visitor's center replica has no such words. A familiar portrait of Lincoln with his bible is in the capitol. The same portrait of Lincoln is in the visitor center, but the bible has been removed from the painting. History is definitely being rewritten. We must not be silent!

Our group was prayer walking the streets of Washington and we stopped at the steps of the Supreme Court. A police officer asked one of the people in our group to leave the steps when they bowed to pray. When we passed the sidewalk and walked on the steps, our right to assemble and pray no longer existed. This is a public building I might add. What has gone wrong? We have justices who view our United States Constitution as a living, breathing document that can be interpreted according to their own ideologies and beliefs. They see it as something that must be relevant to our society. Do we really think this nation was founded on revolving principles and ideas that can be changed with every whim of society? We must speak out!

Fellow citizens I plead with you as we look to this upcoming election. Please cast your vote for someone who will fight for life, our religious liberties, and the family. Our president will nominate many new justices this term, two being Supreme Court nominees. These nominees must stand on the principles that our nation was founded upon rather than one's personal opinion. God Help us all!!!

Kelli Egan  
Post

## Garza County residents begin receiving CRP payments

Post, TX, Oct. 3 2008 – Victor Ashley, County Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency today announced that starting today USDA will begin issuing Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) payments to eligible producers. More than \$1.7 billion in CRP payments are being made on 34.7 million acres across the country.

"The Conservation Reserve Program works cooperatively with America's farmers and ranchers to conserve and preserve the soil and water that we, and numerous wildlife species, depend on for survival," said Ashley. "These payments represent an investment in the nation's land that will pay dividends in the form of a cleaner environment today and for our

grandchildren." This voluntary program helps agricultural producers safeguard environmentally sensitive land. Producers enroll in CRP and plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve water quality, control soil erosion and enhance habitats for waterfowl and wildlife. In return, USDA provides producers with rental

payments. CRP contract duration is from 10 to 15 years.

Land to be enrolled must be either highly erodible, contribute to a serious water quality problem, provide important wildlife habitat or provide substantial environmental benefits if devoted to certain specific conservation uses. For more information on CRP, producers should contact the Garza-Borden County Farm Service Agency (FSA) office at 806-495-2801 or visit FSA's Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## Free seminars set for Ag marketing and hedging

Economists, marketers and brokers from both the public and private sectors of the agriculture industry will pool their skills to conduct free seminars in Abilene and Canyon on marketing and hedging.

Sponsors of the day-long events -- Abilene, Thursday, Oct. 16 and Canyon, Friday, Oct. 17 -- are the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and Texas Agri-Life Extension.

Speakers include John Harangody, CME group marketing vice president; Troy Vetterkind of Vetterkind Cattle Brokerage, a CattleNetwork.com contributor, Donna Hughes of Peacock Trading and three Agri-Life Extension economists: Bill Thompson, San Angelo; Stan Bevers, Vernon, and Steve Amosson, Amarillo.

The Abilene seminar will be at the Taylor County Extension Office, and the Canyon seminar will be at the Randall County Extension Office. Anyone who would like to attend either seminar should RSVP to the appropriate county extension office. Lunch will be provided by CME. Both seminars will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**RSVP and location information:**  
Taylor County Extension Office  
1982 Lytle Way  
Abilene, Texas  
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Randall County Extension Office  
200 N. Brown Rd.  
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## Letters ...

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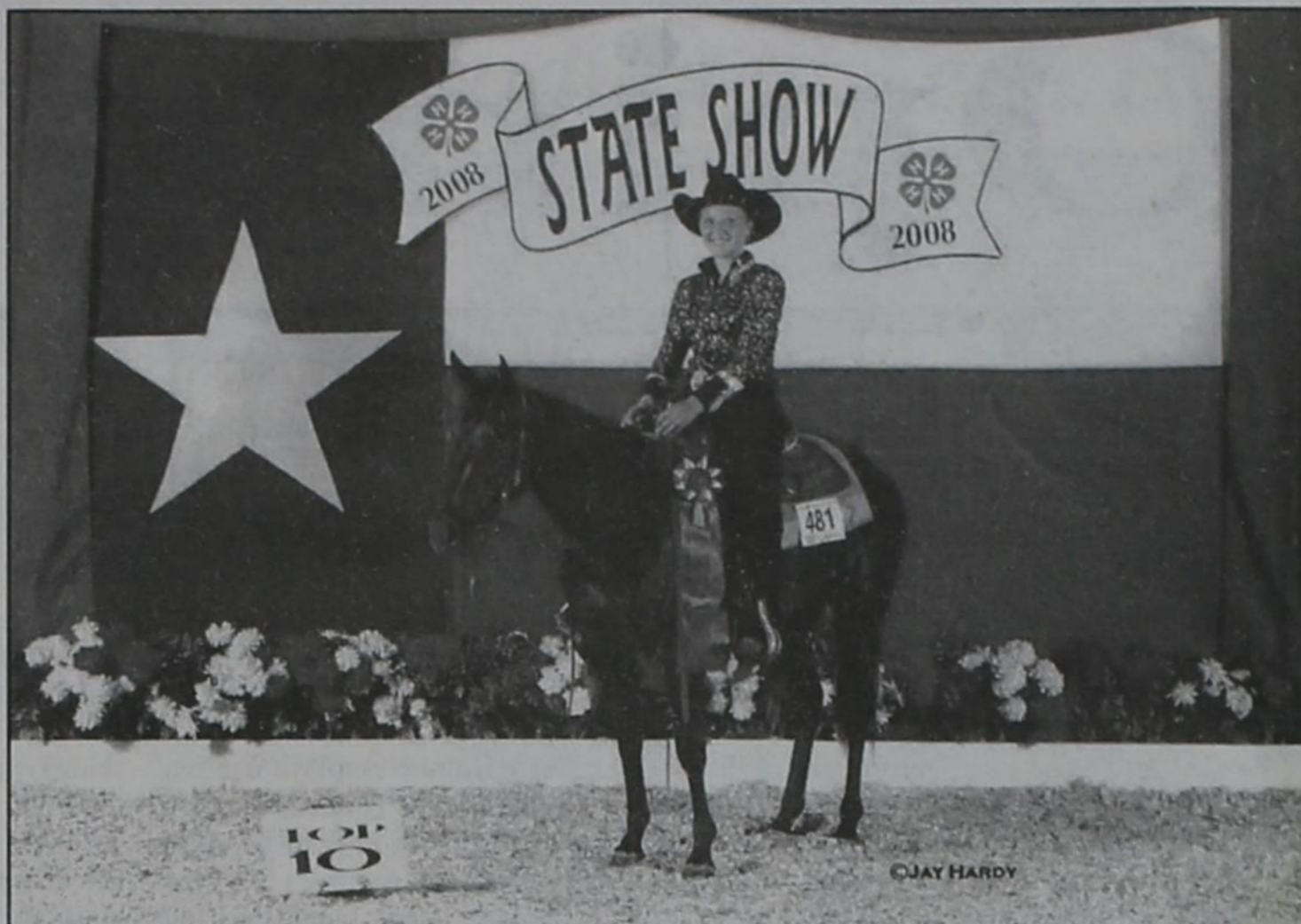
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Lana Kitten, daughter of Clyde and Janet Kitten, won 7th in state at the 4H State Show in Abilene, TX, this past summer. Lana and her 2 year old filly, Mercedes, made it to the top ten in the state. We are very proud of Lana and Mercedes.

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### Extension Extras

Barn. Dr. Brillhart will present a program on Vet Science.  
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Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

#### Nutrition Quiz Bowl

Wednesdays after school at the Extension office. For more information call the Extension office or Marcie Oden at 781-3247. Registration for Quiz Bowl competition begins October 20.

#### Food & Nutrition

Mondays at the Post High School Food Lab. Sessions are at 4:00 and 5:15. For more information call the Extension office or Jaquita Blevins at 495-2517. County Food Show October 27.

#### Consumer Decision Making

First Consumer Decision Making practice sessions scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 9am-12pm, Extension office. For more information contact the Extension office at 495-4400.

#### Golden Clover Meeting

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## White River Weekly Report Oct. 6, 2008

Gauge Reading	Rainfall for 2004
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Feet below spillway	Rainfall for 2005
20'8"	15.57"
Rise	Rainfall for 2006
0"	28.85"
Rainfall Past Week	Rainfall for 2007
.84"	24.19"
Rain to Date	
30.69"	

White River Lake has 2,830,993,488 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 27% capacity or 8,688 acre feet. Subtract 35,318,043 MG for evaporation this week in October that leaves 2,795,675,445 MG available as of today.

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

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

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

Remember that the Water District is there for you if we can assist you in any way let us know.  
Source: Mickey Rogers GM White River, general manager, WRMWD

## Election Corner

**Garza County  
November 4, 2008  
General Election**

### VOTER INFORMATION:

**Sample Ballots** are now available on line at [www.GarzaCounty.net](http://www.GarzaCounty.net). Click on VoTexas icon, click on Sample Ballots and then click on your Voting Precinct (Box) number.

**Ballots by Mail:** Tuesday, October 28, 2008 (at 5:00 P.M.) is the deadline for the Clerk's office to accept regular applications for early voting ballots by mail. Applications must be submitted by mail, common or contract carrier, or fax (if the applicant is absent from the country and a fax machine is available in the office of the early voting clerk).

**Early Voting in person:** Monday, October 20 through Friday, October 31, 2008 (weekdays) from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Garza County Courthouse, 1st floor. Open during the noon hour.

#### Election Day Polling Places (Tuesday, November 4, 2008, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM):

- Voting Box (Precinct) 1-Presbyterian Church
- Voting Box (Precinct) 2- Post Community Center
- Voting Box (Precinct) 3-Citizens Bank
- Voting Box (Precinct) 4-Wells Fargo Bank
- Voting Box (Precinct) 5-Southland School
- Voting Box (Precinct) 6-Lake Alan Henry Fire Station

#### Local position with contested races (four year terms):

- County Attorney
- Sheriff
- County Commissioner, Precinct 3

**Garza County Voters' Forum** is set for Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Heritage House, 109 N. Ave. N Local and State candidates have been invited to participate. The event is sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce

Again, sample ballots can be downloaded on-line at [www.GarzaCounty.net](http://www.GarzaCounty.net). Click on the VoTexas icon, click on Sample Ballots and then click on your Voting Precinct (Box) number.

For more election information, go online to [www.GarzaCounty.net](http://www.GarzaCounty.net) and click on the VoTexas icon or call the Clerk's office at 495-4430.

# Opinions

## The Paperboy

By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

Rural America is sometimes an afterthought. It's wrong, but true. Many in urban areas consider us "hicks" or "gun-toting zealots."

According to the Texas Department of Agriculture, here are some facts for those who knock us small-town folk to consider:

- Texas is the second-largest agricultural state in the United States, accounting for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income.
- The food, horticulture and fiber industry is the second-largest industry in the state and generates \$73 billion a year for the economy.
- Texas is the fifth-largest wine-producing state with more than 155 wineries and 220 commercial vineyards, producing more than 2 million gallons of wine. The Texas Hill Country Viticultural Area is the second-largest Viticultural Area in the United States, covering 15,000 square miles.
- Eighty percent of the land in Texas is in

some form of agricultural production.

