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## Fires rage across Garza County ranchlands; numerous surrounding fire departments help out local firefighters



Photo By Jodi Lincoln

Fire rages in background as firefighters fight diligently to bring the blaze under control from Sunday's grassfire that burned an approximated 20,000 acres

By Jodi Lincoln  
News Editor

Fires raged across approximately 20,000 acres of ranch land and open land east of Post and closed portions of US Highway 380 to public traffic for several hours on Sunday. The fire began around 4:00 pm Sunday out by the airport where high winds whipped the flames into a rapidly growing grass fire. The fire quickly jumped US Highway 380 over onto the south side into ranchland where it spread from there. The fires raged until well into the night and were finally brought under control in the early hours of Monday morning. Fire departments from Brownfield, Slaton, Tahoka, O'Donnell, Wilson and Lake Alan Henry, Garza County's county commissioners, Charles Morris, Jerry Benham, Gary McDaniels and an employee of Precinct 4 were out with maintainers

and equipment responding to the fire along with our volunteers. The Garza County EMTs were there on hand with an ambulance ready to respond if they were needed. Everyone involved with fighting the fire or working as support to the firefighting efforts worked extremely well together in bringing the fire under control.

Michael Isbell, Emergency Management Coordinator for the Garza County area was there on the radio monitoring the activities and making sure the group had everything they needed to fight the fire while at the same time keeping track of where everyone was so that no one was injured while fighting the fire. In speaking with Mr. Isbell on Tuesday after the fire, he said it would be a few more days yet before he would have information ready to release to the public, but promised to keep the residents of

Garza County informed of the damages from the aftermath of the fire. He did state that there was no injuries and no loss of life from the fire, though there were several miles of fence line, pipeline and electrical poles lost. No ranchers have reported at this time any losses, although there are certain to be loss of some livestock, out buildings and fences.

Sonic is to be commended for donating hamburgers to feed the hungry group of firefighters and other personnel as they fought against the high winds which were over 50 miles per hour Sunday and were constantly changing directions as the night wore on. Mayor Thressa Harp supplied bottled water to the men and brought the hamburgers from Sonic out to the group. When asked for a comment about the fire, the Mayor responded with, "I went with our emergency

personnel and watched them identify, prioritize and organize every aspect of the job at hand. They were all amazing. We are a blessed people to have such qualified and willing men and women living among us, and also living in the area towns around us who provided help. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!"

The whole event reminded this reporter of a parallel to our forefathers who came together as a group when one individual needed help and as a group they gave aide the that individual. In Garza County, this is one way Post has remained linked to it's history. When there is any kind of tragedy, catastrophic event, or need that arises in our community, one does not need to ask for assistance. Your friends and neighbors just show up with the manpower,

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## Potential TDRA abolishment could damage Garza County

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Rural Texas may be on the verge of losing it's voice. If the Texas Department of Rural Affairs is abolished, it could be detrimental to Garza County.

Since 2004, over \$550,000 in grants and funds have come from the TDRA to entities in Garza County.

The TDRA is now under siege in Austin and was specifically been targeted by Governor Rick Perry during

his State of the State address and more recently by the introduction of House Bill 1181.

Last week, delegation representing rural Texas interests received mixed signals from Senator Robert Duncan, Representative Warren Chisum, who authored the original bill leading to the TDRA, and TDRA Executive Director Charlie Stone.

According to Duncan, the

TDRA is still in play as no bill has been introduced in the Senate and eliminating the agency does little to the bottom line. "It doesn't save any money," Duncan said.

Duncan added that if the TDRA was abolished and services moved into the Texas Department of Agriculture like HB 1181 dictates, cities like Memphis would not

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## 2011 GCJLA 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Buyers Supper

By Janece Williams

The Garza County Junior Livestock Show Sale was held January 20, 2011 at the Post ISD Cafeteria at 6 pm. The opening prayer was given by Delton Osborne. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Our Senior Class

Exhibitors: Ben Mason, Brian Osborn, Brittney Miller, Devin Blanton, Jackie Milton and Tanner Odom. A delicious meal was prepared by Ruthell Stanley.

Ronnie Thornton of Plainview served as Auctioneer and Ronnie

Metsgar of Post served as MC. Mr. Thornton told the crowd, "really enjoy coming to Post to do your stock sale. You all are a friendly bunch and I have a good time doing

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Photo By Jodi Lincoln

Former Post Dispatch editor along with two helpers are shown preparing to move two tables donated to the Old Depot that has been fully restored and is now the current home of the Post Chamber of Commerce. The tables were donated by Chris Blackburn, owner BMG that produces the Post Dispatch.

## Post Notes

### Former Students Of Mrs. Mary Raphelt

Mrs. Raphelt will soon be moving to Denton where she will reside with her sister due to her frail health. Mrs. Raphelt will be at Ragtown Gospel Theater this Saturday, March 5th at 2:00 and would dearly love to see any and all students who touched her life and whose life she touched while she and her husband Herman taught in Post schools. Not having had children of her own, the kids that went through her classes throughout the

years became her children. She remembers many of them fondly and would love the chance to visit with as many that can make it out Sunday. She will also be available to visit with after the play. Please come and honor this wonderful teacher.

**Voter Registration:**  
Encouraging all registered voters to update their address information for the May Election. If you have a card that belongs to someone that no longer lives here, including

children that have moved away, please return it to the Tax Office in the Courthouse.

### Call for Entries - Garza County Quilt Exhibit

If you have an entry for the Garza County Quilt Exhibit at the Heritage House, bring your quilt to the Heritage House, 109 No. Avenue N Monday, March 14 through Wednesday, March 16, 9 a.m. to Noon. The exhibit, sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association, will open with a reception

Saturday, March 19 at 1 p.m. All quilts must have been created by a Garza County resident. This is a non-juried event and there is no fee to have a quilt in the exhibit.

For more information, call 806-495-4148.

### Gunn Children Scholarship Fund

A memorial scholarship fund established to honor Danny Gunn and benefit his children.

Donations can be made to the: Gunn Children's Scholarship at Lone Star

Bank, 2499 74th St., Lubbock, TX 79423.

### 22nd Annual Mayors' Beans and Cornbread Luncheon

Hospice of Lubbock will host the 22nd annual Mayors' Beans and Cornbread Luncheon on Friday, March 4. This luncheon will raise funds and community awareness. Hospice of Lubbock, serving 19 area counties, is our regions ONLY non-profit adult and pediatric hospice. General Admission is \$10. Recognition

Business Tables are \$1,500 for 8 people. For more information please call Lindsay Webb at 762-6020.

### Post High School Calendar

Looking Ahead:  
Mar. 4 - Track at Tahoka  
Mar. 4 - B/G Tennis at Levelland, 8 AM  
Mar. 5 - Girls Regional Meet at Odessa Permian  
Mar. 7 - Boys Golf at

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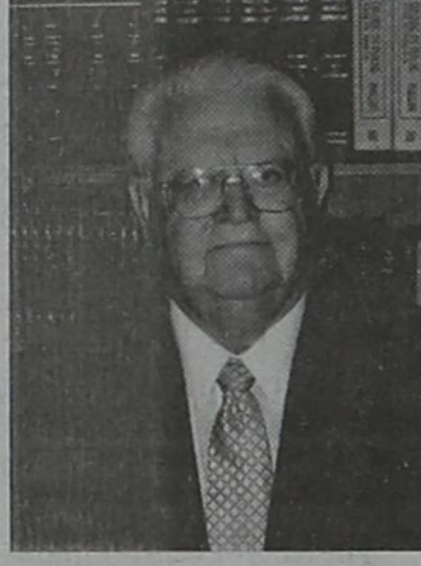
# Chamber News

We want to say a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who participated in the Harlem Ambassador Basketball show last Sunday. Our game sponsors were: Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility, RJD Management, Robert Hall Chevrolet, Lee & Marsha Norman, Wells Fargo Bank, Citizen's Bank, McDonald's, Garza Abstract, Community Recovery Center, District Judge Carter Schildknecht, United Supermarkets, Garza County Healthcare District/Clinic, Post Dispatch, PJ's Catering, Garza County Animal Hospital, Caprock Heirloom, Chris & JoAnn Stelzer, Mark & Lisa Kirkpatrick, Harry & Janice Record for Post Animal Refuge Center and Pronto Ltd. We also want to thank everyone who played on the PACCer's team: Jason Porter, Trent Mc-

Donald, Dr. Kerry Wink, Dr. Ben Edwards, Jason Powell, Callie Pope, Marty Dissinger, Kristen Webb, Pat Reiter, Aaron Cowley, Craig Bigham, Charles Elmore, Shea House & Shad Strugen. You put up a great fight - thanks for all of your hard work. This Saturday is Old Mill Trade Day Downtown. This is another great opportunity to "Shop at Home". Ragtown Gospel Theater will also have "Heaven - A Divine Comedy". Performances will be Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:00 p.m. This Saturday is also the date of the Memorial Run honoring Trooper McDonald. Registration for the run will be at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning at the Garza County Law Enforcement Center. Post Area Chamber of Commerce has a busy Spring

planned. March 31 will be our Small Business Seminar. The Annual Chamber Banquet will be April 9 and we will be hosting a community wide Bingo Night on Tuesday, April 19. CHAMBER FACTS According to the recently released 2010 Census Data, Garza County has grown in population by more than 25%. We are the only county in this area that had such a large percentage of growth. Most of our surrounding counties reported a decrease in population. This fact is certainly stimulating a lot of interest in Post and Garza County and what we do differently from other communities. Congratulations to our members of the week: Silver Member - HALO CREATIVE and Silver Member - PJ'S CATERING.

## Obituary



**GLENN ROYCE REECE**  
Glenn Royce Reece "Poppy", 71, of Wolfforth, Texas, went to meet his Lord and Savior, the One he so passionately served, on Saturday, February 26th, at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, Texas. Glenn was born in Roscoe, TX on November 10, 1939 to Arlie and Vesta Reece. He married the love of his life, Glenda Sue Tatum on July 3, 1959. They were married in Lovington New Mexico. Glenn graduated from Sul Ross State University with a degree in History Education in 1966. He dedicated

his life to the ministry at the age of 17, and faithfully served in the Southern and Texas Baptist Conventions until his death. He pastored churches in Marfa, Imperial, Sundown, Nocona, Post, Sherman, and Levelland, TX. After his retirement he was actively involved in the Southern Baptist Convention of Texas, where he served as a Field Ministry Strategist. Throughout his career he received numerous awards for his faithful service. Poppy loved working with his hands, but he loved nothing more than his family. He was a father to his children, his grandchildren, his great-grandchildren, his siblings, and his nieces and nephews; everyone knew him as Poppy. Glenn leaves behind his wife, children, Darrell (Raeline), Post, TX; Tammy (Kelly) Mason, Lubbock, TX; Belinda, Levelland TX; Stephen (Amy), Lubbock, TX. Grandchildren, Rachel (Craig) Roberson, Sarah (Aaron) Morris, Aaron (Shawn)

Gray, Cody, Blaine, Jadin, Madison, and Tatum Reece. Great-Grandchildren, Mason, Reece, & Cole Roberson, Kambell & Kennedi Morris, Kaden & Kellyn Gray. Sisters, Joyce Wellborn & Pat (Don) Teltschik, brother, Eddie (Patti) Reece. And numerous nieces, nephews and friends. The services were held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock at 1:00 pm. Graveside service followed at Terrace Cemetery in Post, TX at 4:00 pm. Family visitation was held at Hudman Funeral Home in Post, Tuesday from 6-8 pm. The family requests donations be made to the American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, NY, 10023-7505. The family would like to thank Dr. Shannon Rivas for her compassionate care. "Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint" Isaiah 40:31

