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Refined in the Fire?

By Michael F. Taylor

Well, it seems that rain is still eluding us for the most part here off the Caprock and I wonder if you may be like me in wondering if we will in fact see rain again until the Winter? And to make matters worse, that old fire bug seems to still be alive and well. With the dry conditions and the fuel that the lack of rain has provided, it seems that we are truly being tested in the fire!

But even though it does seem that we are being tested in the fire, I want to give you

a word of encouragement this week. Did you know that folks who endure the flames of hardship and discouragement are much better prepared to deal with the hardships of this life?

It seems that in the early 1990's, a fire broke out in Oakland, California and began to rage throughout a residential neighborhood. And as the fire blazed, it consumed a great number of homes that lay directly in its path. Tragically, many families lost most or all of their earthly possessions,

including the home of a local minister. As he and his wife returned to their smoldering home, however, they did find one small porcelain figurine which seemed to have survived the fire unscathed. The pastor and his wife picked up the small item and wondered to themselves at how it had survived virtually untouched.

That next Sunday, the minister stepped into the pulpit and began to speak

FIRE...

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Photos by Jodi Lincoln

Editor's Note

This week we had planned to present our Special Edition newspaper dedicated to our firefighters, along with a recap of the fires, fundraisers, pictures and ads of support and thank you's. Unfortunately, we were unable to gather all

the pertinent information that we wanted to present in this edition and rather than put out a product that was less than what we would have been proud of, we made the editorial decision to postpone our Special Edition until July 29th. As disappointed as we are over this unfortunate turn of

events, we are glad that this will allow additional time for those who wish to take part in honoring and thanking our volunteer firefighters. If you would like to run an ad with your thanks, support or other uplifting message, please contact us at the Dispatch at 806-495-2816.

Editor's review of Garza Play over the River and through the Woods

By Jodi Lincoln

Last Friday evening I spent a very enthralling evening at the Garza County Theater being entertained by a troupe of extremely talented actors as they performed the play "Over the River and through the Woods". John Davis, who also serves on the board of directors for the theater directed the play, a play so well scripted and acted that I forgot at times that I was watching a play being acted out. The troupe of six actors and actresses not only made the play come

alive, but were able to draw you into the performance as you watched the family dynamics play out. These were not actors portraying characters, but a real family dealing with a real life event playing out before your eyes, or so it felt. You could easily believe the troupe was a real family going through a real life situation. Each actor was so superb in their part that you could feel a real sense of kinship among the actors.

Patrick Jones plays a young Italian man from Hohenbrook, who has lived and worked

close to his grandparents and great grandparents his whole life while his parents had moved to the East coast and his sister to the opposite side on the West coast. His career brings him a great opportunity for advancement in a job he loves, but breaking the news to his family becomes quite the ordeal. The play covers several ensuing years of the young man's life and the dynamics of his relationship

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Photos by Jodi Lincoln

Post Notes

Pride of Post, High School Marching Band, will meet August 4th (Thursday) and August 5th (Friday) from 1:00pm-3:00pm in the afternoon and August 8th (Monday) and August 9th (Tuesday) 7:00pm-9:00pm. All at the Band Hall. A quick start for a great year!

Notice: Close City-Garlynn Reunion SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011

10:00A.M.-3:00P.M.?
In the Garden Room at Chapas Family Restaurant Just North of Post on Hwy. #84 Come for coffee and donuts and visiting at 10:00A.M. For lunch just order from the menu and go Dutch.....

For more information contact:
Mriam O'Neal 111 Arroyo Dr. Post, Tx 79356 806-495-2002
Oneita Gunn 1023 US Hwy. #380 Post, Tx 79356 806-495-2009

Post High School class of 1956 will celebrate its 55th class reunion on Saturday, August 6, 2011 at the Trailblazers, Senior

Citizens Center in Post. The reunion will begin at 9:30am with a full breakfast. Visitation will continue until mid to late afternoon. The class invites former PHS students to visit with us during this time.

Summer Lesson Series:
"Faithfulness"
Post Church of Christ
108 N. Ave M. Post
July 27, 11 Dale Huff Of Snyder
In Fellowship with Brothers And Sisters in Christ.
August 3: Terry Ellison Of Crosbyton
Summary of Faithfulness in Christ.
August 10: Ron Bontrager Of Lubbock
Spiritual Discipline: Bible Study
7:00pm. For more information call: 806-495-2326 or 495-0887.