- Ninety-two percent of Texas' agricultural operations are still run by individuals or families.

- Although agriculture employs one out of every seven working Texans, less than 2 percent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranching.

- Texas farmers grow more than 60 different commercial fruit and vegetable crops.

- Texas ranks first in the nation in the number of cattle and calves, accounting for 15 percent of the U.S. total. The Lone Star State also is the top producer of cotton, sheep, wool, goats, mohair and horses. The state's top crops also include vegetables, citrus, corn, wheat, peanuts, pecans, grain sorghum, hay and rice.

- Besides livestock and crops, the state's agriculture industry includes timber/forestry, aquaculture, bees/honey and nursery/greenhouse.

- Texas is the third largest exporter of agricultural commodities. Texas' top agricultural exports are live animals and red meat; cotton and cottonseed; hides and skins; wheat and products; and feeds and fodder.

- Each Texas farmer grows enough food and fiber for 128 people - 94.3 in the United States and 33.7 abroad.

- Texas' 1 million horses, representing approximately 15 percent of all horses nationwide, makes the state a leader in the United States. Texas also leads the nation in the number of registered American Quarter Horses, American Paint Horses, Appaloosa horses and American Miniature Horses.

Next time someone knocks rural Texas or America to you, tell them to get their facts straight.

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## The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

Is there anything more intriguing than a bottomless lake?

How about the stock market? Economics isn't my strong suit, but I think the comparison holds - not that I know anything about bottomless lakes either.

In the realm of oddball economic metaphors, "Let's get in the saddle and ride" was what my college economics teacher said to start each class. That concept I understood. But the only other thing I grasped the whole semester was supply and demand, and I understood that rule already. Who doesn't?

Back to lakes. In the real world, every lake has to have a bottom. Otherwise they'd all go to China.

As for the stock market, who knows? Everybody talks about the bottom, but nobody knows where it is. Maybe it goes to China. But when I think of the Dow, my theory is that the bottom is somewhere around sea level, as in zero. Surely it can't go any lower than that.

On the other hand, my grandmother lived through the Panic of 1893 and the Great Depression. Thus schooled and twice widowed, her economic philosophy was that you never know when the bottom might fall out - like just when you think things can't get worse, they get worse.

How did she live with such a thought in mind? Within her means.

If she needed money, she sold a calf. If a fence needed fixing, she fixed it. If the barn needed patching, she patched it. She kept chickens, and they

laid eggs. For a while, she had rabbits too. When she quit raising them, she set her sights on native cottontails, following the rule of thumb that they're healthy enough to eat in any month with an "r." That's September through April.

Grandmother seemed happy. Sure, her fortunes depended on the vagaries of the weather and fickle prices for crops and livestock, but she wasn't dodging creditors. And she knew that even if the bottom did fall out, the chickens wouldn't know. Nor would the cottontails.

Could I live like my grandmother? Nope. I'm not that good a shot. I don't much like rabbit anyway.

But that doesn't mean I couldn't somehow get by with less and still survive. We all could. It's human nature to adjust to change even when the change is to a more Spartan existence.

Personal case in point: In 1975 I was living in New Orleans and working downtown - close enough to shop on Canal Street on my lunch hour or stroll into the French Quarter to eat. The following year I was back in Texas, living on the farm and working in Vernon - about as much like New Orleans as the Peace River is like the Mississippi. One Saturday, as I was shopping in Gibson's Discount Center, it hit me that I was just as happy as if I'd been on Canal Street. I hadn't even tried to adjust. It just happened.

So here's to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, wherever the bottom turns out to be.

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## Kay Bailey Hutchison

UNITED STATES SENATOR, TEXAS

### America Must Renew Its Commitment to Leadership in Space

As our nation celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NASA, we face enormous challenges to our international leadership in space exploration, including a potential 5 year gap in American manned spaceflight.

America must renew its commitment to NASA and technology innovation so that we do not relinquish our leadership role in space.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, America's supremacy in space is no longer a foregone conclusion. The rapid expansion of the Chinese Space Program is clear evidence that China is taking meaningful steps toward global technology leadership.

The nation launched its first lunar orbiter in 2006, and China has continued to achieve new milestones since then.

In September 2008, the first Chinese astronaut walked in space, completing the country's most ambitious mission to date. China has also announced plans to put a man on the moon.

Half a century ago, our nation was similarly poised to fall behind in space.

On October 4, 1957, the Soviet Union launched the Sputnik satellite and rocketed past the U.S. in the space race. But America's ingenuity

was dramatically harnessed by President Eisenhower, who helped spearhead major investments in science and engineering. NASA officially launched operations on October 1, 1958.

Less than three years later, President Kennedy solidified America's space ambition when he formally set the goal of putting a man on the moon within a decade. That goal was achieved when members of the Apollo 11 crew stepped onto the lunar surface on July 20, 1969.

Over these past 50 years, NASA's technology has positively impacted life on earth and expanded the knowledge of our planet and the universe. The space program has advanced innovations that have greatly improved our daily lives: from personal computers to heart monitors, from ultrasound scanners to laser surgery. NASA's space exploration has inspired generations of young people to aspire to new heights.

It has spurred Americans to build on those dreams and embark on academic and professional careers that enhance our nation's leadership and make us more competitive on the world stage.

Now, NASA faces one of its greatest challenges since the

inception of the space mission. With the space shuttle scheduled for retirement in 2010, and a replacement not expected until 2015, our nation faces a five year gap in continuous space flight during which we'll have no way to launch American astronauts into space on an American spacecraft.

Instead, we'll have to rely on Russia to get our own scientists and astronauts to the International Space Station, which has been designated a National Laboratory.

And there is no guarantee that a cooperative and mutually beneficial partnership with Russia will always exist. Dependence on Russia could jeopardize our access to the Space Station during the crucial early years of its operational life.

Our national security depends on our ability to explore space without relying on nations who may not always have our best interests at heart. Thankfully, Congress recently took action to help prevent such a scenario.

In September, the Senate passed the NASA Reauthorization bill, which will help America maintain control of its space destiny.

The bill ensures that NASA will receive adequate funding

for the development of a commercial crew vehicle.

It will help reduce the space gap by accelerating delivery of next generation space vehicles, Ares and Orion and, if necessary, keep the space shuttle flying beyond 2010. Additionally, after expending so many valuable resources to build the Space Station, this bill calls for a comprehensive plan to utilize the station after its expected completion in 2015 and through 2020 so we can continue to reap the benefits of this significant investment.

This year marks 50 years of American space exploration, with NASA boldly at the helm. Our own Johnson Space Center near Houston is where much of the research and technology is developed, where astronauts train, and where the command center resides.

It has been a huge economic boost for Texas to have NASA scientists and engineers live in our state.

We must renew our commitment to NASA and work to overcome the political and technological challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the Ranking Member on the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.



## JOHN CORNYN

UNITED STATES SENATOR, TEXAS

TEXAS ★ TIMES

### Webster on Cattle

Texas Times  
By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

He went by the name Shanghai, his cattle were called sea lions and, by some accounts, his Texas ranch lands in the 1800s were almost as large as his home state of Rhode Island.

Abel Head Pierce was one of the almost larger-than-life personalities from the early years of Texas. Yet, the colorful tales of his life sometimes obscure the initiative and ingenuity that drove his career and helped cement the entrepreneurial reputation of Texas.

The voyage that brought the New England teenager to Texas began when he stowed away on a ship in 1854. Some would say his journey began even earlier when he yearned for the opportunity and success he could not find at home. After five months at sea, he landed at Indianola

on the Texas Gulf Coast with 75 cents in his pocket.

Shanghai found work on a ranch as a rail splitter, cowhand and bronc-buster. Soon, he began building his own herd. But Shanghai suffered a setback after taking leave from ranching to serve in the Civil War. He returned home to Texas after the war only to find money owed to him was paid in worthless Confederate dollars.

He started over, partnering with his brother, Jonathan. The Pierce herd began growing as Shanghai claimed unbranded mavericks on the open range, drove them to market and sold them for a profit. They also sold cow hides and tallow. The brothers parlayed their earnings into more cattle and more profits, and began buying land in Wharton County and adjacent Matagorda County on the Gulf Coast.

This marked the start of an empire estimated at a half-million acres and

hundreds of thousands of cattle. Because of their unique origin on the Texas coast, Shanghai's cattle became known as sea lions or Shanghai Pierce coasters. His cattle proved they could handle wet conditions. Shanghai often proclaimed, "They're my sea lions. They come right out of the Gulf of Mexico."

Some admired Shanghai as a flamboyant, determined and hard-nosed ranching titan. Critics labeled him as overbearing, underhanded and ruthless. Overall, though, most conceded that he was "King of the Cattlemen" during his heyday.

One observer, quoted by biographer Chris Emmett, called Shanghai "the most widely known cattleman between the Rio Grande and the British possessions. He stood six-feet-four in his stockings, was gaunt and rawboned, and the possessor of a voice, which in ordinary conversation could be distinctly heard across the street."

Shanghai seemed to revel in all of the descriptions and even gave himself the title of "Webster on cattle," in self-recognition of his knowledge of the industry. As with many stories about him, the origin of his nickname, Shanghai, has several versions. But one is more common than others and it has nothing to do with cattle. When this towering, lanky man wore spurs with jangling rowels, some said he looked like a strutting, long-legged Shanghai rooster.

A few years ago, Shanghai Pierce was inducted into the State Fair's Texas Heritage Hall of Honor for his influence on agriculture and ranching. He was one of the biggest shippers of beef from Texas to Kansas on the Chisholm Trail, during a period described as "the greatest migration of livestock in world history." He also identified the Brahman cattle from India as being resistant to ticks and his family helped pioneer the breed's development in America.

While it would be difficult for anyone to duplicate Shanghai is fascinating career, his legacy set the stage for Texas to reign as the land of opportunity for entrepreneurs. In our state, which cultivates and beckons talent, broad horizons await those who seek them. That is a tribute to Shanghai Pierce and all the pioneers who built the foundation of Texas and inspired future generations to pursue a brighter future.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Border Security and Refugees subcommittee and the Armed Services Committee's Airlaid subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

# Eat This!

by Ryan Mills

In trying to figure out the recipe I was going to discuss this week, I guess I'll get my mother's favorite one, Chicken with Wine and Mushrooms, out of the way. Especially since she's already told everyone to be "looking for it."

It's an easy dish that is very good and I generally make this any time my mom gets her pick of what she wants to eat such as birthdays, anniversaries, Mother's Day and so on.

I've made it numerous times and it is always good. I usually serve it with twice-baked potatoes and fried asparagus since those are pretty much her three favorite things.

I'll give you two for the price of one today with the chicken recipe and the potato recipe. I'll save that fried asparagus for a later date. Maybe next week, we'll see what mood I'm in by then.

Both recipes are painstakingly easy and in no way must be served together. I've made numerous side dishes for the chicken dish so you're favorites will work and the potatoes can go with virtually anything ... from a big steak all the way to burgers.