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**Fun By The Numbers**

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

**Here's How It Works:**  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ANSWERS:

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4	8	1	2	7	9	3	6	5
9	2	6	3	4	8	1	9	7
3	7	9	1	6	5	4	2	8
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6	1	8	9	2	4	5	7	3
4	9	3	1	7	2	5	6	8

**United Supermarkets**

## Post ISD Menu

<b>Breakfast Menu</b> March 7 <sup>th</sup> - March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Link, Fruit, Milk	Milk
<b>Monday</b> Pancake on a stick, Syrup, Fruit, Milk	<b>Friday</b> Cereal, Graham Cracker, Fruit, Juice, Milk	<b>Wednesday</b> Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls Strawberry Shortcake
<b>Tuesday</b> Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit, Fruit, Milk	<b>Lunch Menu</b> March 7 <sup>th</sup> -March 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Thursday</b> Pigs in a blanket, Pinto Beans, Baked Chips, Pineapple, Orange Salad, Milk
<b>Wednesday</b> Oatmeal, Bacon, Toast, Fruit, Milk	<b>Monday</b> Chicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Seasoned Corn, Orange Smiles, Choc Pudding, Milk	<b>Friday</b> Sub Sandwich, Let. Tom & Pickles, Tater Tots, Carrots w/ranch, Brownie, Milk
<b>Thursday</b> Cowboy Bread, Sausage	<b>Tuesday</b> Pizza Salad, Corn, Peaches,	

## Southland ISD Menu

<b>Breakfast Menu for March 7 - March 11</b>	<b>Friday</b> Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Strawberry Shortcake, Milk
<b>Monday</b> French Toast, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	<b>Lunch Menu for March 7 - March 11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Chicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk
<b>Tuesday</b> Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk	<b>Monday</b> Ravioli, Tossed Salad, Corn, Orange Smiles, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk	<b>Thursday</b> Corn Dog, Pinto Beans, Baked Chips, Pineapple-Orange Salad, Milk
<b>Wednesday</b> Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk	<b>Tuesday</b> Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll,	<b>Friday</b> Sloppy Joes, Lettuce, Pickles, Tomatoes, Baked Fries, Carrots w/ Ranch, Brownie, Milk
<b>Thursday</b> Breakfast Bar, Yogurt, Cereal Fruit, Juice, Milk		

## Trailblazers Menu

<b>March 7<sup>th</sup>-March 11</b>	Bread Pudding	Chicken Fry, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Roll, Banana Pudding
<b>Monday</b> Chef Salad, Crackers, Cobbler/Ice Cream	<b>Wednesday</b> Meat Loaf, Au gratin Potatoes, Carrots, Roll, Blueberry Crunch	<b>Friday</b> Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Fried Okra, Roll, Millionaire Pie
<b>Tuesday</b> Green Chili Chicken Casserole, Mexican Corn, Salad,	<b>Thursday</b>	

## Extension Extras

Did you know that 4-H is free to join and open to all kids in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or 9 years old to 19 years old in Garza County? up is welcome to attend, call to sign up!

**Upcoming 4-H Connect Openings**  
March 14-Fashion Show and Photography. These events will only be open until March 25, 2011.

**Cookbooks**  
Hometown Holiday Cookbooks are available at the Extension Office for \$8.00

**Clothing Project Fun Day**  
Join us March 5, 2011 at the Extension Office from 9:30-3pm. Everyone 3rd grade and

**Club Meeting**  
Our next club meeting will be Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 6:30 at the Extension Office.

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## Ranchers affected by wildfires should have cattle inspected

**FORT WORTH, Texas** - The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) strongly encourages all ranchers whose cattle were on burned pasture to have their cattle inspected by a veterinarian for burns and other trauma from fires. It is critical to have cattle inspected immediately as life threatening conditions, difficult to diagnose without training, may occur within two to three days of the fire. Ranchers should contact their local veterinarians for inspection. The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 134-year-old trade organization. As the largest and oldest livestock association in Texas, TSCRA represents more than 15,000 beef cattle producers, ranching families and businesses who manage approximately 4 million head of cattle on 51.5 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. TSCRA provides law enforcement and livestock inspection services, legislative and regulatory advocacy, industry news and information, insurance services and educational opportunities for its members and the industry.

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**Legend**  
By Linda Puckett  
This poem was in The Post on May 27, 1920. The is unknown, po either the Warren Slaughter, all capable writers. The very descriptive e for delightful read

**SLAUGHTER'S**  
At every garage could be se Cars of all kind gasol This same bunch about sund One after another So many left ha could be fo They were all on the Slaughter ran All in a hurry didn be late Mrs. Slaughter them to be there She told them to co home for soon She was entertaini guest Mrs. Per So on we went ev just right Enjoying the gent of the nigh And sure enough

**10 YEARS**  
Post Lady Lopez District honors. A Honoree were: Hernandez (Kelly mention), Kelly Meagan Mills, Em Davida Gregory, Lopez (honorable and Kenda Loone Valuable Player.) City of Post e were busy last week trees at the city park of the Post Rotary C

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**COLLEGE S**  
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## Legends...Garza County Historical Museum

By Linda Puckett

This poem was published in The Post City Post, May 27, 1920. The author is unknown, possibly by either the Warrens or Mrs. Slaughter, all were very capable writers. The poem is very descriptive and makes for delightful reading.

**SLAUGHTER'S PARTY**  
At every garage Tues-eve could be seen  
Cars of all kind getting gasoline  
This same bunch of cars just about sundown  
One after another left town  
So many left harley one could be found  
They were all on the road to the Slaughter ranch bound  
All in a hurry didn't want to be late  
Mrs. Slaughter had told them to be there by eight  
She told them to come to her home for soom fun  
She was entertaining for her guest Mrs. Peniston  
So on we went everything just right  
Enjoying the gentle breeze of the night  
And sure enough just at

eight  
Those cars stopped at the Slaughter gate  
Just as we began to take in the sights  
There was something awful happened to the lights  
Tho the situation they were able to handle  
The burden fell on the little white candle  
On to the house and in we went  
On having a good time we were bent  
Just after we entered we got a hunch  
The first of the program would be a glass of punch  
This was fine, was not very long  
This punch was followed by beautiful song  
Then music and songs, it was all fine  
All the entertainment was quite in line  
For our pleasure out of town artists were there  
And the Post talent came in for their share  
The gentlemen took a cigar and went out into the yard  
The ladies assembled and talked real hard  
We were sure they would

say to each other they were impressed  
With the way some of the ladies were dressed  
Then back we went this time to eat  
And wha we had could not be beat  
Tho some of our crowd made an awful mistake  
The stripped cream they thought was cake  
Some broke it, some cut it, and scattered it around  
They got it mixed up with those nuts so brown  
The cake was there and played its part  
We ate it all after getting a start  
There were a few ladies who were very handy  
Each had a tray of little stick candy  
Now the hours were growing late  
So back we went to the little gate  
As we passed the hostess she seemed real glad  
As each one told here of the good time they had  
Just anyime Mrs. Slaughter entertains for a friend  
She can get this whole bunch if a card she'll send.

## Yesteryears

### 10 YEARS

Post Lady Lopes earn All District honors. All District Honoree were: Manuela Hernandez (honorale mention), Kelly Moore, Meagan Mills, Emily Smith, Davida Gregory, Yvonne Lopez (honorale mention) and Kenda Looney (Most Valuable Player.)

City of Post employees were busy last week planting trees at the city park, courtesy of the Post Rotary Club.

### 20 YEARS

Post High School senior Barry Owen will go to Austin one more time to compete in the State solo band contest.

The phenomenal Broadway comedy "Steel Magnolias" will be presented at the Garza Theater March 14.

Michael Harper broke a Post High School triple jump record with a 40'3" leap. Jamie Perez had held the record at 40'2".

### 30 YEARS

Paul Beach and his wife Kathy flew into Post in their new Cessna 310(plane) form Atlanta, Ga. to visit his

mother Kay Beach.

Ben Miller of Justiceburg works on one of his latest bronze statue, "Ride Him Daddy."

Mrs. Bessie Strawn who was named this community's outstanding citizen of the year at Saturday night Chamber of Commerce banquet.

### 40 YEARS

Joe Giddens, a 1959 graduate of West Texas State University, joined the PHS coaching staff and currently is assisting Coach Bobby Davis with the Antelope track and field team.

Sue Shytles was elected director of the Lorenzo Alexander Neighborhood Center.

Jean Pantoja is a bilingual outreach worker and Annie Tutt is a Post Day Care Center assistant.

Boyd Noble scored eight points for the Texas Tech Picadors in their 104-88 triumph over Clarendon College.

### 50 YEARS

Dr. James Matthew is the new president-elect of the

Post Rotary Club. He will succeed Marvin Human.

Rex Allen was born Feb. 25 to Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Cash.

Janey Sue was born Feb. 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fowley.

Daniel Faye was born Feb. 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Braddock.

Don Richardson, 1960 graduate of Post High, has received a scholarship from Texas Tech School of Agriculture.

### 60 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crider celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary; also Mr. Crider is observing his 79th birthday.

Victor O. B. Slater is the new manager at Postex Mill where he will be replacing C. H. Bailey.

L. E Webb is the new manager of the local Dunlap store here.

Gayle Bowen, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Bowen of Post was been named head of music at Hardin-Simmons University.



## The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch



Some hotels you remember; some you don't.

Right now I'm comfortably ensconced in a La Quinta in Paris, Texas, expecting my stay to be as unremarkable as a meal at McDonald's. That's what you pay for - not to be surprised.

If you want adventure instead, look for a ratty old tourist court where the door keys really are keys and you don't know which light bulbs will burn if they're even there. Who knows? Paris might not even have one of those old motels. They're getting scarcer.

Regarding substandard lodging, my mind goes back to the last place I stayed in Paris.

The year was 1989, and it was the other Paris - the one in France. The Hotel Mary was the cheapest place to be found. Maybe they named it Mary to snag low-budget tourists from England. They got me instead.

The bathroom was down the hall, except you had to go not only down the hall but also up one floor. The one on

our floor was broken. Really.

The desk clerk was a swarthy character with a shaved head and an earring. Nowadays he wouldn't stand out in a crowd. Back then he was scary. Rhymes with Mary.

My other cheap hotel memory from Paris is less rhyming. It was the Dagmar. The year was 1969. I loved the Dagmar because I was studying French and was enamored of all things Parisian, even the threadbare Dagmar with its unlikely name.

Sadly, when I looked for the Dagmar 20 years later, it was gone. In fact, a whole stretch of the Rue St. Jacques had lost its character to an upgrade, sort of the way the Champs Elysee isn't what it used to be either. Oh well. Plus ca change, plus ca change, or something like that. But it's still sad to go back to a city like Paris and look in vain for your old hotel (unless it's the Mary).

But think about it. Although I can't say what's happening everywhere, most of today's

spiffy cookie-cutter hotels in this country aren't likely to be around for long. They're like the buildings at some international expositions - good enough for the event but built not to last forever. On the other hand, who cares? Since they're all so much alike, who's going to remember one from another 30 years from now? Of course, I'll be having a hard time remembering my name by then, much less all my favorite chain hotels.

Even so, I may remember this particular one.

My friend Jodi and I are here for a conference, sharing a room. When we returned tonight, we were astonished to see her bed neatly made and mine untouched.

OK, so I left a little cardboard box on a corner of the bed. Am I ignorant of hotel etiquette? Did room service interpret the box as a signal not to make the bed? I'm asking.

Anyway, forget what I said about no surprises.

To top it all, there's a light bulb out.

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COLLEGE STATION, Texas - Every day Predictive Services Department Head Tom Spencer and his team study weather patterns, drought conditions and the status of vegetation across the state.