3rd Annual Close City Community Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 30th; that's when the 3rd Annual Close City Community Ice Cream Social will be held in Close City on the east side of the

school starting at 7:00 p.m. EVERYONE is welcome so grab your friends and your lawn chairs and come out and enjoy all the home made ice cream and desserts you can eat as well as some great bluegrass music provided by Hanks and Company with special guests Foley Bluegrass.

3rd Annual Howdy Yall Day!

Saturday August 13, 11:00am-2:00pm. Garza Co. Trailblazers 205 East 10th St. Post, Tx 79356. Hamburger, chips, drink, dessert (homemade ice cream) and all the trimmings. \$6.00 per plate. Proceeds go the Garza Co. Trailblazers. Raffle for BBQ Grill \$5.00 per ticket for 5 for \$20.00. Donated by Willborn's Welding. Live music, silent auction, Classic Cars, Antique Tractors.

Covenant sponsors children's grief camp

Hospice of Lubbock will host its 21st annual children's grief camp

entitled "The Mystical, Magical Wonder of Grief" on Friday, July 22 from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday, July 23 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The camp is for children 5 to 17 years of age, who have experienced the death of a family member or friend within the past two years. Hospice of Lubbock employees, counselors and volunteers will be available to offer their support and help attendees through the grieving process.

Friday, July 22 is movie night. Children will enjoy a movie, snacks and fun. Saturday will revolve around crafts and games based on the movie shown.

Summer Rec Students:

Students who attended summer rec and have movie passes can use them until the end of July. The deadline has been extended. Please use your movie passes if you have them. Call Lorie Rivera at 495-3253 or 441-8465 for more information.

Graham Chapel Church of Christ, 15th and Ave S. Post, Tx 79356.

Summer in the Park! VBS every Wednesday night in July from 7:00pm-8:00pm. Classes for all ages with refreshments following!

A FAMILY THAT...

July 6: Does. Peter walks on the water. (Matt. 14:22-33)
July 13: Cares. Jesus feeds the 5,000. (Matt. 14:13-22)
July 20: Accepts. Jesus heals a leper. (Matt. 8:1-4)
July 27: Asks. Jesus heals two blind men. (Matt. 20:29-34)

Centennial Plaza Brick Order

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce will be placing an order for bricks at Centennial Plaza on July 22. Please have your order to the Chamber office by July 21. Order forms can be downloaded at www.postcitytexas.com or picked up at the Chamber office at the Historic Depot.

Bingo Night

A bingo night will be held on August 4 at the Community Center hosted by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. The Women's

Division is in charge of the concessions so plan on some good food and good fun along with prizes.

Rodeo Parade

The Post Stampede Rodeo will be here on August 11, 12 & 13 which means the Rodeo Parade will be at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 13. If you would like to participate in the parade, please contact the Chamber office at 495-3461.

Boys and Girls Clubs News Release:

Boys and girls throughout the United States are benefitting from a car donation program. Donated cars do not have to functional they only need only a title. The cars are picked up then sold at auction and the funds generated are a helpful resource to the clubs. You can support your local club by donation your car. To donate your car or for more information, call 800-246-0493.

Norman Family Celebrating Laveta Norman's Birthday



Back Row L to R - Gerald Norman, Rynn Norman, Tanner Scott, Russ Moore, Justin King, Randy Moore. Middle Row L to R - Laveta Norman, Judy Norman, Steffi Scott, Kalya Norman, Stace Norman holding Lane Norman, Mark Norman, Andi Moore. Bottom Row L to R - Lacy Norman, Kim Norman, Rhonda Norman holding Soffi Scott, Frances Barrow, Kelly King holding Ryan King, Jody Williams holding Riker King.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

We have two new Post Area Chamber of Commerce Members to welcome this week - Donnis Scott, Attorney at Law, and The Garza Post, the new online newspaper. If you or your business would like to become a part of our organization, please contact the PACC Office located at the historic Santa Fe Depot.