A few tips before the recipes — I always wash the potatoes and heavily salt the skins before baking. Put more salt than you think is enough and then put some more. It doesn't affect the taste and helps the skins stay together when cleaning. I prefer Kosher Salt but table salt works too. I either pound or butterfly the chicken breasts just for quicker cooking time in the skillet. Of course if you're using chicken breast strips (which work fine) you don't need to worry about that.

### Chicken with Wine and Mushrooms

#### Ingredients

- 6 large chicken breasts
- 1 cup white wine (cooking wine works)
- 1 lb. sliced mushrooms
- 2 sticks butter
- seasoned flour
- 2 medium onions, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced

Chop the onions and the garlic. Coat the chicken in flour mixed. Melt first stick of butter in large skillet. Saute the chicken until brown on both sides. Set the chicken aside. Melt second stick of butter and saute the mushrooms, onions and garlic. Put the chicken in a large baking dish and pour the vegetables over the chicken. Pour wine over all and bake at 350 for 45 minutes to an hour.

#### Twice-Baked Potatoes

#### Ingredients

- 6 large baking potatoes
- 8 ozs. sour cream
- 8 ozs. butter
- 1 small bag of real bacon bits
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tbs. chives

#### Directions

Preheat the oven to 400 and bake the potatoes for 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Using oven mitts, clean the potatoes leaving only the hollowed out skins. Mix the potato, sour cream, butter, one cup of the cheese, bacon bits, salt, pepper and chives in a large bowl.

Fill each skin with the potato mixture and top with remaining cheese. Bake just until cheese is melted.

## Metsgar inducted Tech Hall

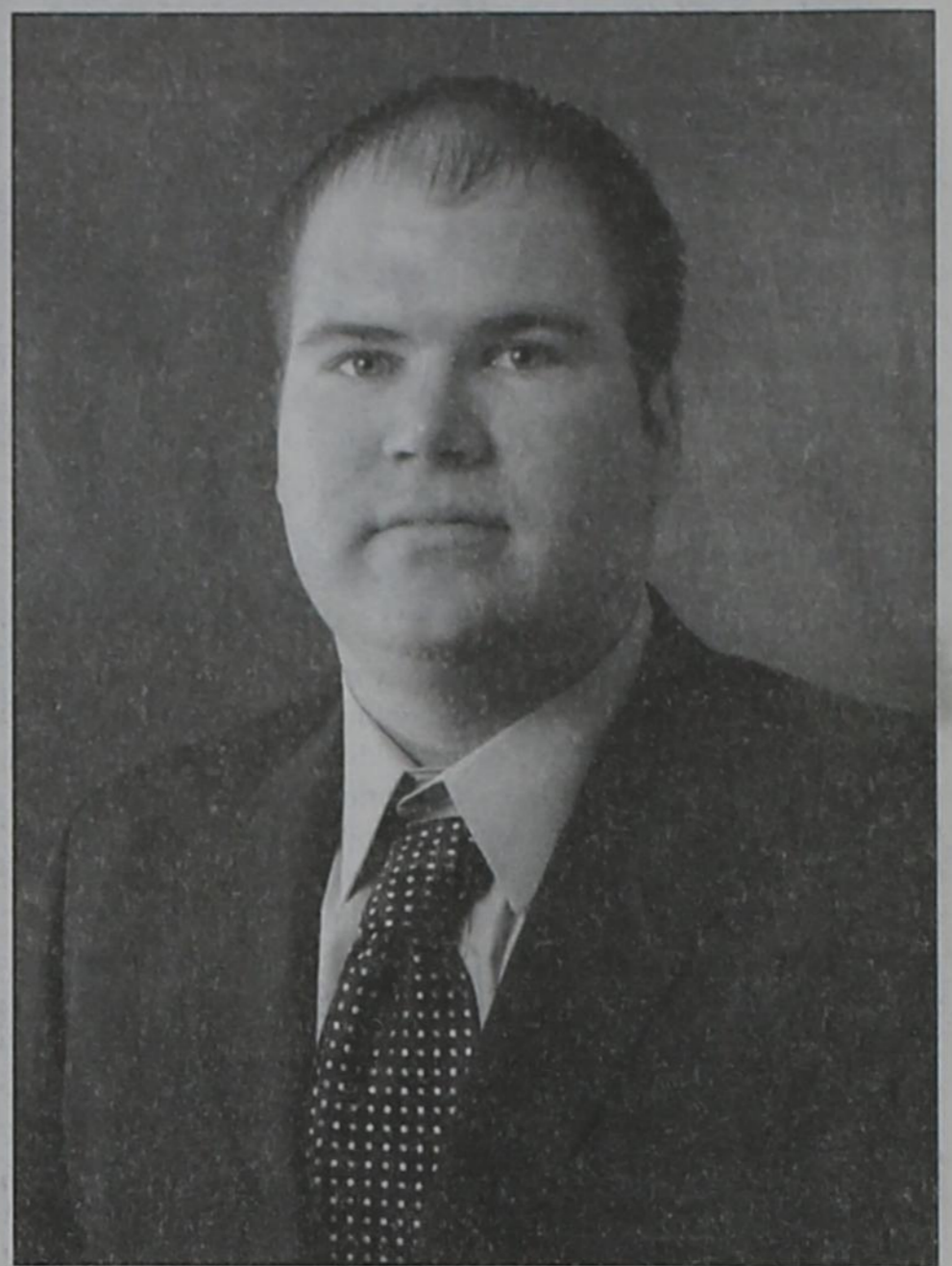
Christopher Metsgar son of Ronnie and Tricia of Post was inducted into the Texas Tech University Health Science Center School of Allied Health Sciences, Inaugural Alumni Hall of fame on Thursday, Sept. 25 at the Frazier Texas Pavilion, in Lubbock, Texas.

This event was held in conjunction with the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the School of Allied Health Sciences at TTUHSC. Metsgar accepted the award from Dr. Robin Satterwhite, Department Chairperson for Clinic Administration and Rehabilitation Counseling. Metsgar was one of 34 individuals inducted into the hall of fame at the event.

Metsgar was honored in the presence of his parents Ronnie and Tricia. Metsgar currently serves as the Department Chairperson for Allied Health and Clinical Coordinator for EMS Programs at South Plains College in Lubbock.

He is responsible for the oversight of the seven allied health programs that are offered by SPC.

These programs include Applied Rehabilitation Psychology, Child Development, Emergency Medical Services, Health Information Technology,



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Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Care, and Surgical Technology.

He is also a Licensed Paramedic and currently active in the field serving both UMC Lubbock and Idalou EMS.

He was a 2000 graduate of Post High School, 2002 graduate of Western Texas College with an Associate of Arts, 2003 graduate of South Plains College with an Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Medical Services, and 2005 graduate of Texas Tech University Health Science Center with a Bachelor of Science in Clinical Support Services Management.

He is currently working on his graduate studies at Texas Tech University Health Science Center School of Allied Health Sciences.

Metsgar was the first EMS educator in the state of Texas to develop and implement an online curriculum for the EMT Intermediate program for college credit in the fall of 2007. His inspiration was to allow access to individuals in rural areas to increase their education and training in the pre-hospital setting.

This program currently has a

100% pass rate on the National Registry certification exam. Additionally, Metsgar worked toward securing an articulation agreement with South Plains College Department of Allied Health graduates and the Texas Tech University Health Science Center Bachelor of Science in Clinical Service Management Program. This agreement allows student to pursue a bachelorette degree after the completion of an Associate of Applied Science degree from South Plains College.

Metsgar is a member of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, National Association of Emergency Medical Services Educators, Texas Community College Teachers Association, Lubbock EMS Honor Guard, Regional Critical Incident Stress Management Team, and Regional Rapid Response and Medical Support Organization.

Additionally, Metsgar will be recognized in October with the 2008 TTUHSC School of Allied Health Sciences Clinical Administration and Rehabilitation Counseling Distinguished Alumni Award.

## VFW honors



The Post VFW honored Garza County Emergency Service Personnel in September with a banquet. Pictured above are (back row, from left) Rodney Tidwell, Reshea Tidwell, Kelly Baker, Wayne Thomas, Norma Garza, Cara Cash, Lorenda Ledbetter, (front row, from left) Janet Ratliff, Chuck Ratliff, Doug Flanigan, Jason Powell, Melissa Flanigan, Mark Owen and Judge Lee Norman.

Staff photo by Merika Strivens

## Texas monthly oil statistics

The Commission issued a total of 2,129 original drilling permits in August 2008 compared to 2,234 in August 2007. The August total included 1,883 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 68 to re-enter existing well bores, and 178 for recompletions. Permits issued in August 2008 included 453 oil, 452 gas, 1,163 oil and gas, 48 injection, zero service and 13 other permits.

**JULY CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION**  
Texas preliminary July 2008 crude oil production averaged 916,359 barrels daily, up from the 844,150 barrels daily average of July 2007.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for July 2008 is 27,490,777 barrels, an increase from 26,168,640 barrels reported during July 2007.

### AUGUST OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In August 2008, operators reported 357 oil, 696 gas, 30 injection and three other completions compared to 334 oil, 529 gas, 54 injection and three other completions during August 2007.

Total well completions for 2008 year to date are 10,398 up from 9,461 recorded during the same period in 2007.

Operators reported 462 holes plugged and four dry holes in

August 2008 compared to 529 holes plugged and three dry holes in August 2007.

### JULY NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Texas oil and gas wells produced 519,513,460 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for July 2008, up from the July 2007 preliminary gas production total of 478,578,413 Mcf.

Texas production in July 2008 came from 138,176 oil and 82,612 gas wells.