They gather wind speeds and moisture levels from the field. They monitor areas reporting high winds and low moisture levels, two of the key ingredients for dangerous wildfires. They study changes in land use and the long term wildfire risks that accompany them.

"I'm hoping a wildfire outbreak doesn't happen, but I'm glad we have the capabilities that we do," Spencer said of the thoughts that race through his mind when the predictions start to come together.

"It's just like hurricane or tornado forecasting. It's good to be able to do it and get the information out, but it doesn't change the outcome. The hurricane always makes landfall somewhere, the tornado always destroys someone's house somewhere. These fires always occur and somebody is at risk."

Created in 1998, the Texas Forest Service Predictive Services Department is tasked with forecasting fire

danger. Spencer has led the department since its inception and his team is divided by their specialty - gathering weather data, studying vegetation and mapping wildfire risk.

Spencer then consolidates all their information, focusing on the bigger picture as he develops a longer term forecast. As they complete the process, they also produce several maps - including fire danger and drought maps - that detail conditions and are available to the public.

The research and forecasts have proven invaluable to Texas Forest Service fire managers, who are tasked with planning when and where additional people and equipment may be needed.

"Tom Spencer's job is to produce seasonal forecasts, as well as short term weekly and daily forecasts - and he's never been wrong," said Mark Stanford, fire operations chief for Texas Forest Service.

But Spencer is quick to point out that the agency doesn't do it alone. When the team spots an alarming trend, they immediately alert their partners: National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the

USDA Forest Service, as well as a host of other agencies.

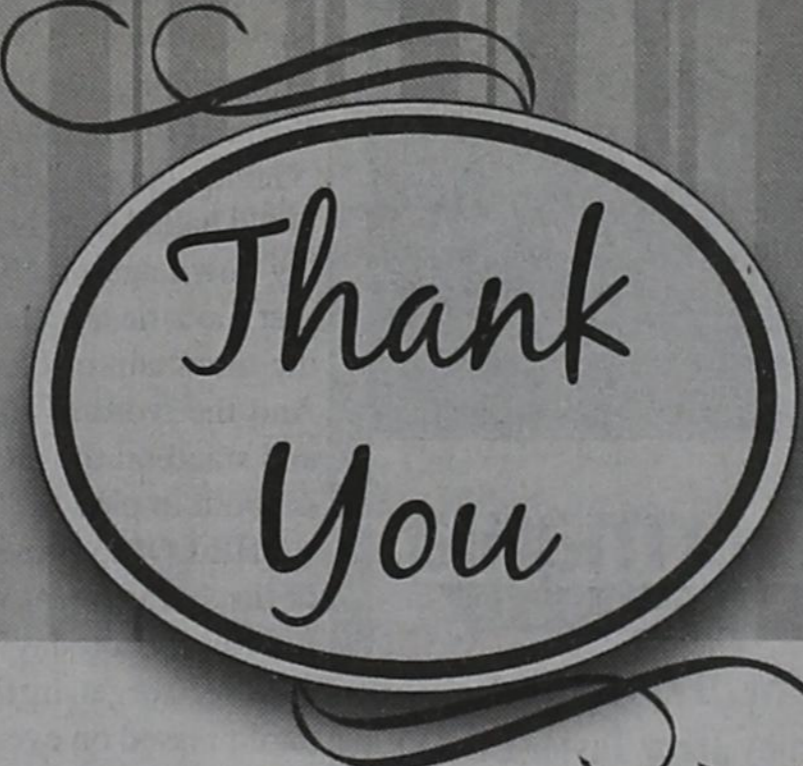
"We want to make sure we're on the same page and seeing the same thing," Spencer said. "We get feedback along those lines and it helps us develop a more comprehensive operating picture of what's coming."

With the advancements made during the last three decades, the climate indicators have become pretty consistent, Spencer said, explaining that everyone generally is on the same page.

And when everyone is in agreement, Spencer said, it's time to notify the public. When your job focuses on predicting disasters, the most rewarding aspect is helping people better protect themselves.

"That's really what we're all about and why we do this, and it's why the National Weather Service forecasters do what they do," Spencer said. "We can't stop a disaster, but hopefully, our work helps limit the amount of damage that results from one. The safety of our citizens is key."

For fire danger and drought maps, check <http://tcc.tamu.edu>. For wildfire updates, check <http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu>.



Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heart-felt appreciation to the Post Volunteer Fire Department for the tremendous job you did of controlling the wild fire that threatened our ranch Sunday. We would also like to thank the retired firefighters who came to help, and everyone who brought equipment and worked diligently to cut fireguards to protect our homes. In all the chaos, we know there are many people who were there helping in so many ways of whom we are not even aware, and we thank you also. We know if it had not been for everyone who volunteered their time and service, this situation could have been so much worse. It is times like these that we realize how blessed we are to live in this community. We truly believe we have the best fire department ever!

The Dalby Family

# In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

**Weather**  
Hope everyone had a good week, it's been really warm this week but don't put those coats up yet, I'm sure old man winter will find us at least once more this season. Please remember to put rain in your daily prayers we are in a bad way of needing moisture. The good 'ole West Texas wind hit us hard Sunday, didn't it? I did not hear of any damage up our way, but of course the fire east of town was another story. I do know that no homes or barns were lost. Thanks goes out to all the people involved in helping fight

the fire: the local and out of town firemen, law enforcement, county officials, EMS crew and many more friends and neighbors...just one of the many joys of a small town, everyone pulls together in times of need. Makes me really proud to be born and raised here!

**News**  
Good news comes from Melinda Nelson Morgan; she tells me that her mom, Joyce Nelson is going home after spending some time in the nursing home recovering from a broken hip.

**Did you know?**

I'm starting something new this week...each week I will print some strange fact or tip someone out here has shared with me. If you have a weird fact or tip you would like to share, give me a call or email me at close.city.coop@pcca.com

I'll start off this week with something G.B. and I came up with...Did you know that sticking your finger in your soda pop that you have just poured will make the fizz go down faster???

I know ya'll are going to try this so, make sure your finger is

clean before you do this! haha

**Visitors**

We've just had our regular morning crew out this week. Ya'll come out and have a cup of coffee with us some morning.....you are guaranteed to be entertained.

**Close City Birthdays**

March 7th - Glenn Norman  
March 9th - Rylan Morris; Cody Nowlain

March 10th - Patti Lopez  
If you or your family are not on our birthday calendar shoot me a line and I will add them.

**Get Wells**

Eva Gonzales has been a

little under the weather this past week...hope you are feeling better, Eva and Jodi Thuett... glad you are better also!

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are...W.C. and Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; Doug and Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham in Post; Odie Kemp in Tahoka; Jean Tipton in San Angelo and Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Slaton; Doris Wilson in Castorville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock and Lula Jo Stewart also in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

**EYI**

Our Close City Community

BINGO night tentatively set for March 19th .....we'll let you know the exact details in next weeks paper. Anyone wishing to help in anyway give Nancy or I a call.

We'd like to add some pics to our Facebook page. We have several left from doing the cookbook but if you have some of your "Close City" family let us know so that we can put them on there.

Get your cookbooks and T-shirt order forms at CoCara's downtown or you can come by the gin and pick one up.

Everyone have a great week, be safe and keep rain and our troops in your daily prayers! See ya next week.

## Weekly Inspirations

### GOD'S ANSWER TO DISCOURAGEMENT

By: Michael F. Taylor

It seems that one particular drizzling afternoon, there was an older gentleman driving down the freeway. And, as he was trying to see through rain and whoosh whoosh of the windshield wipers, he heard his cell phone ring. Already in a huff and discouraged with the situation, the man answered his phone, only to hear the frantic voice of his wife, "Honey, you had better be careful out there! I just heard on Channel 13 that there is a older man driving a car down the wrong way on U.S. 84."

"YOUR TELLING ME", he exclaimed into the phone, "It isn't just one car, It's HUNDREDS OF THEM!"

IN 2 Timothy 2, we are encouraged by the Apostle Paul to, " 8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. 11 Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; 13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself." NIV

We should not allow Satan, that old Deceiver, to exaggerate the negatives occurring in our lives. In 1 Kings, Elijah, the Prophet of God, (who had just before seen the fire consume the altar and destroy the prophets of Baal in victory) is running in fear because Queen Jezebel has issued an order for his death. In I KINGS 19: 10, Elijah in utter discouragement declares, "I am the only one left and now they are trying to kill me too. NIV But in reality, there was only one person who was out to get Elijah. Jezebel! And he certainly wasn't the only one who had not bowed down to the false god Baal! Discouragement had him exaggerating the circumstance. But God had deliverance for Elijah! We read in 1 Kings 19:5-6 "All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. NIV And then in 1 Kings 19:8-11, "Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. 9 There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him:.....the LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." NIV

THE LORD PASSED BY! What a wonderful experience in his time of discouragement when the Lord Himself passed by. Just as He does for you and I today!

Never forget in times of disappointment and trouble that, "We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed... Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 16-18 NIV

God bless each of you this week and BE ENCOURAGED.

*"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."*

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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*And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*

Deuteronomy 6:5

Visit any one of these businesses and churches and you will find wonderful Post City people and those who support Post.

PO  
Post Elementary would like to congratulate students listed below for academic efforts fourth six week of 2010-2011 school students listed below A Honor Roll list. make the A Honor student may have below a 90%. Cong and keep up the good work. We are proud of you. \*\* Denotes that is still eligible for Honor Roll list. 2010-2011 school have made the A Honor list for each cycle school year.

First Grade  
Matthew Allred\*\*  
Meagan Blair\*\*  
Shayla Brown

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the sale. So, I be coming back you'll have me and permits." Mr. has been doing auctions for the years, but has some health issues breathing, so he to stop doing auctions, but choosing the Post IS sale for them.

GCJLA would like the sponsors for the for Grand Champion Big Country Electric Champion Swine Unlimited, Inc. Champion Sheep Electric; Grand Goat, Milton Williams and Keith & Taylor, Osborne Champion Fancier Thompson and Grand Champion Rabbits, Post T and West Texas T Showmanship were presented. Showmanship and buckle sponsor follows:

Steer: Skylar J 4-H sponsored Garza Farm Bureau Swine: Devin Southland FFA sponsor Lynn/Garza Farm Sheep: Matti FFA sponsored Garza Farm Bureau Goats: Taylor FFA sponsored Cellular.

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Steer: Colton Garza 4-H sponsor CitizensBANK.  
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Sheep: Prest Post FFA sponsor CitizensBANK.  
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## POST ELEMENTARY A HONOR ROLL

Post Elementary School staff would like to congratulate the students listed below for their academic efforts during the fourth six week cycle of the 2010-2011 school year. The students listed below made the A Honor Roll list. In order to make the A Honor Roll list, the student may have NO grade below a 90%. Congratulations and keep up the good work! We are proud of you!!!

\*\* Denotes that the student is still eligible to make the A Honor Roll list for the entire 2010-2011 school year (they have made the A Honor Roll list for each cycle so far this school year).