### AUGUST TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT

RRC District: (1) SAN ANTONIO AREA  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 138  
Oil Completions: 12  
Gas Completions: 19

RRC District: (2) REFUGIO AREA  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 81  
Oil Completions: 14  
Gas Completions: 40

RRC District: (3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 128  
Oil Completions: 23  
Gas Completions: 33

RRC District: (4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 162  
Oil Completions: 6  
Gas Completions: 82

RRC District: (5) EAST CENTRAL TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 103  
Oil Completions: 2  
Gas Completions: 58

RRC District: (6) EAST TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 206  
Oil Completions: 2  
Gas Completions: 110

RRC District: (7B) WEST CENTRAL TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 99  
Oil Completions: 49  
Gas Completions: 16

RRC District: (7C) SAN ANGELO AREA  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 224  
Oil Completions: 95  
Gas Completions: 72

RRC District: (8) MIDLAND  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 362  
Oil Completions: 67

Gas Completions: 38  
RRC District: (8A) LUBBOCK AREA  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 74  
Oil Completions: 30  
Gas Completions: 1

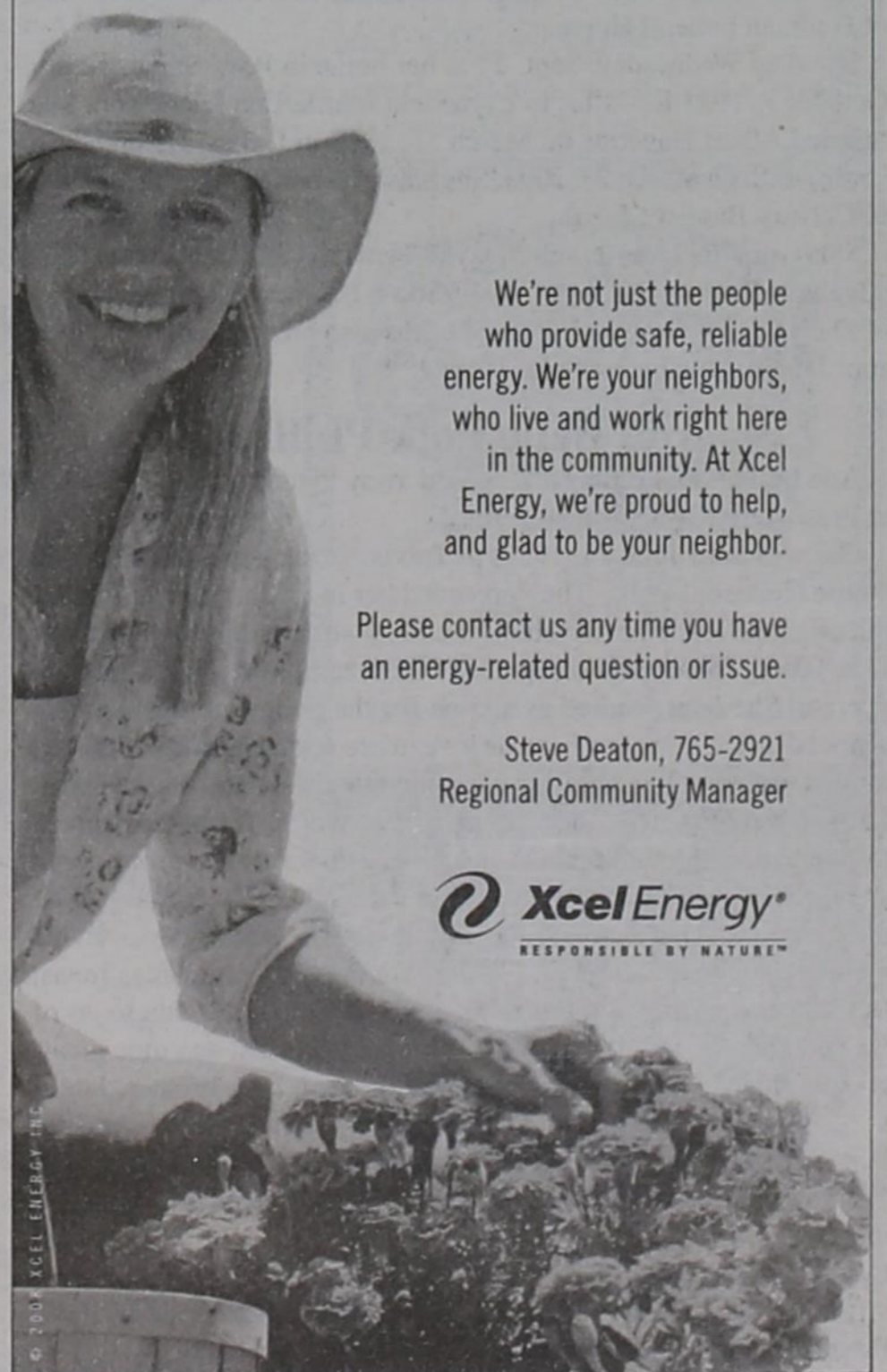
RRC District: (9) NORTH TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 407  
Oil Completions: 47  
Gas Completions: 201

RRC District: (10) PANHANDLE  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 145  
Oil Completions: 10  
Gas Completions: 26

### JULY TEXAS TOP TEN OIL PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

- COUNTY - CRUDE OIL (BBLs)
1. GAINES - 2,065,657
  2. ANDREWS - 1,990,758
  3. YOAKUM - 1,957,905
  4. HOCKLEY - 1,541,392
  5. ECTOR - 1,516,377
  6. CURRY - 1,248,859
  7. UPTON - 1,185,303
  8. PECOS - 1,018,682
  9. MIDLAND - 857,261
  10. CRANE - 791,026

## NEIGHBORLY BY NATURE



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# Obituaries

## J.A. "Joe" Pearson

Services for J.A. "Joe" Pearson, 85, of Abernathy and formerly of Post, were held 3:00 p.m. Sunday September 28, 2008 at New Deal First Baptist Church. Rev. Syl Moore officiated. Masonic graveside rites were at 5:00 p.m. at the Terrace Cemetery in Post. Arrangements were under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post.



Joe died on Thursday September 25, 2008 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born on November 25, 1922 to Joseph and Daisy (Alford) Pearson at Sopchoppy, Florida. His family moved to Elba, Alabama. After his parents death, Joe and his siblings were raised by their Aunt Minnie, where he worked in the fields to help with raising his siblings. He lived in New Orleans, California and McKinney where he met and married Marvel E Alley on April 6, 1957. They moved to Post in 1957 where he went to work for the Postex Cotton Mill as a loom mechanic. He was a member and past Worshipful Master of the Post Masonic Lodge number 1058. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Post. He was preceded in death by his wife Marvel on September 4, 2002 and by a son Jerry Dale Pearson on April 30, 1980.

He is survived by a daughter, Debra Redman of New Deal. Grandchildren, Shane Redman and Kayci Redman of New Deal. By a cousin, Bess Dupont of Welaka, FL and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were: Ronnie Metsgar, Bobby Stockman, Shane Boyd, Pat Riedel, Brian Riedel and Rudy Munos.

## Margaret Roberts Brown

Margaret Roberts Brown, a native of Post, died in Eugene, OR on September 4, 2008. She was 94 years old and died of age related causes. A memorial service will be held in her honor in Post on Saturday, October 18th, 2:00 pm, at the First Baptist Church. Dr. James T. Egan will officiate. Visitation will be at the church at 1:30 pm just prior to the service. Immediately following the ceremony her ashes will be buried in her family's plot in the Terrace Cemetery.



Margaret was born in 1914 in Sentinel, Oklahoma to Storie and Gordie (Woods) Roberts. In 1916 her own and extended family moved to the Post area having purchased farms from C.W. Post. Margaret and five of her siblings attended schools in Close City and Post. She graduated from Post High School in 1932.

She attended Texas Tech in Lubbock for a year and then continued her education at St. Anthony's Hospital Nursing School in Amarillo, graduating as a registered nurse in 1938. She studied public health at UCLA in 1939 and in 1962 received a bachelor's degree in education from California State College in Fresno, CA.

Margaret moved to California in 1939 to continue her education and ultimately took a job as a registered nurse in the tuberculosis sanitarium in Kern County. In 1941, she married Alva D. Brown. They made their home in California, primarily in Bakersfield. He died in 1983. Margaret had a thirty year career as a registered nurse in hospitals and as a high school nurse. She retired in 1978 but remained active in community organizations until she moved to Eugene in 1996.

Margaret is survived by her sister, Odee Roberts Kemp, of Post; her son-in-law and daughter, Dave and Dorothy Soper of Eugene, OR; her son, Dan Brown of Bakersfield, CA; her daughter, Christine Brown of Fresno, CA; four grandchildren: Emmett Soper of Arlington, VA; Margaret Soper of Los Angeles, CA; Nathan Brown of Bakersfield, CA; and Kathryn Brown of Bakersfield, CA; plus several cousins and many nieces and nephews.

To honor Margaret's passionate commitment to education and her love of travel, remembrances may be made to the Post Public Library. Service arrangements are under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post.

## Juanita Hawkins

(Editor's note: this obituary was inadvertently left out of the Oct. 3 issue of The Post Dispatch. We regret the error.)

Services for Juanita Hawkins, 76, of Post were held at 3 PM Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Jimmy Allen officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday, Sept. 24 at her home in Post. She was born October 7, 1931 in Dallas to Clyde and Mattie Lou Nicholson. She married Albert Hawkins on March 11, 1947 in Dallas. He preceded her in death on March 23, 2003. She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include 1 son: David Hawkins of Lubbock and 1 daughter: Beverly Richey of Wolforth, 1 Brother: Albert Nicholson of Dallas and 4 Grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a son: James Hawkins on Sept. 3, 1973.

## Ada Belle Polk Phillips

Ada Belle Polk Phillips, 87, passed away Saturday (Sept. 27, 008) at Presbyterian Manor in Newton.

She was born June 18, 1921, in Travis, Texas, to James Ellis and Nettie (Johnson) Polk. They preceded her in death. Ada was one of the original "Rosie the Riverers," building aircraft during World War II in Texas. There was not a piece of farm equipment Ada could not operate. She later worked as a cook for the Sedgwick Independent school district; however, her true love in life was being a homemaker, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Ada and her husband, Lauren, were married June 5, 1943, in Fort Worth, Texas. They loved to hunt, fish, be outdoors and just sit together on their front porch swing. Ada lost her "best friend" in December 2007. She played the harmonica and enjoyed the simple act of whistling. Survivors include daughter, Sharon and Walter Sanders of Commerce, Texas; son, James and Judy Phillips of Fort Worth; twin sister, Ida Jones of Post, Texas; six additional sisters; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She also was preceded in death by a brother, James Polk. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Petersen Funeral Home in Newton, with family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Committal service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hillside Cemetery in Sedgwick, followed by funeral service at 11 a.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church in Sedgwick, with Pastor Craig Reynolds of the Church officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Care of Kansas in care of the funeral Home.

# Are you the next Miss Texas?

Miss West Texas Organization Announces 2009 Preliminary Pageant Competition on October 25, 2008

Lubbock, TX - The Miss West Texas Scholarship Organization today announced that its preliminary competition will be held on October 25, 2008 at the Frenship Middle School Auditorium located at 500 Main Street, Wolforth, Texas. The Miss West Texas Scholarship Organization encourages young women ages 13-24 to strive to exceed their goals and accomplish their dreams through participation in this worthwhile program. The Miss West Texas pageant is an official preliminary competition to the Miss Texas and Miss America Pageants. Young women wishing to participate in the pageant should contact Yvette Adams at yvie5@yahoo.com or 806/891-6443 or Paula Parker at psplub@yahoo.com or 806/778-9830.

As part of the Miss Texas and Miss America Organizations, the Miss West Texas Scholarship Pageant is proud to contribute to one of the largest sources of scholarship opportunities for women in the world. This past year, the Miss America Organization and its state and local organizations made available more than \$45 million in cash and scholarship assistance. Many contestants have either received or are in the process of earning undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. These women use the Miss America Scholarship grants to further their educations. Not only does this organization give monetary rewards, it also provides each contestant a forum to express their viewpoints, talents and accomplishments to audiences during the pageant and to the public-at-large during the

ensuing year. Participating in the Miss Texas/America system not only helps young women pay for college and prepare for a career, it also provides an opportunity to gain additional life experience, work on issues of importance to society, enhance personal and professional skills, and develop performance-related and other talents. In addition to these, throughout her year of service, she will have the chance to network with the people of the great area of West Texas while promoting her personal platform, a critical cause that is near to her heart in addition to raising awareness and funds of the national Miss America platform--The Children's Miracle Network.