### First Grade

Matthew Allred\*\*  
Meagan Blair\*\*  
Shayla Brown

Jayden Carroll\*\*  
Daisyana Cruz  
Damon Mauney  
Jakob Morris  
Jason "Drew" Porter

### Second Grade

Matthew Basquez  
Dee "Cole" Boren\*\*  
Cayce Britton  
Carolina Carrillo  
Maken Contreras  
Karla Cruz\*\*  
Javen Diaz  
Matthew Frausto  
Leah Gonzales  
Jacob Isbell\*\*  
Michael "Blake" Parrot\*\*  
Taye Perez\*\*  
Nicholas Quintana  
Sterlin Self  
Nathan Taylor\*\*  
Chelsea Thomas\*\*  
Bailey Tidwell\*\*  
James Toney

Kolton Wink\*\*

### Third Grade

Chris Dihenia\*\*  
Omar Lazcano  
Dillon McKee\*\*  
Chelsey Nelson

### Fourth Grade

Sydney Quinn\*\*  
KaraThomas\*\*

### Fifth Grade

Brooke Blair\*\*  
Austin Britton  
Brandon Britton  
Damian Garcia Rodriguez  
Leslie Gill\*\*  
Isaac Gonzales  
Marco Gonzalez\*\*  
Chloe Reiter  
Michaela Self\*\*  
Elizabeth Tanner\*\*  
Amber Taylor\*\*  
Leslie Whetsel

## GCJLA...

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the sale. So, I guess I'll be coming back as long as you'll have me and my health permits." Mr. Thornton has been doing stock show auctions for the past 25 years, but has recently has some health issues with his breathing, so he has had to stop doing many of the auctions, but chose to keep doing the Post ISD students sale for them.

GCJLA would like to thank the sponsors for the buckles for Grand Champion Steer, Big Country Electric; Grand Champion Swine, Crown Unlimited, Inc.; Grand Champion Sheep, Dickens Electric; Grand Champion Goat, Milton & Billie Williams and Keith, Roxanne & Taylor, Osborn; Grand Champion Fancy Rabbits, Thompson & Thompson; Grand Champion Market Rabbits, Post Tire & Lube and West Texas Testers.

Showmanship buckles were presented. Senior Showmanship winners and buckle sponsors are as follows:

Steer: Skylar Jones, Garza 4-H sponsored by Lynn/Garza Farm Bureau

Swine: Devin Blanton, Southland FFA sponsored by Lynn/Garza Farm Bureau

Sheep: Matti Smith, Post FFA sponsored by Lynn/Garza Farm Bureau

Goats: Taylor Osborn, Post FFA sponsored by Caprock Cellular.

Showmanship buckles for Junior Showmanship winners and buckle sponsors are as follows:

Steer: Colton Thompson, Garza 4-H sponsored by CitizensBANK.

Swine: Corbin Mason, South FFA sponsored by CitizensBANK.

Sheep: Presley Cowley, Post FFA sponsored by CitizensBANK.

Goats: Haley Krauser, Garza 4-H sponsored by Caprock Cellular

Rabbits: Maddie Guthrie, Garza 4-H sponsored by D &

D Well Service.

The Overall Sportsmanship Award buckle went to Devin Blanton the award is sponsored by Caprock Telephone Co., Inc. The Top Hand Award buckle went to Blaine Osborn this award is sponsored by????? All ribbons, plaques and banners given during the show were sponsored by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Our sale began with Colton Thompson who won the Grand Champion Steer with his English steer which brought \$1,250.00 buyers were Sanderson Ranches, Sweetwater Cattle Auction and Lubbock Truck Sales. Kari Dunn had the Grand Champion Swine with her Heavy Weight Cross it was bought for \$1,150.00 by Ronnie and Andra Dunn. Rhaeden Bland won the Grand Champion Sheep with his Heavy Weight Medium Wool which brought \$800.00 buyers were Post Stampede Rodeo and Sweetwater Cattle Auction. Brittney Miller won the Grand Champion Goat with her Heavy Medium which brought \$900.00 buyers were Post Stampede Rodeo and Sanderson Ranches.

Pake Jones had the Reserve Grand Champion Steer with his Exotic that brought \$925.00 and was bought by Sanderson Ranches, Sweetwater Cattle Auction and Lubbock Truck Sales, Inc.

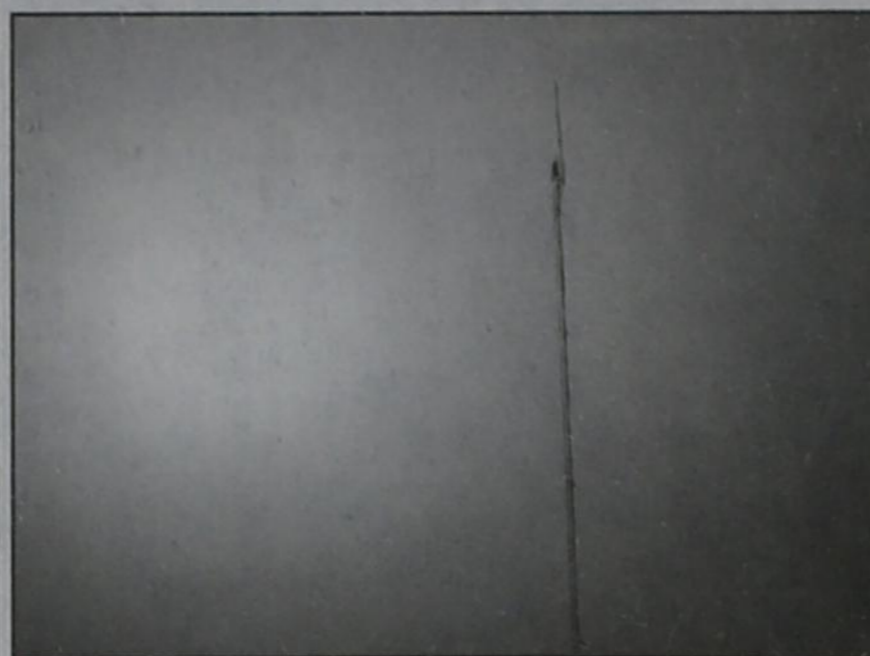
Bandy Osborn won Reserve Grand Champion Swine with his Heavy Weight York which brought \$750 buyer was United Supermarkets. Sara Greer had the Reserve Grand Champion Sheep with her Medium Heavy Weight Medium Wool that brought \$600.00 buyers were Sassy Sunflower and Crown Unlimited. Taylor Osborn won the Reserve Grand Champion Goat with her Heavy Light Weight goat that brought \$700 buyers were Chris & Glenna Reiter.

Skylar Jones won Breed

Champion Steers with her ABC steer which was bought for \$600 buyers were Alan Underwood, Lubbock Truck Sales, Inc., CB Farm Supply, Hargrove Ranch and South Plains Compost. Devin Blanton won the Breed Champion Duroc with his light weight pig that brought \$950 buyers were Blanton Farms. Taylor Osborn won the Breed Champion Cross sheep with her Cross which brought \$600 buyers were MKC Operating, Mike & Tammy Bland, and Randy & Lana Conner. Presley Cowley won the Division Champion Light Heavy Weight Goats that brought \$550 buyer was Palmer Oil Field Construction. Devin Blanton won the Breed Champion OPB swine with his Heavy Weight that was bought by Driveline Express for \$800.00. Russ Morris won the Breed Champion Hamp with his Medium Weight which was bought by Altman Group, Texas Star Co-op Gin and Hurst Farm Supply for \$950.00.

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# March roars into Post



Residents of Post know all too well that March and the spring season that follows does not always abide by the turn of a calendar. Sometimes the voice of March can be heard in the receding tides of a mild February. Sunday as winds soared upwards of 50mph, West Texans were treated to a hazy view of sands that may have come from as far away as New Mexico. Still yet, those red tides of an early spring are more welcome to the people that live here than some of the alternatives.

We have been fortunate to have experienced a rather mild winter. That may seem like a stretch considering those all too recently memorable days of wind chills well below zero. However, all things considered, our winter has not been harsh in the least. We can all remember the grip of a long winter just last year, when snow was a

familiar companion. Just as this winter season has seemed uncommonly short, last year's icy bonds seemed excruciatingly long.

This is not to say that winter has passed; in fact perhaps far from it. As Sunday's winds brought darkness to Post, so did they also bring another chill to the evening air. Monday's calm morning saw lows in the 30's, so Old Man Winter may yet have something to say to March's roaring lion. Color us confused when we walk outside each new day, wearing short sleeves into a frosty sunrise or corduroys on a day where the mercury may reach 80. But ask any Post citizen if they would have it any other way, and most may surprise you with their answer.

We may have our ever-changing West Texas weather, but that is far preferable to a Los Angeles earthquake

or an Orlando hurricane. It is more inviting than the Phoenix heat or the Seattle rain, the Michigan chill or the New York traffic. We will gladly take Post sand over Dallas crime or Atlanta humidity. And we will stand proud under the heavy storms of a welcome spring while Denver continues to dig out of winter's ice and snow. We can boast of an extremely low cost of living compared to that of other locales, such as Southern California, where our 1200 square foot home may have taken \$400,000 from our pockets instead of \$60,000 right here at home. We may complain about certain things in Post, but we have much more cause for contentment.

Speaking with several of our residents, the dust storm we experienced on Sunday was put into sharp perspective. One said it was far preferable to the battlefields of a foreign war, while another said we should enjoy those days of red-tinged skies, because God only gives us so many. A picture hanging in our library depicts a dust front moving in, and it makes me smile. Only in West Texas can we display a photo like that and be proud of it, as well we should be. Although that sand may come from some lonely field in New Mexico, we can call it our own once it settles here in Post. I for one am proud to do so.

## Dog of the week

Molly is Pet of Week at Post Animal Refuge Center. She is a 12 week old Border Collie mix. If you are interested in adopting a pet, please contact PARC at postarc@yahoo.com. Meet Molly and some of our other adoptable animals this Saturday at Old Mill Trade Day Downtown.



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Colton Thompson had the Reserve Breed Champion English steer that was bought by Sanderson Ranches, Hargrove Ranch and Lubbock Truck Sales, Inc. for \$600.00. Alexis Zarate won the Reserve Breed Champion Duroc with her Heavy Weight pig which was bought by Craig Schniers Farms for \$550.00. Matti Smith won the Reserve Breed Champion Southdown with her Light weight sheep buyers were BE Implement, Junior & Diane Stelzer and Ben Murphy CPA for \$700.00. Matti Smith also had the Reserve Division Champion Goat for the Light Weight division that brought \$700.00 by the Jackpot. Skylar Jones won Reserve Breed Champion Exotic steer which brought \$550.00 buyers were Lubbock Stockyards, Sweetwater Cattle Auction, Sanderson Ranches and C B Farm Supply. Katie Dunn won the Reserve Breed Champion York with her Heavy Weight Swine that brought \$1,050 buyers were the Altman Group and Hurst Farm Supply. Pake Jones' Reserve Breed Champion ABC Steer brought \$500 by the Jackpot. Dakota McDonald had the Reserve Breed Champion Hamp with his Medium Weight pig which brought \$700 buyers were Ag Texas, Hurst Farm Supply, Altman Group and Slaton Co-op Gin. Nick Bryant had the Reserve Division Champion Goat with his Heavy Weight that brought \$700 buyers were Post Stampede Rodeo and Sweetwater Cattle Auction. Addisen Rodriguez won the Reserve Breed Champion OPB with her medium weight pig which brought \$625 the buyer was Citizens BANK.

Callie Odom won 1st place with her Heavy Weight OPB that brought \$525 buyers were Judge Lee & Marsha Norman, Grassland Butane and Steve Norman. Corbin Mason won 1st Place with his Light Weight Medium Wool Sheep which brought \$500 by the Jackpot. Callie Odom's Swine brought \$500 by the Jackpot. Tanner Odom won 1st Place with his Light Weight Cross Swine that brought \$500 by the Jackpot. Allen Perez won 1st Place with his Light Weight York Swine that brought \$600 buyers were Hometown Pharmacy and Ronnie and Diane Graves. Katie Dunn won 1st Place with her Light Weight Hamp Swine which brought \$1,050 buyer was Close City Co-op Gin. Trevor Metcalf won 1st Place with his Light Weight OPB Swine that brought \$600 buyers were Hurst Farm Supply, Slaton Co-op Gin and Texas Star Co-op Gin.