### About the Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant

A young woman may compete at the local and state level more than once, but may only compete in the national Miss America competition one time. Texas women who are high school graduates, or have completed the academic requirements for entry into a four year college/university degree program by July 30th, are encouraged to participate in a local pageant. In addition, all contestants must be single and never been married, between the ages of 17 - 24 by September 30th, an amateur or professional, and have a competitive spirit. Contestants who earn local titles go on to compete in the state competition, and the state titleholder participates in the nationally televised Miss America Pageant in September.

For more information on the Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant, contact The Miss Texas Organization at info@misstexas.org

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The Garza County Clerk's office will conduct the Logic and Accuracy Test for the automatic tabulating equipment on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 3:00 P.M. at the Courthouse. The tabulators will be used in counting the Early Vote ballots for the November 4, 2008 General Election. The test is open to the public. (This Notice is in compliance with Texas Election Code § 127.096.)

**NOTA**  
**La Lógica de elección y Certeza Prueban**  
El registro civil de Garza realizará la Lógica y la Certeza Prueban para el equipo automático que tabula el jueves, el 16 de Octubre de 2008 a las 3:00 de la tarde en el Palacio de justicia. Las tabuladoras serán utilizadas a contar las votaciones Tempranas del Voto para el 4 de Noviembre, 2008 Elección General. La prueba está abierta al público. (Esta Nota está en conformidad con Código de Elección de Texas § 127.096.)

# In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather ... We got about an inch and a half of rain out here, it was still pretty damp from the big rain a couple of weeks ago but it is slowly drying out so the farmers can get back in the fields.

This time of year Cuco and Javier are doing all the repair work needed for the coming ginning season. We called a guy to come out and tune up the press and the guys name was Mr. Hubert. His father went to school here in Ragtown. Last year we had a Lee Hubert come out, he works for Lubbock Electric and this other guy are cousins. Every year we have a cookout for all the producers and gin hands before we kick off ginning. This year we held it at Charles Morris' barn. We cooked hamburgers and sausage wraps. We fed quite a few people and had a great time visiting with everyone.

Charles and Sharron Morris celebrated their

birthdays together with a family dinner. They traveled to Lamesa to meet Tim and Diane Morris who live in Midland. Also joining them were Barry, Amy and Brooke Morris and Chuck, Kristi, Dylan and Rylan Morris.

Efrain and Jenny Gonzalez are moving closer to the area, they will make their new home in Breckinridge where Efrain will be the new youth minister for one of the churches over there. Jenny is the daughter of Jerry and Lilly (Wilke) Wright of Lovington and the niece of Robbie Wilke and GB Wilke both of Close City.

Judy Bush celebrated birthday as well on Tuesday night at her and Jerry's house. We all enjoyed pizza and birthday cake. Helping her celebrate were; Jerry, Daniel, Trevah, Kale and Will; Robbie, Traci, Ryan, Reece and Raegan; Clinton, Kimberly and Kahl Yarbro.

Mike and Julie Aten had a nice vacation,

they traveled thru several states. They visited the John Deere factory in Waterloo, Iowa and also visited factories in Des Moines, Iowa and Moline Illinois. Most of you know I collect rocks from all over the world and they were kind enough to bring me several rocks, one from the diamond were the movie "Field of Dreams" was filmed and another out of the Mississippi River, Mike got a little wet getting that one. Julie loves antiques, so they also got to do a little shopping as well. They both report they had a great time.

Visitors ... Willie the light man came by on Thursday he always entertains us. Mike Johnson stopped in to pick up some seed, he's another one that entertains us! Noel and Orabeth White stopped in for a Dr. Pepper. Jake Morris came visit with his pawpaw. Lexi Gonzalez came by to visit and have a snack with her uncle, Robbie Wilke. Janet Hines was here on Tuesday and

helped me unload my car while all the guys sat in here and visited! Can you believe that? Thanks, Janet.

Don't forget our Ragtown Folks in the nursing homes; Doug and Claudine Tipton, Ruby Carpenter in Post and Mary Ethridge and Carmen Abraham in Lubbock. Keep our troops in your daily prayers.

**Birthdays this week...**

October 11<sup>th</sup> - David Quintana  
October 13<sup>th</sup> - Ronald Thuett  
October 15<sup>th</sup> - Eric Berley

Hope all of you have a great week and remember ... ya'll come see us!

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

## Weekly Inspirations

### Burning Wheat

By: Michael F. Taylor

Over a hundred years ago, the old farmer and his wife were awaked by yet another earthquake which seemed to occur on a regular basis in their particular area of the world. The rest of the small village also were stirred by the movement of the land, but soon went back to bed, believing that it was but one more in a lifetime.

But the old farmer couldn't shake the feeling deep down that something was strangely different about this one. In fact, he was so disturbed that he slipped out of his bed and immediately dressed. He then walked cautiously to the barn, saddled a horse and rode to the high plain that overlooked the village and his new wheat crop which made him the wealthiest man in the area. As he reached the top of the plain, he looked out to the sea and noticed that something was uniquely different.

The water appeared to be very dark and was now flowing against the wind, heading away from the land.

He thought to himself, "I must act quickly. A great tsunami is on the way!" But how to warn the village?

Time was now of the essence.

Surmising that the three hundred others in the village would soon die from the deluge of water coming, the old farmer did not hesitate. He took a torch, lighting the flame, and placing it to the crop he had worked so hard to grow and care for. The wheat immediately burst into flames and the fire spread rapidly.

Within moments, the bell in the church tower began to ring out. Villagers were now roused and began heading up the steep embankment, away from the coming waters. As they breached the top to the high plains intent on helping their neighbor battle the flames, many were amazed to see the old farmer standing there, torch in hand.

"Why would you do such a thing?" they cried.

"Look to the sea!" he replied.

As they looked to the horizon, a wall of water began slowly growing in their vision. It kept looming larger and larger, until it struck the shoreline, completely consuming the little village.

Not one word was uttered as the villagers watched their homes washed away by the ebbing waters. When it was over, the old farmer quietly sighed, "That is why I burned the wheat." Not one person perished in the great deluge because of the farmers sacrifice. Now poor and penniless, his wealth gone, yet beloved by all! And blessed beyond measure!

What a selfless sacrifice the farmer gave for his fellow villagers.

Just as our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ did for you and I! I believe the old farmer understood that to be truly like Christ, may involve the sacrifice of what we have tended and cared for. And blessed the old farmer was for the rest of his days by those he gave his all for.

Jesus Christ teaches us in Matthew 5:1-10, "Now when He saw the crowds, He went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and He began to teach them, saying: 3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." NIV

This week as you go through your everyday life, remember that you are blessed as you walk in the teachings of our Lord, Jesus Christ. When you feel overcome and defeated, even if it seems that your wealth, your health and your path is one of discouragement, YOU ARE BLESSED!

My prayer for each of you this week is that God will show you His blessings and His grace, even if at this moment in life, you are BURNING WHEAT.

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# Abernathy nips 'Lopes, 47-21

■ Post's district record stands at 1-1 after second loss of the season

Abernathy won the battle of the Antelopes Friday night in Post 47-21, dropping the Post Antelopes to 3-2 on the season and 1-1 in district games.

The Abernathy Antelopes netted nearly 500 yards of total offense on their way to a 26-point win.

Abernathy was in control 33-7 after one half of play, and the two teams traded touchdowns for 14 second half points each.

For Post, Aaron James completed 16-of-31 passes with two interceptions and 220 yards. James also connected for two touchdown throws.

The Post quarterback also ran the ball 10 for 32 yards during the contest.

Giles Dalby had 68 yards on 13 rushing attempts with one touchdown

while Clint Windham had 21 yards on three rushes.

At the receiver position, Windham caught seven passes for 79 yards while Bubba Blevins caught four passes for 62 yards and a touchdown.

James and Dalby connected on three passes for 47 yards while Jacob Perez caught one pass for 24 yards and Chad Miller had one catch for eight yards.

The Post defense allowed 497 total yards—259 rushing and 238 passing. The defense had one interception on the night.

Post accumulated 342 total yards—122 rushing and 220-passing.

The next test for Post is Idalou Friday on the road at 7:30 p.m.



Aaron James (12) calls out a play against Abernathy Friday as Jovanni Garay (84) and Giles Dalby (32) listen in. The Antelopes (3-2, 1-1) are at Idalou Friday 7:30 p.m. Post hosts Shallowater Friday, Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. The team's home finale is Friday, Nov. 7 against Littlefield at 7:30 p.m.

Photos by Mitch Holly

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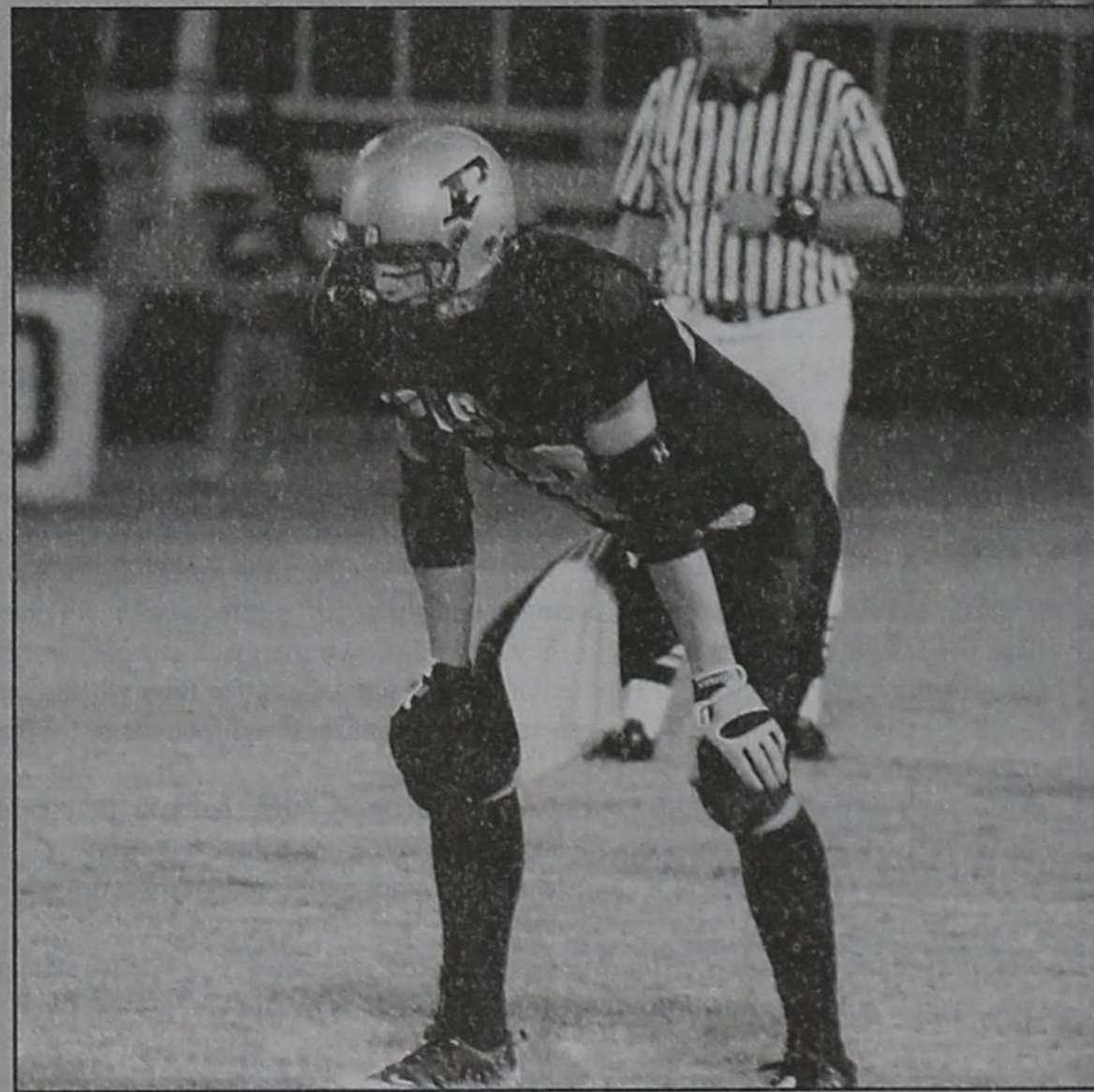
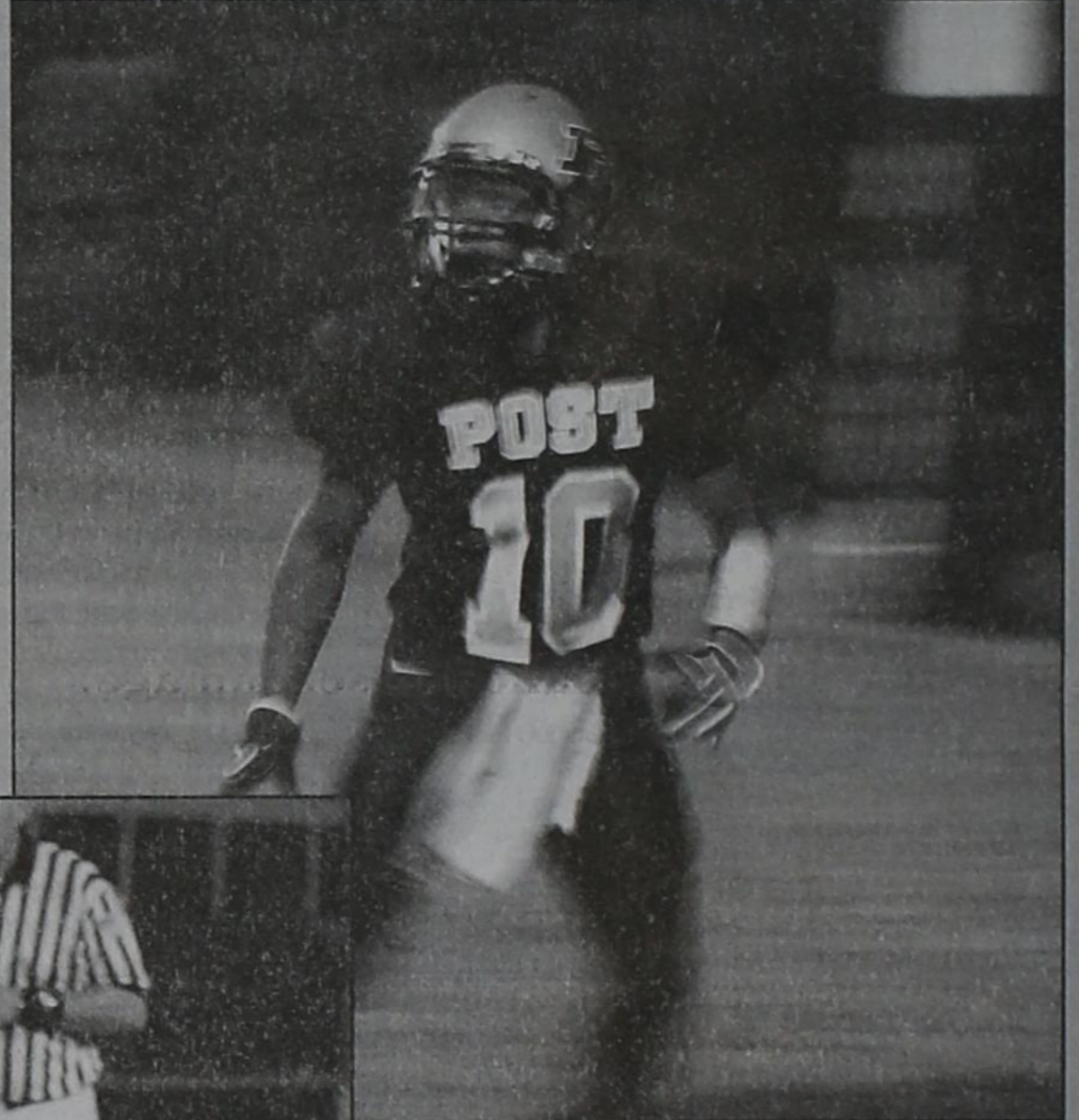
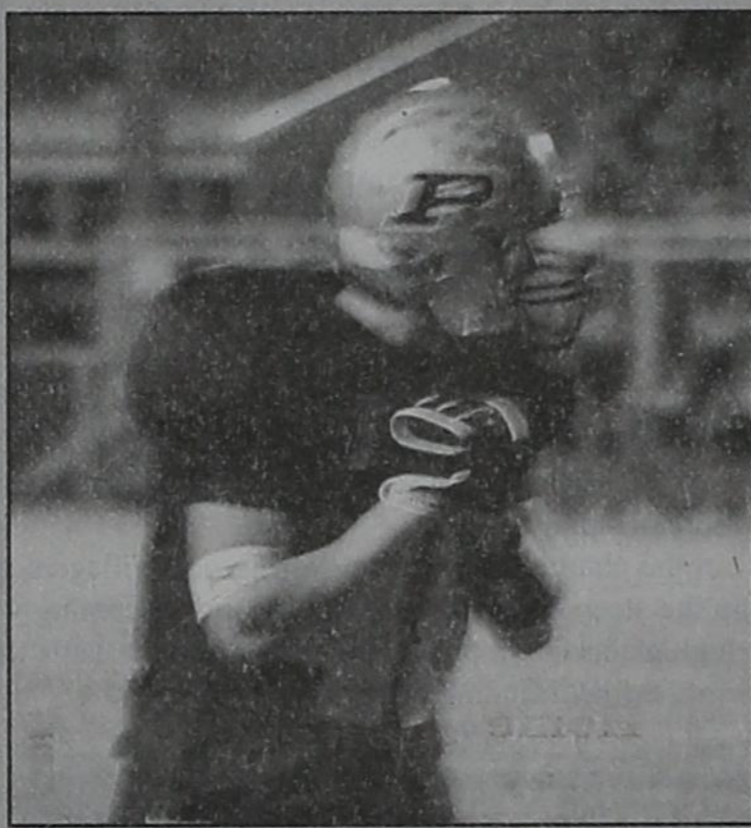
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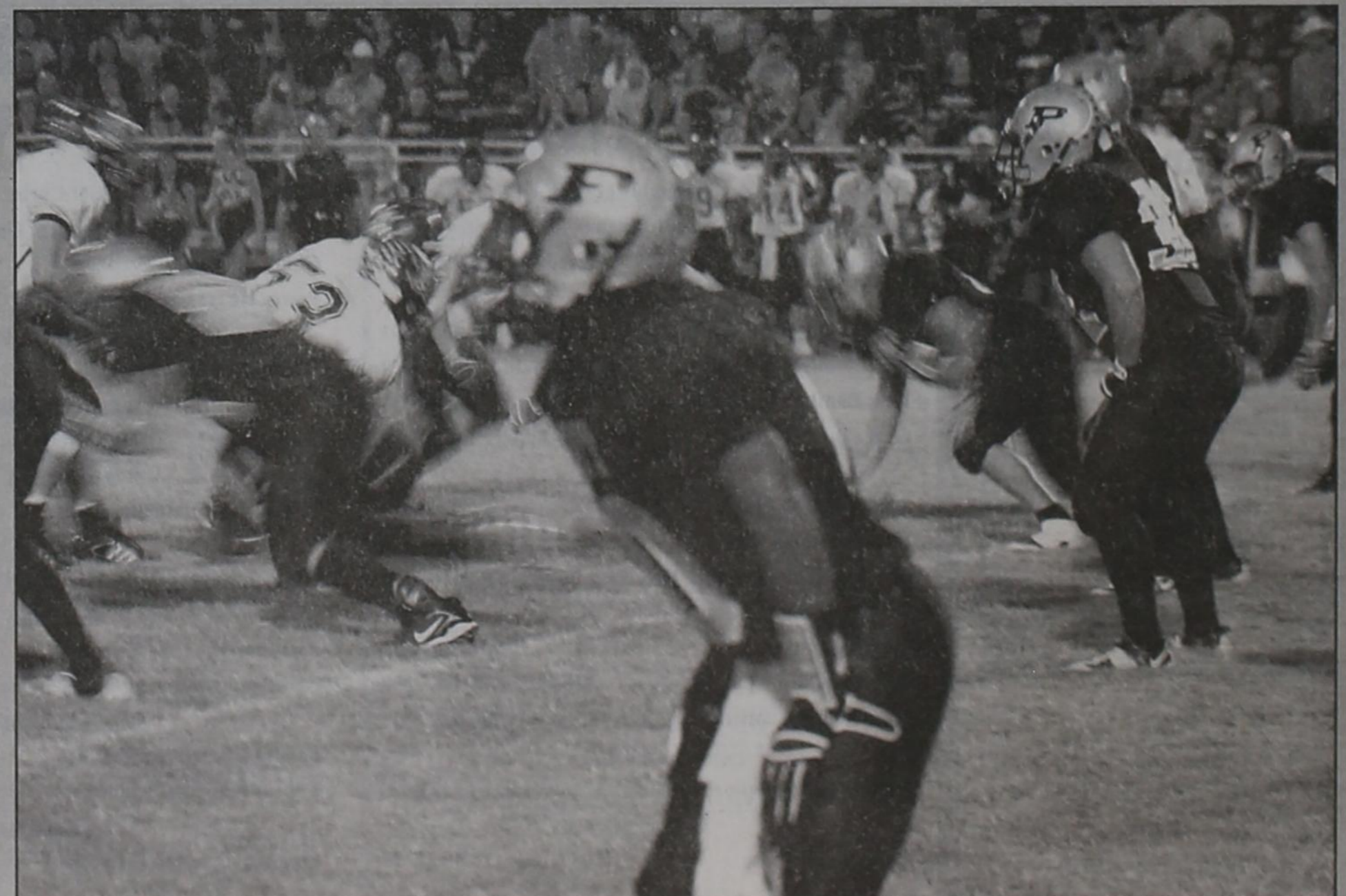
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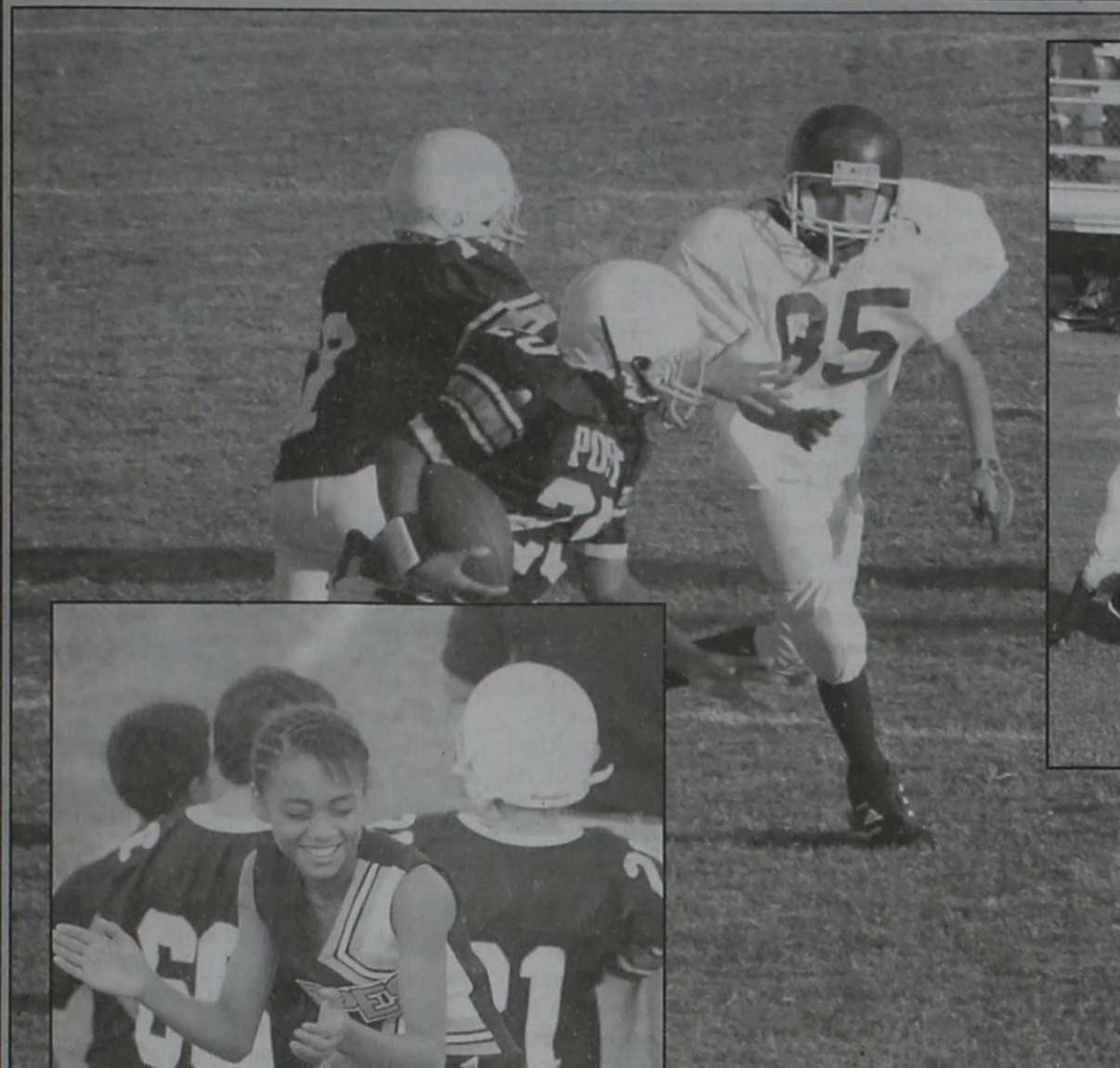