Addisen Rodriguez won 1st Place with her Medium Weight



Cross Swine which brought \$600 buyers were D & D Well Service and Joe Marts Construction. Russ Morris won 2nd Place with his Heavy Weight Duroc Swine that brought \$600 buyers were Texas Star Co-op Gin, Altman Group and Hurst Farm Supply. Presley Cowley won 2nd Place with her Southdown Sheep which brought \$525 buyers were Audree Williams, Ben Mason and Dakota McDonald. Haley Krauser won 2nd Place with her Heavy Light weight Goat that brought \$900 buyer was Judge Carter T. Schildknecht. Ashlynn Powers won 2nd Place with her Heavy Weight OPB Swine that brought \$500 buyer was E & E Services & Supply-Odessa Tx. Rhaeden Bland won 2nd Place with his Heavy Weight Medium Wool Sheep which brought \$600 buyers were Keith, Roxanne & Taylor Osborn.

Haley Krauser won 2nd Place with her Light Weight Goat which brought \$750 buyer was Judge Carter T. Schildknecht. Ashlynn Powers won 2nd Place with her Heavy Weight Hamp Swine that brought \$550 buyers were Junior and Diane Stelzer. Ben Mason placed 2nd with his Light Heavy Weight Goat that brought \$1,200 buyers were Wilbur-Ellis-Muleshoe, TX and CitizensBANK. Jessica Payton placed 2nd with her Light Weight OPB Swine which brought \$600 buyers were Ag Texas and Hurst Farm Supply. M'Keison Guerrero placed 2nd with her Light Weight Medium Wool Sheep that brought \$600 buyers were A. E. & Billie Redman. Blaine Osborn placed 2nd with his Light Weight Duroc Swine that brought \$500 by the Jackpot. Corbin Mason placed 2nd with his Medium Light Weight Medium Wool Sheep which brought \$500 buyer was Thompson Wrecker Service.

Audree Williams placed 2nd with her Light Weight York Swine that brought \$625 buyer was Nancy Williams. Sara Greer placed 2nd with her Medium Weight Medium Wool Sheep that brought \$800

buyers were Post Stampede Rodeo, Sanderson Ranches and Sweetwater Cattle Auction. Ben Mason placed 2nd with his Light Weight Cross Swine which brought \$1,050 buyer was Hurst Farm Supply. Brooke Swaffer placed 2nd with her Light Weight Hamp Swine which brought \$900 buyer was the Altman Group. Bandy Osborn placed 3rd with his Light Weight Duroc Swine that brought \$600 buyer was B & A LP Gas. Dakota McDonald placed 3rd with his Medium Weight Cross Swine which brought \$600 buyers were Hurst Farm Supply, Ag Texas and Slaton Co-op Gin. Kade Smith placed 3rd with his Medium Weight Hamp Swine that brought \$500 buyers were Sanderson Ranches and Sweetwater Cattle Auction. Meagan Reiter placed 3rd with her Medium Weight OPB Swine that brought \$1,000 buyers were Kenny & Carla Reiter, Schalk Oil Co. and Two Draw Welding.

Remy Rodriguez placed 3rd with his Heavy Weight York Swine that brought \$500 by the Jackpot. M'Keison Guerrero placed 3rd with her Light Weight Medium Wool Sheep which brought \$600 buyers were Judge Lee & Marsha Norman. Shailey Miller placed 3rd with her Medium Weight Goat that brought \$1,000 buyer was Cholla Petroleum. Blaine Graves placed 3rd with his Heavy Weight Duroc Swine which brought \$550 buyer was Post Stampede Rodeo. Landon Greer placed 3rd with his Medium Heavy Weight Medium Wool Sheep that brought \$500 by the Jackpot. Casey Tucker Lee placed 3rd with his Light Weight Goat that brought \$500 buyers were Grubs RV Park & 3rd Day Genetics. Blaine Osborn placed 3rd with his Heavy Weight Cross Swine that brought \$500 buyers were Earl Chapman and John & Sonya Fields.

Makaylee Butler placed 3rd with her Medium Light Weight Medium Wool Sheep that brought \$500 buyer was Sam Ashcraft Crop Insurance. Paden Babb placed 3rd with his Heavy Light Weight Goat which brought \$600 buyers were A. E. & Billie Redman. Taylor Graves placed 3rd with her Heavy Weight Hamp Swine that brought \$500 by the Jackpot. Paden Babb placed 3rd with his Medium Weight Medium Wool Sheep that brought \$600 buyers were Chris & Glenna Reiter. Brian Osborn placed 3rd with his Light Weight Cross Swine

which brought \$500 buyer was D & D Oil. Erik Matteson placed 3rd with his Light Weight York Swine that brought \$800 buyer was Craig Schniers Farms. Kari Dunn placed 3rd with her Light Weight Hamp Swine which brought \$900 buyer was the Altman Group. Bandy Osborn placed 3rd with his Light Weight Duroc Swine that brought \$600 buyer was B & A LP Gas. Dakota McDonald placed 3rd with his Medium Weight Cross Swine which brought \$600 buyers were Hurst Farm Supply, Ag Texas and Slaton Co-op Gin. Kade Smith placed 3rd with his Medium Weight Hamp Swine that brought \$500 buyers were Sanderson Ranches and Sweetwater Cattle Auction. Meagan Reiter placed 3rd with her Medium Weight OPB Swine that brought \$1,000 buyers were Kenny & Carla Reiter, Schalk Oil Co. and Two Draw Welding.

Gavin Schniers placed 4th with his Heavy Weight York Swine which brought \$600 buyers were Hurst Farm Supply, Texas Star Co-op Gin and Slaton Co-op Gin. Dylan Morris placed 4th with his Heavy Weight Medium Wool Sheep that brought \$950 buyers were Close City Co-op Gin and South Plains Veterinary Clinic Inc. Brittany Miller placed 4th with her Light Weight Goat that brought \$600 buyers were Strawn Transport and Lynn Electric. Brian Osborn placed 4th with his Heavy Weight OPB Swine that brought \$500 by the Jackpot. Victoria Huckaby placed 4th with her Light Weight Medium Wool Sheep which brought \$550 buyers were Brady's Package Store and Grassland Co-op Gin. David Tyler Lee placed 4th with his Light Weight Goat that brought \$500 by the Jackpot. Trevor Metcalf placed 4th with his Heavy Weight Cross Swine that brought \$600 buyers were Hurst Farm Supply, Slaton Co-op Gin and Texas Star Co-op Gin. Latham Huckaby placed 4th with his Medium Light Weight Medium Wool Sheep

that brought \$600 buyers were Wells Fargo Bank and Victor & Peggy Ashley. Seth Babb placed 4th with his Heavy Light Weight Goat that brought \$600 buyer was Freemantle Energy. Alexis Rodriguez placed 4th with her Light Weight OPB Swine that brought \$500 by the Jackpot. Seth Babb placed 4th with his Medium Weight Medium Wool Sheep which brought \$650 buyers were Sanderson Ranches and Post Stampede Rodeo. Makaylee Butler placed 4th with her Medium Weight Goat that brought \$600 buyer was Palmer Oil Properties.

Blace Stevens placed 4th with his Heavy Medium Goat that brought \$600 buyer was Post Stampede Rodeo. Zane Zarate placed 4th with his Light Weight Cross Swine which brought \$550 buyers were Citizens BANK, L & D Pump and Joe Marts Cattle. Remy Rodriguez placed 4th with his Medium Weight Cross Swine that brought \$600 buyer was Capital Farm Credit. Jaden Binford placed 4th with his Medium Weight OPB Swine that brought \$600 buyer was B & S Salvage. Chloe Reiter placed 4th with her Medium Weight Hamp Swine that brought \$1,000 buyers were Sharp Image Energy and Kenny & Carla Reiter.

Jessica Payton placed 5th with her Heavy Weight Duroc Swine that brought \$600 buyers were Ag Texas and Hurst Farm Supply. Latham Huckaby placed 5th with his Light Weight Medium Wool Sheep which brought \$575 buyers were Post Tire & Lube, West Texas Testers and CitizensBANK. Shailey Miller placed 5th with her Heavy Medium Goat which brought \$600 buyers were Jerry Tyler and Deb Palmer. Ashlee Graves placed 5th with her Heavy Weight OPB Swine which brought \$500 by the Jackpot. Kade Smith placed 5th with his Light Weight OPB Swine that brought \$600 buyers were Crop Production Services, Lubbock Cotton Growers, Porter-Henderson Implement, Charles Mason and Wes Mason. Tanner Odom placed 5th with his Light Weight Hamp Swine that brought \$600 buyers were Freemantle Energy and Capital Farm Credit. Jaden Binford placed 5th with his Medium Weight OPB Swine that brought \$600 buyer was Thompson & Thompson. Audree Williams placed 5th with her Medium Weight Cross Swine which brought \$600 buyers were X-Chem, Miller Construction, Miller Time Roping and Post Stampede Rodeo. Allen Perez placed 5th with his Medium Weight Hamp Swine that brought \$700 buyers were Close City Community and Freemantle Energy.

Krista Matteson placed 6th with her Medium Weight Hamp Swine that brought \$600 buyers were Jordan Wire Rope-Odessa and Randy & Lana Conner. Victoria Huckaby placed 6th with her Medium Light Weight Medium Wool Sheep that brought \$600 buyers were Sanderson Ranches and Post Stampede Rodeo. Brandon Matteson placed 6th with her Medium Weight Cross Swine that brought \$575 by the Jackpot. Landon Greer placed 7th with his Medium Heavy Weight Medium Wool Sheep that brought \$700 buyer was 3 R Oil Company. Dylan Morris placed 8th with his Medium Heavy Weight Medium Wool Sheep that brought \$1,800 buyers were Hurst Farm Supply and The Altman Group.

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Total for the 2011 GCJLA Sale was \$66,025.00.

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## Lake Alan Henry Report

1. Conservation pool elevation - 2220.00 feet above mean sea level
2. Elevation as of February 28, 2011 - 2217.58 feet, 2.42 feet below conservation pool elevation
3. Water Temperature February 21, 2010 - 50 - 52 degrees Fahrenheit
4. 2011 cumulative precipitation as of February 28 - 0.29 inches
5. 2011 cumulative evaporation as of February 28 - 11.18 inches

Reports of several bass in the 8 - 12 lb. range being caught.

## White River Municipal Water District

Gauge Reading	Feet below spillway	Rise	Rainfall past week	Rain to date	
2355.71	16' 7"	0"	.24"	0.89"	
Rainfall for 2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
15.57"	28.85"	24.19"	33.61"	12.70"	32.16"

### DID YOU KNOW?

White River Lake has 3,916,077,318 billion gallons left available at the intake or 40% capacity or 12,018 acre feet. Subtract 19,551,059

MG for evaporation this week in February that leaves 3,896,526,259 BG available as of today.

White River's daily average demand for 2010 was 1.40 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, which is Voluntary Water Conservation.

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# OPINION



## The Paperboy

### Divided we fall

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

This is not about left or right. This is about losing our voice.

Of all the issues in front of Congress, how many concern us? Most of them. How often are WE considered during debate? Almost never.

Let me ask you this: Who screwed up the economy? Big government? Fannie and Freddie? Corporate greed on Wall Street? Big labor unions? Poor lending practices by major banks?

So am I correct in saying that rural Americans are having to help cleanup a mess they had no part in?

Small town banks aren't responsible, yet their reputation has been tarnished by the conduct at major banks.

Main Street has been crushed by the recession. How much federal money was used to bail out the mom and pop stores struggling around the country?

Are you a Democrat? Are you a Republican? Has either party recently done anything of significance for rural Americans? We pretty much take care of ourselves around here.

Part of the problem with our system is a lack of representation. We have become the red-headed stepchild of America. We're regarded as dumb and out-of-touch.

Which area of the country is supplying the majority of the men and women fighting our wars? Rural America!