Above, M.J. Wynne, Chad Miller (above, left) and (left) Clint Windham play against Abernathy Friday in Post. Post (3-2, 1-1) plays at Idalou Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Photos by Mitch Holly







### Seventh grade football

The Post Junior High seventh-grade squad took on Abernathy at home last Thursday. The next home game for the team is Thursday, Oct. 16 against Shallowater. Games begin at 5 p.m.

Photos by Merika Strivens



## Post Antelope Football Schedule

### Varsity

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 16	Coahoma (scrimmage)	Home	10:00
Aug. 22	Tahoka (scrimmage)	Away	6:00
Aug. 29	Sundown	Away	7:30
Sept. 5	Lamesa (Homecoming)	Home	7:30
Sept. 12	Open		
Sept. 19	Floydada	Home	7:30
Sept. 26	Lubbock Roosevelt*	Away	7:30
Oct. 3	Abernathy*	Home	7:30
Oct. 10	Idalou*	Away	7:30
Oct. 17	Shallowater*	Home	7:30
Oct. 24	Denver City*	Away	7:30
Oct. 31	Slaton*	Away	7:30
Nov. 7	Littlefield*	Home	7:30

\* District Games

### Junior Varsity

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 28	Sundown	Home	6:00
Sept. 4	Lamesa	Away	6:00
Sept. 11	Open		
Sept. 18	Floydada	Away	6:00
Sept. 25	Lubbock Roosevelt*	Home	6:00
Oct. 2	Abernathy *	Away	6:00
Oct. 9	Idalou*	Home	6:00
Oct. 16	Shallowater*	Away	6:00
Oct. 23	Denver City*	Home	6:00
Oct. 30	Slaton*	Home	6:00
Nov. 6	Littlefield*	Away	6:00

### 7th & 8th Grade

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 11	Open		
Sept. 18	Floydada	Home	5:00
Sept. 25	Lubbock Roosevelt*	Away	5:00
Oct. 2	Abernathy *	Home	5:00
Oct. 9	Idalou*	Away	5:00
Oct. 16	Shallowater*	Home	5:00
Oct. 23	Denver City*	Away	5:00
Oct. 30	Slaton*	Away	5:00
Nov. 6	Littlefield	Home	5:00

### Pee Wee

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 13	Ralls Crimson Tide	Away	11:45
Sept. 20	Tulia Gators	Home	11:00
Sept. 27	Idalou Bears	Home	10:00
Oct. 4	New Deal Lions	Away	2:00
Oct. 11	Crosbyton Huskies	Away	10:00

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 Dist/Div Office (s)

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 135 Slaton  
 Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771  
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 October 14  
 Breakfast - Churros, sausage link, fruit, milk  
 Lunch - Pigs-n-blanket, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple orange salad, milk

October 15  
 Breakfast - Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk  
 Lunch - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, strawberry shortcake, milk

October 16  
 Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk  
 Lunch - Meat & bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, rosie applesauce, milk

October 17  
 Breakfast - Cereal, graham crackers, fruit, juice, milk  
 Lunch - Sub sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots, brownie, milk

### Southland ISD

October 13  
 Breakfast - Churros, sausage links, milk, juice  
 Lunch - Pizza choice, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk  
 October 14  
 Breakfast - Cinnamon

rolls, fruit, milk, juice  
 Lunch - Stuffed baked potato, baby carrots w/ ranch, fresh fruit cup, texas toast, milk

October 15  
 Breakfast - Eggs, bacon, milk, juice

October 16  
 Lunch - Oven crispy chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, fancy gelatin, milk

October 16  
 Breakfast - Cereal, milk, juice, fruit  
 Lunch - Nachos grande, lettuce & tomato, orange smiles, cornbread, milk

October 17  
 Breakfast - Biscuits & sausage, milk, juice

October 17  
 Lunch - Corn dog, oven fried potatoes, fresh broccoli w/ ranch, sparkly apple, crispy cereal treat, milk

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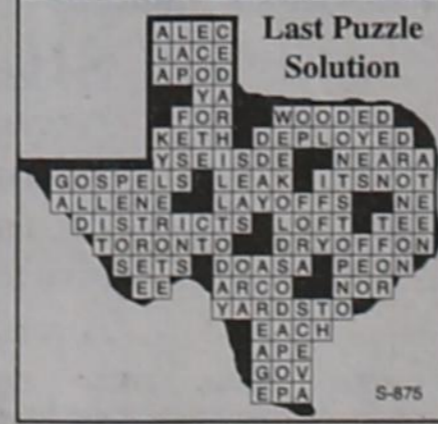
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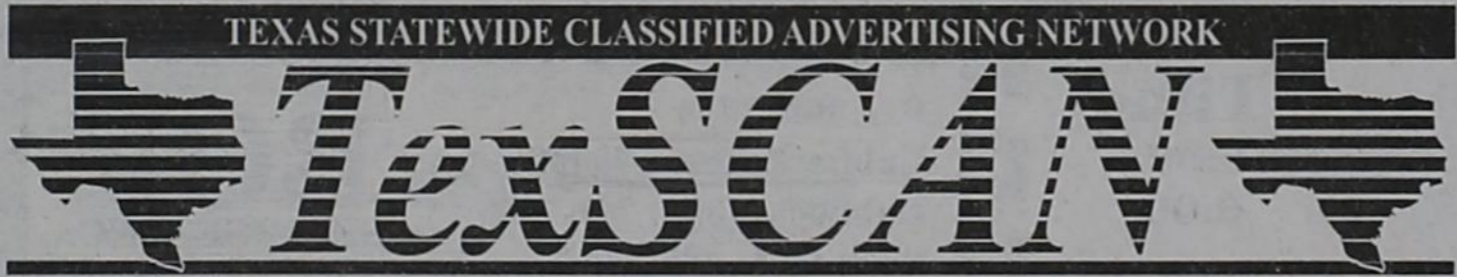
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# Yesteryears

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## 10 Years Ago October 8, 1998

Jay Bryan McCook of Austin was selected for inclusion in the 1998 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America. McCook is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles McCook of Post.

The written history of one of West Texas' most unique towns had returned to a printer after a 40-year absence. "Post City, Texas," originally published in 1952, was reprinted by the Maxine Durrett Earl Foundation of Post for the benefit of the Garza County Historical Museum.

About 6,100 paid admissions were purchased during the weekend's Old Mill Trade Days event.

Attending the first meeting after a long summer, the ladies of the Amity Study Club met in the Citizens Bank meeting room. Members included Sandra Alexander, Barbara Babb, Margaret Bull, Ginger Carlisle, Jane Davis, Naomi Matsler, Jancy Middleton, Joy Pool, Carolyn Sawyers, Marian Wheatley and Louella Bilberry.

## 20 Years Ago October 9, 1988

The 1988 Garza County 4-H Achievement Banquet was held at the Post Community Center. Keitha White, Garza County 4-H Council president, served as Mistress of Ceremonies of the banquet. Krista Kemp and Steven Payton introduced the 1988 4-H Sweetheart nominees Misty Bartlett of the Close City Club, escorted by Keith Peel; Angela Graves of the Graham

Club, escorted by Darren Wood; Janell Jones of the Lucky Clover Club, escorted by Shawn Pennell and Stormy Gass of the Post Club, escorted by Ryan Hart.

County Judge Giles W. Dalby was honored in Austin with the Political Courage Award from the John Ben Shepperd Leadership Forum. Dalby, along with Maurice Meyers, Mayor of Beaumont, was presented the award for outstanding leadership in county and city government.

LaDonna Ann Craig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Craig of Post, graduated cum laude from Texas Tech University's School of Mass Communications, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in advertising.

## 30 Years Ago October 11, 1978

A nine-point, 750-pound elk was killed by Donny Stelzer in southern Colorado. Bagged in the early morning hours, the elk was brought down with bow and arrow. The elk dressed out to 344 pounds of meat.

Debbie Robinson, first mailwoman for Post, began her new duties on October 7, when she carried the mail in the south part of town.

Spec. 4 Alfredo Pena, whose wife Lucy lives at 506 W. Ave. I in Post participated with other American and allied troops in "Reforger '78", NATO's largest yearly exercise, held in Germany.

Two Garza County homemakers, Mrs. Loucille Morris and Fannie Wardlow of Close City, attended the 52nd

annual meeting of the Texas Home Demonstration Assn. in Dallas.

D'Lynn Young was elected president of the Elementary 4-H Club.

## 40 Years Ago October 9, 1968

Karen's Korner by Karen Hundley! Last Friday night after winning against the Roosevelt Eagles, a victory dance was staged at Teen Town with "The Lox" playing. Couples there were Debbie Tucker and Duke Altman, Kathy Jones and Joey Lee, Donna Stewart and Dennis Altman, Kay Altman and Timmons Bull, Patti Peel and David Pierce, Linda Justice and Bo McWhirt, Patti Allison and Charles Neff, Donna Kolb and Larry Barner, Janice Gordon and Anthony Altman, Pam Petty and Steve Newby, Sue Eubank and Ray Altman.

Mrs. Johnnie Rogers and Mrs. Bandy Cash are new members of the Women's Auxiliary of Garza Memorial Hospital.

Specials at the Dairy Mart, 412 N. Broadway: Hamburgers, regular 35c...19c and Milk Shakes...19c.

Willie Cross was installed as president and Doll Haire as secretary-treasurer at a regular meeting of the Past Matrons of Post, Southland and Tahoka in the Reddy Room.

## 50 Years Ago October 9, 1958

Melanie Thompson was elected as chapter sweetheart by members of the Future Farmers of America chapter of Post High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thompson.

Thursday to Thursday: The new electric scoreboard at the football field was officially "christened" when Irby G. Metcalf Jr., president of the

First National Bank broke a bottle of Canada Dry on the center post; Congratulations to Tommy Mayfield, who is doing an outstanding job as drum major of one of the best college bands in the country - the Big Red Band of Texas Tech. Tommy is a 1956 graduate of Post High School.

The Rev. C. B. Hogue, pastor, performed the double ring ceremony that united Miss Carolyn Ann Hudman and Travis Clifford Polk in marriage. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hudman and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Polk.

## 60 Years Ago October 7, 1948

Ten Garza County 4-H Girls, selected for the honor on the basis of their outstanding club records for the year, attended the Texas State Fair in Dallas. They were Lois Ritchie of Close City, Wyvonne Morris, Lenona Stone, Jeanie Peel and Jo Fern Taylor of the Graham Club, Doris Ritchie, Gloria Young and Mary Ann Schults of Close City and Jeanneane Kiker and Charlotte Brown of the Post Clubs.

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The Planters Gin was seriously damaged by a blaze, which started from a rib fire.

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Propst, became the bride of Morris Huff, son of Mrs. Lydia Huff, in a ceremony in Tahoka. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dean attended the couple.

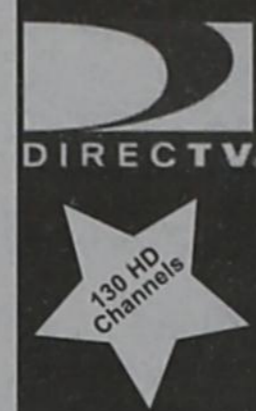
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**ACROSS**

- 1 this Baldwin was in "Elizabethtown" with TX Bruce McGill
- 5 TX "Big Bopper" hit: "Chantilly"
- 6 TXism: "two peas in a pod" (alike)
- 7 TXism: "dance with who bring"
- 8 '63 comedy film: "Four Texas"
- 9 East TX description
- 15 Houston TV station
- 16 many TXns have been in Iraq
- 18 Mex. independence day: "Diez Septiembre"
- 20 TXism: "never stand wet dog"
- 22 Matthew, Mark, Luke & John
- 27 faucet malfunction
- 28 "my job"
- 29 mom of ex-Cowboy coach Jimmy
- 30 downsizing actions
- 32 dir. to Houston from Corpus Christi
- 33 TX currently has 32 U.S. Congressional
- 36 room under the roof
- 37 aid for TX pro golfer Corey Pavin
- 38 TX Byron Nelson ended his 11 consecutive tour victories here (45)
- 39 TXism: "ain't got a towel to"
- 41 Rockport is "where the fun never"
- 42 TXism: "got as much to hibernating bear"
- 45 Santa Anna disguise at San Jacinto
- 46 "Myers designed state capitol"
- 47 "Energy Plaza" in Dallas was originally "Tower"
- 48 "neither" sidekick
- 49 Cowboy nightmare: 4th down & 10
- 52 "and every one"
- 53 TXism: "fits like ugly on an"
- 54 Rick Perry clean air agcy.
- 55

**DOWN**

- 1 "carte"
- 2 TXism: "in the of luxury"
- 3 Looney Tunes' "Wile"
- 4 newspaper for city on hwy. 67 in SW Dallas Co. (3 wds.)
- 8 this TX-born Parker was "Davy" on TV
- 9 TXism: "dull as"
- 10 opinion article: "ed piece"
- 11 "good boy"
- 12 Joe Tex's "One Monkey Show"
- 13 peepers
- 14 actor James in TX epic "Giant" of luxury
- 15 SMU great & 50s NY Giants RB
- 16 June 6, 1944
- 17 talk boringly for a long time (2 wds.)
- 19 oceans
- 21 at 36, Sam Houston married one (2 wds.)
- 22 TX Autry (init.)
- 23 Ocean, TX
- 24 long, narrow cut
- 25 Mexican coins
- 26 chicken fried steak at a TX cafe
- 28 doubtful
- 31 TXism: "couldn't buy hay"
- 32 nightmare (poor)
- 34 border monitor prior to "U.S. Customs and Border Protection" (abbr.)
- 35 Sup. Ct. justice appointed by TX George H. (init.)
- 37 song: "Texas"
- 40 "ugly" south of the border
- 43 TXism: "don't give a hoot"
- 44 rural land
- 50 name in Acts 19:14
- 51 actor Hutton of "Heaven's Fall" with TX-born Joseph Lyle Taylor (init.)

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Lindbergh was everyone's hero. Police had to protect his plane from souvenir hunters. President Coolidge awarded him **The Distinguished Flying Medal** and the **Congressional Medal of Honor**. The journal Lindbergh wrote to keep awake while crossing the Atlantic Ocean, during the long lonely flight, became an instant bestseller and won a **Pulitzer Prize**. Cities across America held parades in his honor. He was a superstar.

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# Post scouts enjoy summer camp

■ Troop 316 has fun in the Mountains of New Mexico

The Boy Scout Troop 316 of Post left out for summer camp on July 20 and returned home on July 26.

The Troop attended Camp Tres Ritos, a leased area within the Carson National Forest of northern New Mexico, which is operated by the South Plains Council out of Lubbock.

The Scouts that attended were Seth Babb, Blake Boren, Ricky Fontenot, Zach Hinkle, Fermin Rivera, Michael Taylor, Caelan Thuett, and Dalton Thuett.

Each of these Scouts attended Merit Badge classes during the week.

The Merit Badges that these Scouts worked toward completion were First Aid, Communications, Forestry, Fly Fishing, Camping, Woodcarving, Indian Lore, and Wilderness Survival.

The younger Scouts attended Trail to First Class, which introduced the new Scouts to games, basic camping skills, knot-tying, and Patrol activities.

Camp Tres Ritos differed from other summer camps that

the Scouts have attended, in that they were required to cook all of their meals at the campsite as a troop. It is safe to say that no one went hungry, nor did anyone go home with any food illness.

The Scouts did a great job.

There were a variety of activities that the Scouts participated. Frisbee throwing, ladder golf, mountain football, hiking and staff hunt were several group activities. Babb, Hinkle, Rivera, Taylor and D. Thuett fulfilled a wilderness survival requirement which was to spend a night out in a shelter built out of natural materials. Note that there was nothing mentioned about "sleeping", only that they spend the night.

As they drug into camp on that Friday morning after the evening stay, they informed us all that none truly were able to sleep.

The highlight of the week long summer camp, as the scouts will be happy to attest to, was the Wednesday afternoon white water rafting excursion.

The troop took a three-hour

trip down the Rio Grande river, entering with a rafting guide service about 15 miles south of Taos, N.M.

Another highlight and honor was that Seth Babb was elected by Troop 316 to be a member of the Order of the Arrow, an honorary service organization within the Boy Scout program, and a Native American ceremony was performed at our campsite to publicly recognize him with this honor.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 316 of Post (pictured) enjoy an afternoon of white water rafting down the Rio Grande River in New Mexico. The trip was taken in conjunction with the summer camp the troop attended July 20-26.

Courtesy photos



## Post holding Shattered Dreams event

Shattered Dreams, a nationwide program designed to help high school students learn the seriousness of underage drinking and driving, will take place in March in Post.

Garza County emergency personnel will be involved in

the event and are asking for volunteers to help with the program. For more information call *The Post Dispatch* at (806) 495-2816.

Shattered Dreams is a two-day, school-based program that promotes responsible decision-making among high school students regarding underage drinking and impaired driving (driving after drinking or riding with a drinking driver) by showing them how irresponsible choices can end all dreams.

The program was developed by the Bexar County DWI Task Force Advisory Board on Underage Drinking in 1998 as an expansion of the "Every 15 Minutes" program introduced in Chico, Calif. The "Every 15 Minutes" program was started by the Chico Police Department and named to signify the number of alcohol-related fatalities in the United States during the mid nineties. The Shattered Dreams program emphasizes the results of alcohol-related crashes: the shattered dreams of those who drive after drinking, the innocent victims, and their friends and families.

Shattered Dreams is designed to be a comprehensive underage drinking and impaired driving prevention program that involves the school administration and faculty, students, parents, community organizations, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and area hospitals in the planning of implementation of the activities. Due to the comprehensive nature of the program, planning with these organizations usually begins six months prior to the main two-day event. The partnership between the school and community organizations serves as a foundation for follow-up activities to reinforce the program's prevention messages. The program includes

the following interactive components:

- Parent-student workshop
- The Living Dead
- Mock alcohol-related crash (including medical and law enforcement response)
- Mock death notifications
- Student retreat
- Parent retreat
- Mock memorial
- Mock sentencing trial (optional)

These interactive components are supplemented with student-parent support, public relations, evaluation and follow-up activities. Aspects of most of the activities can be incorporated into the classroom according to the Texas Education Agency's Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

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