Who is supplying the fuel for this country? Rural Americans!

Who is providing the food for this country - meat, poultry, vegetables, etc.? Rural Americans!

Who is growing the fiber to make clothing? Rural Americans!

Who is watching the inmates? Rural Americans!

Rural Americans need a united front. There is strength in numbers, but it takes organization and effort.

Can you imagine a Political Action Committee representing 80 million rural Americans? That would indeed be a powerful lobby. It's enough power to not only be heard, but effect real change.

But, in order to sustain our small towns, we have to be creative. Small towns need an active Economic Development Corporation and an active Chamber of Commerce.

We live in a world of technology where you can work from anywhere. There are plenty of educated alumni who can work from anywhere. Identify them and have those discussions.

Towns should also reach out to retirees in an effort to move back home. The cost of living can't be beat and fighting traffic in the city is certainly no pleasure.

Look at the historical value of your town. Do you have potential on the square? Does Main Street look pleasant?

What about hunting? Last time I checked, every landowner I know has something to shoot while every city man I know is itching to shoot something. Cater to your hunters.

The ways to improve are only limited to the imagination. It takes vision, but more than that it takes leadership,

organization and effort.

In most towns, the same few volunteer for everything while those on the sidelines cheer them on or moan and groan. Since the country is broke and grant money is tight, labor is going to have to come through volunteers or inmates (if you can get them). That means the people on the sidelines are going to have to get in the game.

You're going to have to rely on the generosity of local and area businesses. If you can find the equipment, I bet the owner is reasonable enough to buy into a worthwhile project and give you a break money-wise. Be sure to give publicity for such good deeds.

If I had a dollar for all of the crying about how the "town has shrunk" and "how nice downtown used to be" and "we can't get anyone to move back home," I'd have enough money to get these towns rolling.

I love rural America and those people in the big cities, they want to love it too. They want out ... perhaps not permanently, but at least from time-to-time.

It's time rural America found her voice. Get organized, build partnerships and implement proven systems which have aided towns in similar circumstances. And by all means, take an interest and let your elected officials - at every level - know you're out here busting your butt just like the next guy!

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### Other Opinions

## TEXAS HISTORY IS UNDER ASSAULT

In the early 1800's, it was a common occurrence to see signs on homes and businesses across America that read "Gone to Texas". This rush was driven by the excitement of a new land of boundless opportunity and fortune, a land that gave a chance to all: builders, entrepreneurs and a cast of low and humble characters.

The new citizens who came here helped to create the most colorful and dramatic history of any state in the union. They fought in wars and perished, became Texians and Tejanos, and established a republic that built the identity of Texas...proud and independent. Through this rich and diverse history grew the internationally famous Texas mystique.

How we honor our history is what makes us Texans. It binds us together. It makes us distinct and, we believe, makes us the envy of most Americans and propels both national and international visitors to come see the places and hear the stories that built this great land. Arguably, only one or two other states in the Union evoke international interest, visitation, and admiration as Texas. Because of our state's history, the economic benefits of investing in, maintaining the awareness and presence of, and placing more history on display supports tourism on a global scale.

Today, however, the worldwide Texas mystique, built on both its history and this economic engine is under siege. The unthinkable is happening: the ability to discover and preserve Texas history is under assault.

The recent State of the State address and pronouncements by a policy foundation have called for either the suspension or the outright elimination of the Texas Historical Commission as non-mission critical. That, of course implies that the pursuit of Texas history, your history, is not critical. In one breath, our ability to discover and preserve unique Texas history which attracts tourists to visit us, plus a great investment on behalf of taxpayers, could be seriously compromised, if not destroyed.

Heritage tourists spend 50% more, take more trips and stay longer than any other segment in all tourism. For Texas, the math is simple. For every one dollar spent in tourism promotion in 2010, over six dollars of tax revenue is realized. Heritage travelers are the most profitable segment of this model. But that's not the whole story. Through the Texas Heritage Trails Program, much of small town Texas are able to make their own proud history visible to visitors and, most importantly, to the biggest segment of all Texas tourism... Texans.

So a question must be posed - is the most sound business plan for Texas one that will undercut and cripple an agency that maintains and generates fuel for one of the state's three most prolific economic engines?

Texas in 1895 realized that to ensure the future performance of local governance in all local matters for its citizens, it must invest in a network of its governmental sub-divisions: the counties. The idea was - in the spirit of this epoch program that created perhaps the nation's best collection of public architecture - that a century later, state leadership determined to again reach out beyond Austin into rural communities to invest in and assist counties with their courthouses through the brilliantly conceived Historic Courthouse Restoration Program. This was a real action to balance the use and leverage of funds in all of Texas, not just Austin. This program has been as big as Texas, for all Texans. However, it is unfinished.

The undeniable economic impact of the Historic Courthouse Restoration Program is only part of the THC story. THC programs help communities plan the best use of their main streets spurring redevelopments of downtowns, while all the time saving our precious and distinctive Texas history. The THC reaches into every county in Texas with an unpaid network of over 3,000 volunteers who depend on the THC for guidance and expert advice.

So the history that makes us proud, makes us who we are and makes us distinctive to others should be cast aside? Put on hold? Suspended? Eliminated entirely?

It is in this current budget frenzy that calm heads should step back a moment and realize that these changes contemplated to the Texas Historical Commission have the unintended consequences of undermining the very thing that makes Texas a place like no other and creates such a significant and statewide economic benefit. Texas history should not be negotiable or suspendible. It should be revered, guarded and upheld.

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### Inflation!

By ROBERT ROMANO

The big-spending politicians in Washington cannot say they were not warned.

As the financial system was brought to its knees in 2008, a torrent of government spending, borrowing, and money-printing was unleashed by Congress, the Treasury, and the Federal Reserve.

First, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were nationalized, which has already cost taxpayers more than \$150 billion. Bear Stearns and AIG got their \$210 billion. The \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program followed, but quickly abandoned its mission of purchasing devalued mortgage-backed securities (MBS), instead deferring to the Fed, which printed \$1.25 trillion out of thin air to buy the Government Sponsored Enterprise paper. GM and Chrysler too got their bailouts totaling \$80 billion.

Then, when Barack Obama took office, the \$821 billion "stimulus" spending bill was enacted, and the Fed began expanding its U.S. treasuries holdings, first by \$300 billion.

All told, it was a gargantuan, unprecedented \$3.5 trillion expansion of government.

At the time, critics, including Americans for Limited Government (ALG), predicted that once the economy began to move again, strong inflation would follow, weakening the recovery. In "The Sky's the Limit," published on Jan. 14, 2009, I wrote, "the prediction is not for instant inflation, but that once market-based thawing does apparently begin to ensue, and all the excessive liquidity finds its way into the marketplace, demand will spike in one area or another and thus so will prices. There will be another asset bubble. And then the politicians will dutifully declare that the 'recovery' has ensued."

Fast forward two years, add into the mix the Fed's \$600 billion QE2, ObamaCare, the Dodd-Frank financial takeover bill, and over \$2 trillion in new government debt since

Obama's first budget was adopted, and the seeds of inflation have not only been planted, but watered and fertilized. The Fed's share of the national debt has soared, from \$475 billion in Jan. 2009 to more than \$1.2 trillion today. That now makes the central bank the number one lender to the U.S. government in the world, more than China or Japan.

Overall, the Fed's total balance sheet has expanded from \$896 billion in Aug. 2007 when its latest round of quantitative easing began, to over \$2.5 trillion today, a 187 percent increase.

Now, prices are following suit. After a huge surge in oil in 2008, which saw the price of a barrel of oil peak at nearly \$150 in July 2008, right before the financial crisis of September, it is now mounting a comeback. It has risen from a low of \$33 in Jan. 2009 to nearly \$100 a barrel today, a 200 percent increase. Gold has risen from a low of about \$820 an ounce at that time to over \$1,400 now, a 70 percent increase.

The Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) price index too has risen, from its Feb. 2009 low 141.2 to an all-time high of 230.7 in FAO's latest release, a 63 percent increase. Its previous high came in Jul. 2008 when it hit 220.8. Then, the high costs of food had sparked food riots throughout the Third World.

Today, high food prices have toppled the governments of Tunisia and Egypt - both revolutions started in part as food price protests - and have set off a wave of civil unrest throughout the Arab world.

CNBC host Larry Kudlow explains the problem: "Commodities are priced in dollars, and the Federal Reserve has been overproducing dollars for more than two years. Consequently, emerging markets throughout the world - and the food sector in particular - are suffering from rising inflation."

The Wall Street Journal, too, lays rising energy inflation at Ben Bernanke's doorstep: "The Fed absolves itself of any responsibility for rising oil prices, attributing them to rising

demand from a recovering global economy. Demand has been rising, but not enough to explain what has been a nearly across-the-board spike in prices for dollar-traded commodities."

The Journal continues, "A spike in one or two commodities can be explained by a change in relative demand. A uniform price spike suggests at least in part a monetary explanation. The Fed will use the Libya turmoil as another alibi, but there's no doubt in our mind[s] that oil prices include a substantial Ben Bernanke premium." Indeed.

Clearly, with broad-based, substantial price increases across food, energy, and metals, inflation has regained considerable momentum. It's even showing up in the Producer Price Index (PPI), which measures the cost of raw materials to our nation's private sector job creators. All three groupings, Finished Goods, Intermediate Materials, and Crude Materials have risen from 170.1, 169.8, and 160.3 respectively in Feb. 2009 to 184.4, 190.1, and 234.1 today.

With prices rising this fast, is it any wonder that unemployment remains persistently high? Every single day, the cost of doing business is going up. That's going to hurt job creation and squeeze profit margins, and if it continues unabated this year, will stall the entire recovery - as was readily predicted over two years ago to anyone who would listen.

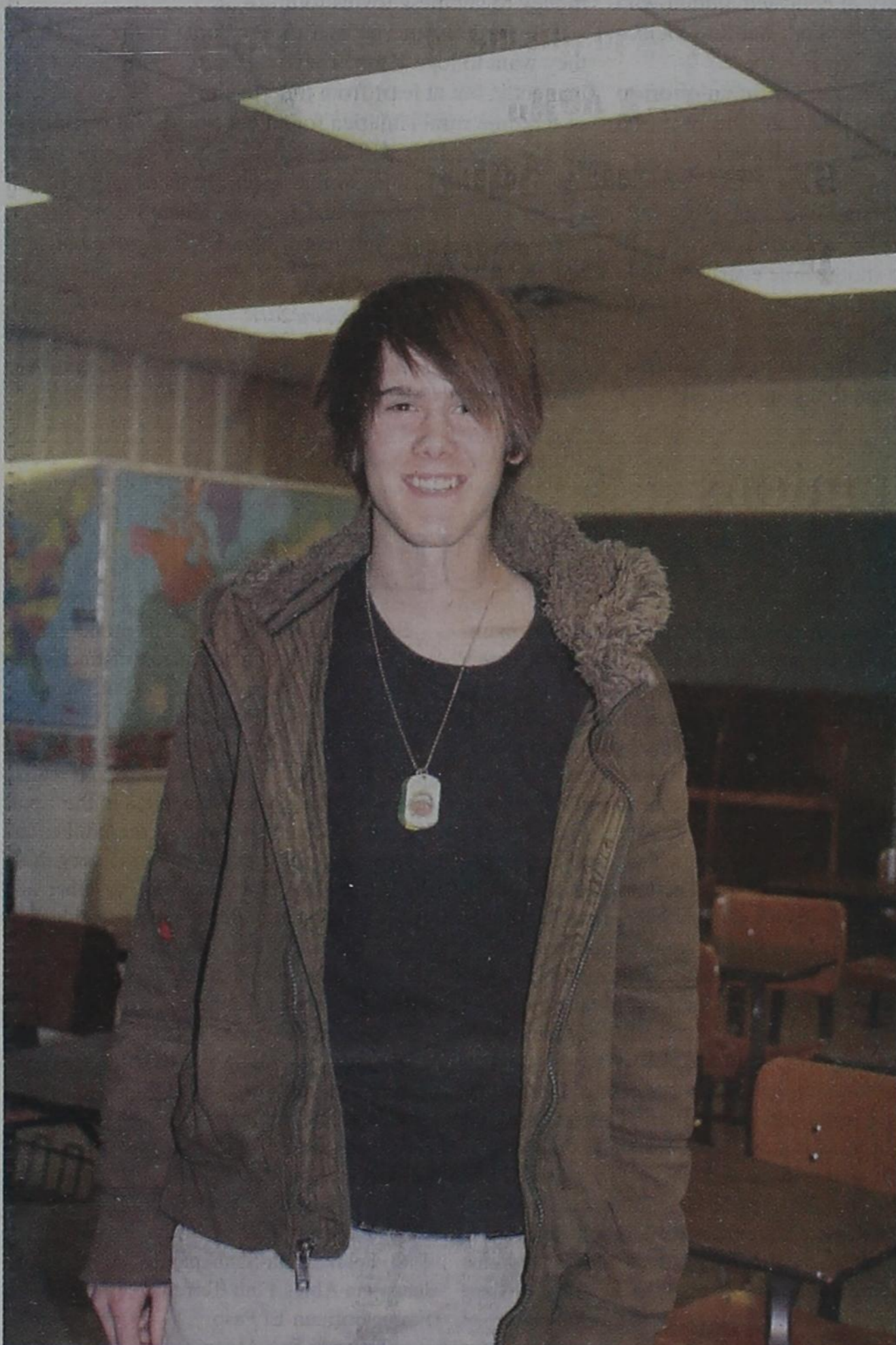
Of course, the price increases are all by design. It's what Keynesian deficit-spending and expansive money printing is supposed to achieve. But now it is risking another economic slowdown or even a recession if oil prices get too high again.

The only question now is if Washington, D.C. will do just a little self-examination, see the direct correlation between government policies and inflation, and for the first time in a generation make a much-needed adjustment. We need to stop spending, stop printing money, and stabilize the dollar once and for all - before it is too late and the economy goes off the rails again.

# Students of the Week

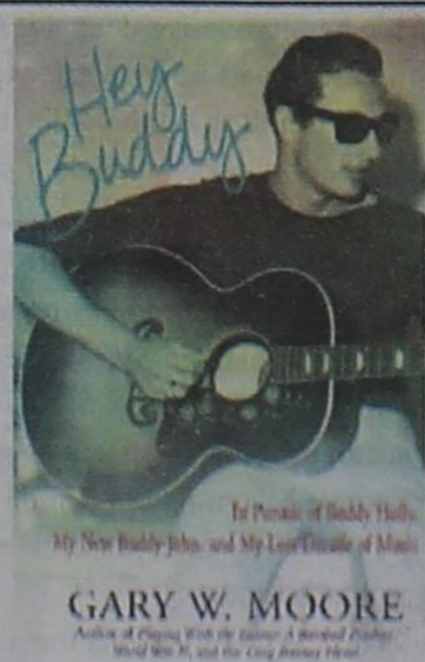


Megan is the daughter of Misha and Kenny Tolbert. This is her first year in Post schools. After graduation she plans to go to the Navy.



Dylan Moody-son of Sheila Moody He has only attended Post High school for a few months. He enjoys skateboarding, listening to music, and driving around. After graduation Dylan plans to attend college in either California or Dallas to become either a Computer Animation Specialist or a Graphic Designer.

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Coming up: Sweetwater Tournament Wood Bat Classic, Thursday at 12:30 PM and 8:30 PM., Friday at 10:30 AM. District 3-2A opening day: Denver City here Tuesday, March 8, JV at 4:30, varsity at 7:00 PM.

## Fires...

From Page 1

tools, equipment, food and whatever else is needed to come to the aide of each other. It is a way of life that has died out in many areas, especially in larger cities where everyone is so busy with their own lives, they have no time to give to others. But, what a satisfy-

ing feeling it is at the end of an event, to know one was a part of helping someone in their community survive a catastrophe or take care of a need.

When figures and reports are completed in the coming days, we will have an updated report on the losses and damages incurred

from the grass fire. Garza County issued a 90 day fire ban beginning the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. With the lack of moisture and the extremely dry conditions, we remain at risk of fires with the slightest spark, which can quickly grow into a raging inferno and puts our whole community at risk.

## TDRA...

From Page 1

be forgotten. "Being part of the TDA wouldn't be bad," Duncan added. "Staples (TDA Commissioner) is a good man, but he won't be there forever."

Duncan said he would look at the house bill again and work against any such legislation which might be introduced in the Senate.

A visit with Rep. Chisum on the same issue, dampened the collective mood of the group.

"It's a done deal," Chisum said regarding the abolishment of TDRA. "It's one of these tough decisions we have to make."

Chisum is in lockstep with Gov. Parry's assessment that the TDRA is DOA and gave it absolutely zero chance of surviving despite the remaining fact the bill has yet to be voted on in the House or introduced in the Senate.

Stone's opinion on the survival of the TDRA was a complete 180 from Chisum's.

"We're still alive," Stone said. "There are bills out there, but we're still around. We're hoping there's a light at the end of the tunnel."

Stone was emphatic about the difference the agency has made for small towns across the state. "If they get rid of us, there will never ever be another rural agency for rural Texas. If they'll leave us alone, we can continue to work for Rural Texas."

Stone said HB 1181 is not a done deal by any measure. "It has to go all the way through the house and then

to the Senate side."

Stone encouraged those living in rural areas to call or email their state representative and senator and voice their concerns.

For now, it's business as usual.

"The good news is, we have enough money to operate as an agency," said Stone. "We'll be doing everything you are used to."

If TDRA survives, funding will be slashed as over \$10 million is not appropriated in this session for the agency. But Stone said the cuts will effect grants and opportunity and not operations.

"We will try and depend on the goodwill we've had over the years and hope it makes a difference," Stone continued. "I think we're the most responsive state agency out there."

Stone encouraged all rural Texans to get involved and let Austin know how you feel about the TDRA (See contacts at end of story).

The following is a list of funds received by Garza County, entities within the county and a brief explanation of the use of the funds:

Post:08/05/2009-\$250,000 - Contractor shall drill 3 new water wells to provide an alternative water source for the city. Construction shall take place on the east side of US HWY 84, south of the town of Southland.

Garza County EMS: 03/12/2009 - \$2,494 - AED Device.

Garza County Sheriff: 05/18/2007 - \$1,450 - Device and training.

Garza County Sherriffs

Office & Constable Dept: 03/30/2006 - \$1,522 - AED device only.

Garza County: 03/30/2006 - \$1,691 - AED device only.

Post: 06/22/2005 - \$45,000

- Planning activities include base studies, water study, wastewater study, street study, drainage study, economic development study, parks and recreation study, capital improvements program and subdivision ordinance.

Post: 06/22/2005 - \$250,000 - The city shall address sewer treatment plant problems by installing 17 aerators and electrical connects in plant ponds and shall close the existing Imhoff tank.

Garza County Health: 02/04/2004 - \$2,046 - AED grant & training.

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## Post Notes...

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Tahoka  
 Mar. 7&10 - OAP Play Practice, 6:30 PM

Mar. 8 - 10 AM Honorable Judge Alberto Gonzales, Auditorium

Mar. 8 - JV/V Softball vs. Denver City

Mar. 8 - JV/V Baseball vs. Denver City

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## FLOYDADA...

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triple, stole a base and crossed the plate twice. Meanwhile, Aaron Macy slugged a two run homer and a double going 2-for 3 at the plate. Nathan Gill added two hits for the Lopes.

First year Head Coach Jerry Pyles saw bright spots within his young team in the first three games: "I thought we did a lot of good things during the tournament. We got good pitching from Vance Blair, Jacob Perez, Ernie Saldivar, Chess Postell, Pake Jones. We are still making some mistakes on base running and fielding errors. All of those can be corrected. I also liked they way we put the ball in

Friday, March 11- Life Touch individual and class pictures. Money for pictures is due on the day pictures are taken.

March 14-18- Spring Break. Have a safe, fun holiday!! We will see students back at school before the tardy bell rings at 8:00 on Monday morning, March 21st.

Post Elementary Calendar

play." Ernie Saldivar, Chess Postell and Aaron Macy each earned a place on the Norm Cash Clash all-tournament team.

## BOX SCORES

POST 13, COLORADO CITY 3 (2/26/11)  
 C-City 0 0 2 0 1 - 3 5 7  
 Post 5 5 1 2 - 13 7 4  
 Game ended by 10-run rule. Records: Colorado 2-2, Post 2-1.

POST 10, CLAUDE 2 (2/25/11)  
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 Post 1 2 1 3 0 3 - 10 10 3

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Game ended by two hour time limit. Records: Post 1-1.

O'DONNELL 14, POST 8 (2/24/11)  
 Odon 3 0 6 1 4 - 14 10 0  
 Post 0 5 1 0 2 - 8 8 4  
 Game ended by time limit. Records: O'Donnell 1-1, Post 0-1.

Coming up:  
 Sweetwater Tournament Wood Bat Classic, Thursday at 12:30 PM and 8:30 PM., Friday at 10:30 AM. District 3-2A opening day: Denver City here Tuesday, March 8, JV at 4:30, varsity at 7:00 PM.

**Thanks for reading!**



## Texas Forest Service strategically plans for wildfire response

Feb. 27, 2011 - College Station, TEXAS - Six single-engine air tankers, one heavy air tanker, 25 bulldozers, four wildland fire strike teams, 27 fireline supervisors and a six-person fire prevention team are just a fraction of the resources standing by today to ensure that safety comes first during the extreme wildfire danger conditions in West Texas.

Texas Forest Service officials began ordering additional resources about a week ago in preparation for the next few months, when dangerous wildfire is predicted to unseasonably high temperatures, high winds and low humidity. In the past seven days alone, Texas Forest Service has responded to 52 fires burning 19,000 acres.

With dangerous wildfire conditions predicted today in West Texas, resources are staged strategically to ensure efficient suppression, said Texas Forest Service Emergency Response Coordinator Shawn Whitley. "We've ordered everything from public information officers and support personnel, to major aircraft, equipment and additional firefighters," he said.

The National Weather Service is predicting damaging winds of 35 to 45 mph today with gusts possibly exceeding 60 mph - which means conditions

could become unsafe for planes to fly.

"There are safety limits in flying and we don't want to push those limits," Whitley said. "Our best resource today is going to be firefighters on the ground."

A Texas Forest Service incident command post is set up in Merkel, near Abilene, where an incident management team is activated, along with four fire supervisors, eight bulldozers, an engine, an air attack aircraft, an air tanker, a lead plane and a helicopter. Other resources are spread out across the state to provide for optimal rapid response.

"When we're in a fire season, we staff based on risk, not occurrence," said Texas Forest Service Fire Operations Chief Mark Stanford.

Local fire departments are the first responders to wildfire. Texas Forest Service's role is to assess the situation and order resources based on need and requests from agency personnel and local fire departments.

When preparing for a day like today, when wildfire is a likely occurrence, Texas Forest Service makes advance contact with fire departments in high-risk areas to pre-plan, Whitley said.

"You have to re-prepare every day to make sure

you've got fuel, your equipment is working and you're ready to go," he said.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry announced Friday the activation of Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System to stage resources in West Texas in preparation for Sunday's events. Ready to respond are four strike teams, each composed of nine firefighters and four fire engines. TIFMAS is a statewide agreement that allows fire resources to be activated and dispatched throughout the state.

Texas Forest Service Emergency Operations Coordinator Don Hannemann worked with TIFMAS Coordinator Joe Florentino to ensure the logistics of the mobilization ran efficiently.

Firefighters, team leaders, public information officers and other personnel receive the same training across the country so they can serve other areas when the threat is high.

"This mobilization works great," Whitley said. "We're all trained the same. If we order a task force or a dozer team, it's going to run perfectly. This is how we're able to be so successful in responding for Texas."

The 2011 winter wildfire season officially began Nov. 15. Texas Gov. Rick Perry issued a disaster declaration in December, which has twice been renewed.

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### Al-Anon

Family Group meeting meets Monday at 8 p.m., Historic Presbyterian Church, 10<sup>th</sup> & Ave. K, behind United Supermarket in separate room from AA meeting. For more information call 495-3053.

The Safe and Serene NA Group of Post now meets on Fridays at the Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Avenue C. For meeting information please contact Chris, 806-312-0121.

### Thank You

Thank you to the many people who were helpful to us during the illness and death of our loved father and husband, J.C. (Joyce) Steel. The service was wonderful. Thank you Linda and Ted. He would have been so pleased. Jane and Noel you both did a wonderful job as well.

Jewel, Marilyn, Curtis and Judith Steel

The family of Beth Ann Todd would like to thank everyone for the prayers and support for Beth and the family during this trying time. All the concern and love shown to her will never be forgotten by any of the family. So many acts of kindness were shown over the last four months, just proves how much she was loved. From the hospital stays to the nursing home and finally back home, she was never not showered with love and support. All the visits, calls, food, concern, prayers and love shown to her family was amazing. She is survived by 2 children and 4 siblings, that were all lucky enough to be able to be with her the last weeks. We also want to thank the understanding employers.

It has been a hard battle and she fought till the last breath. She was a very strong woman that loved family, friends and life. She will be greatly missed.

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### Legal Notice

In compliance with Local Government Code 117.022 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garza County Commissioner's Court will be receiving sealed bids until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2011 for Garza County's Bank Depository Contract 2011. Sealed bids will be received at the Garza County Treasurer's Office, 300 West Main Street, 3rd Floor South, Post, TX 79356. Bid packets may be obtained at same location. Inquiries regarding bid specifications should

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## Fans and Players Enjoy Ambassador Game



By Jim Plummer  
PostSportsPage.com

For the second consecutive year, the Harlem Ambassadors high flying basketball show was an occasion to remember. The fund raising event benefitted the restoration of the historic Santa Fe train depot while entertaining the crowd of 400

people last Sunday afternoon at the Antelope Arena.

The undefeated Ambassadors kept their winning streak alive against the Post's own PACCers. The PACC was made up of Post residents/basketball enthusiasts Marty Dissinger, Kirstin Webb, Craig Bingham,

Pat Reiter, Shad Sturgen, Ben Edwards, Jason Powell, Kerry Wink, Shea House, Charles Elmore, Aaron Cowley, Jason Porter, Trent McDonald, Monte Dissinger and Callie Pope.

The event was sponsored and organized by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC) with the intent of providing a fun community event while raising funds for the depot restoration project. The day after the game, PACC relocated its office to the historic building just off of East Main Street at the railroad track.

The Ambassadors consisted of Krystal Jackson, Julia Hargrove, Curtis Stephens, Chris Senoga-Zake, Nigel Hale-Bryant and Bryant Dunn. Phil Kaplan was the entertaining public address announcer.

On Thursday prior Sunday's show, the Ambassadors presented an assembly for all three campuses of the Post ISD with a "stay in school, stay off drugs" message at the arena.

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### Bold Gold Antelope 2011 Varsity Baseball Team

NO	Name	Position	Class
2	Vance Blair	Pitcher/2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sophomore
3	Aaron Macy	Catcher/1 <sup>st</sup>	Sophomore
4	Ernie Saldivar	SS/P	Senior
5	Matt Soto	Outfield	Junior
6	Pake Jones	2 <sup>nd</sup> /P/SS	Freshman
7	Aaron Perez	2 <sup>nd</sup> /DH	Junior
8	Caden Dean	Outfield	Sophomore
9	Paden Babb	Catcher	Freshman
10	Campbell Kirkpatrick	SS/P/Outfield	Freshman
11	Dalton Holly	Outfield	Sophomore
12	Chess Postell	3 <sup>rd</sup> /P	Senior
14	Jacob Perez	1 <sup>st</sup> /P	Junior
15	Nathan Gill	Outfield/3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sophomore
Coaches: Jerry Pyles, Billy Quinn, Jimmy Toney			

### POST BOLD GOLD BASEBALL 2011

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
FEB. 7	TAHOKA (SCRIMMAGE)	HERE	5:00
FEB. 19	LEVELLAND (SCRIMMAGE)	THERE	12:00
FEB. 24-26	NORM CASH CLASH	HERE	TBA
MAR. 1	ANSON	THERE	7:00
MAR. 3-5	SWEETWATER TOURNAMENT	THERE	TBA
MAR. 8	DENVER CITY*	HERE	7:00
MAR. 11	MORTON	THERE	5:00
MAR. 15	FORSAN*	HERE	12:00
MAR. 22	SLATON*	HERE	7:00
MAR. 26	ROOSEVELT*	THERE	12:00
MAR. 28	COLORADO CITY*	THERE	7:00
APR. 2	COAHOMA*	HERE	12:00
APR. 5	DENVER CITY*	THERE	4:30
APR. 8	FORSAN*	THERE	7:00
APR. 12	TRINITY	THERE	5:00
APR. 15	SLATON*	THERE	7:00
APR. 19	ROOSEVELT*	HERE	7:00
APR. 22	COLORADO CITY*	HERE	7:00
APR. 25	COAHOMA*	THERE	7:00
	*DISTRICT GAME		

COACHES: JERRY PYLES, BILLY QUINN, JIMMY TONEY  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: CHRIS JONES  
PRINCIPAL: JOHN BERRY  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: DAN BOYD  
TRAINER: ART MAESTAS  
SUPERINTENDENT: MIKE COMEAUX

## Lady Lopes on All-district Round Ball Teams

By Jim Plummer  
PostSportsPage.com

Two senior and one sophomore Post Lady Lopes were honored for their abilities on the basketball court last week when the 2010-11 District 3-2A Girls All-district girls basketball teams were announced.

Class of 2011 student Amber Wilson was named to the Second Team for her play at the post position and fellow classmate Caitlyn

Cravy was noticed for her aggressive nature by making the All-defensive squad.

Future star Haily Berry showed glimpse of brilliance on the court this past season and therefore was acknowledged with at Second Team honor. Berry started in the back court for Post.

Lady Lope seniors Katelynn Short and Morgan "Tiny" Williams received honorable mentions. District champion

Roosevelt put five ladies on the squads including the district's Most Valuable Player Jasmine Brainard, a junior. The Slaton Tigerettes placed six players on the all-districts teams including Defensive MVP Kortni King, a senior, and Newcomer of the Year freshman Collyn Heinrich. Denver City has five all-district players led by Offensive MVP Breeann David.

### 2010-11 District 3-2A Girls All-district Basketball Teams

<b>District MVP:</b>	Jasmine Brainard	Roosevelt	Junior
<b>Offensive MVP:</b>	Breeann David	Denver City	Senior
<b>Defensive MVP:</b>	Kortni King	Slaton	Senior
<b>Newcomer of the Year:</b>	Collyn Heinrich	Slaton	Freshman

### 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-District:

Carly Welch	Roosevelt	Junior
Kacie Whitley	Roosevelt	Soph.
Janna Adkins	Roosevelt	Soph.
Charlsi Heinrich	Slaton	Senior
Ashley Jaramillo	Slaton	Senior
Shay Felton	Slaton	Junior
Shahala Hawkins	Denver City	Junior
Ambra Hill	Forsan	Junior
Jennifer Castilaw	Coahoma	Junior
Ava Macedo	Colorado City	Senior

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-District:

Selah Ramsey	Stanton	Junior
Tara Patterson	Stanton	Junior
Amber Wilson	Post	Senior
Haily Berry	Post	Soph.
Joanna Gonzales	Coahoma	Senior
Miranda Reyna	Colorado City	Junior
Haylee Carter	Denver City	Soph.
K'Lynn Pate	Denver City	Junior
Lauran Meeke	Colorado City	Junior
Morgan Forshee	Forsan	Senior

### All Defensive Team:

Sam Espinoza	Denver City	Soph.
Mikayla Welch	Roosevelt	Fresh.
Kelsey Copeland	Slaton	Junior
Kay'C Stanley	Forsan	Junior
Lexi Espinoza	Colorado City	Junior
Ashton Snellgrove	Stanton	Senior
Caitlin Cravy	Post	Senior
Haley Pace	Coahoma	Junior

### Honorable Mention:

Katelynn Short	Post	Senior
Morgan Williams	Post	Senior

## Floydada claims Clash Title Lopes win consolation

By Jim Plummer  
PostSportsPage.com

The Bold Gold baseball team hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Norm Cash Clash here at David Nichols Park, last Thursday through Saturday welcoming the varsity baseball teams from Rotan, Lockney, Floydada, Colorado City, Claude, O'Donnell and the junior varsity team from Lubbock High.

Post claimed the consolation prize, a fifth place tournament finish, for the second year in a row by dominating Colorado City 13-3. Senior Chess Postell was the winning pitcher recording six strike outs while Pake Jones maintained the lead in relief for the final two innings. The Lopes scored their runs on just seven hits: Jacob Perez went two-out-of-four at bats including a triple. Vance Blair also was 2-for-4 with a stolen base. Aaron Macy hit 1-for-3 with one being a double and Ernie Saldivar also hit a double in the game. Designated hitter Aaron Perez scored twice for the Antelopes in the consolation game.

Floydada and Lubbock High School's junior varsity made it to the tournament's final game on



Relief Pitcher Pake Jones (#6) closes the consolation game for the Antelopes. They beat Colorado City 13-3 last Saturday at the Norm Cash Clash Baseball Tournament

Photo By Jim Plummer

Saturday with the Whirlwinds taking home the championship trophy by knocking off the Westerners 7-2.

Other action on the final day of the event saw O'Donnell beating Lockney 10-2 for a third place finish. Also, Claude outscored Rotan, 18-7, for a seventh place finish.

The Antelopes started the tournament against O'Donnell on Thursday with O'Donnell

advancing to the winners' bracket with a 14-3 win.

On Friday, Post advanced to the consolation final behind Ernie Saldivar's twelve strike out pitching mound performance against Claude for the Lopes' first win of the 2011 season, 10-2. Saldivar also excelled on offense going 2-for-2 at the place. He hit a double and a

See FLOYDADA on Page 10

### Post ISD Athletic Schedule

March 3-5	Varsity softball Tournament @ Ralls Varsity baseball Tournament @ Sweetwater JV baseball Tournament @ Lamesa (and Brownfield)
March 3	Junior High track @ Tahoka, 3:30 PM
March 4	High School track meet @ Snyder, 2:30 High School tennis @ Levelland
March 5	Girls Regional Powerlifting Meet @ Odessa Permian
March 7	Boys High School golf @ Tahoka, 9:00 AM
March 8	JV & Varsity softball hosts Denver City, 4:30 & 7 PM JV & Varsity baseball hosts Denver City, 4:30 & 7 PM
March 9	Girls High School golf @ Tahoka, 9:00 AM
March 10-12	Post Varsity Softball Tournament, here
March 10	High School tennis @ Levelland
March 11	Varsity baseball @ Morton, 5:00 PM High School track @ Plains, 12:30 PM
March 12	Boys Regional Powerlifting Meet @ Sundown H.S.

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