Both local live theaters will have performances this weekend. "Abraham's Promise" is at Ragtown Friday at 7:30 and Saturday at 3:00 and The Garza Theatre is having "Over the River and Through the Woods" with performances Friday and Saturday evening at 7:30.

The Chamber will be hosting a Bingo Night on August 4 from 6-8 p.m. Make plans to come for an evening of fun and prizes. The Women's Division will be in charge of

the concession stand so you know the food will be good.

The Post Stampede Rodeo will be here before you know it. The annual parade will be on Saturday, August 13. Call the Chamber office if you would like to enter 495-3461.

The Texas Plains Trail Region is having its annual Roundup in Post this year on August 15 & 16. If you are involved in the tourism industry or just want to find out more about the Texas Trails program and Texas tourism, contact Deborah Sue McDonald at 806/273-0920 (office) or 806/231/3479 (cell).

Congratulations to our Members of the Week:

Silver Member - THRESSA HARP
Silver Member - BEST WESTERN POST INN

Yesteryears

10 Years Ago

Christa Hooten and Joseph Gillis exchanged wedding vows July 9, 2001.

Calvary Baptist Church of Post will host a special presentation of "James." The dramatic presentation featured Larry Jones, Director of Missions for the Lubbock Baptist Association.

Five individuals with Post ties earned degrees from Texas Tech University. Receiving degrees were Regina Danielle Lee, Wayne L. McKim, David Radley Nichols, Ty Charles Stevens, and Susan Valdez.

20 Years Ago

Grassland church observed its 70th anniversary.

The old Middle School Gym was demolished. The building had been constructed in the 1930's.

The PHS Class of 1971 held its 20 year reunion.

Garza Theatre Director Will McCrary was interviewed by a member of "The Texas Country Reporter" crew for an airing the show.

30 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Moreland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 26, 1981.

Jana Terry placed fifth in the Grade Mare class in the State 4-H Horse show held in Waco.

Steve Sawyer successfully completed all

requirements for licensing as a certified public accountant.

40 Years Ago

Texas Highway Department's new roadside park at the summit of the caprock just northwest of Post on U. S. Hwy. 84 gets four picnic tables and shelters.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thomas were honored with a reception to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in their home.

50 Years Ago

Calvary Baptist Church observed its 25th anniversary with an all-day service on Sunday.

Former Post girl Paula Hedrick won two gold medals competing in the Junior Olympics held on the Monterey High School track.

Gene Moore, Bill Hays and Darrell Eckols, three members of the Post Volunteer Fire Department attended College Station for Firemen's and Fire Marshals' School.

60 Years Ago

Mrs. Morgan Evans was honored with a farewell coffee in the home of Mrs. Walter Boren. Mrs. Evans and her family moved to San Angelo.

"Shenanigan" Owned by Bill Long was the Grand Champion Quarter horse filly at the Lubbock Quarter horse show.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Ainsworth, who came to Post four years after the town was founded in 1907, died after suffering a stroke.

TRAILBLAZERS MENU

July 25th-July 29th

Monday

Liver & Onions, Broccoli, Carrot Salad, Roll, Pie

Tuesday

Baked Chicken, Squash Casserole, Green Beans, Roll,

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Next session begins July 19. Class schedules can be seen at www.cogdellhospital.com
Please register in advance by calling the OB department at 325 574-7150

As a service to our community there is no charge for these classes.

Wednesday
Hamburger Steak, Ranch Potatoes, Spinach, Roll, Cake

Thursday
Beef Tips w/Rice, Fried Okra, Potatoes, Roll, Banana Pudding

Friday
Chicken Fried Stk, Ranch Potatoes, Black Eye Peas, Cornbread, Pie

PRAY FOR RAIN!

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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!

Level: Beginner

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!

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GARZA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

By Linda Puckett

Last week, Ray Westbrook of the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, did a story about me, my book Images of Garza County and the museum. He asked me to talk about what made these young men want to pursue the life of a cowboy. My brief statement wasn't very good, but when I read Jack Alley's description of a real cowboy, I thought yep, that's it right there. The Jack Alley story continues.

The cowboy has been pictured by most writers as a tough, wild, reckless, uneducated sort of fellow. Such was not entirely the case. The original cowboy, as a usual thing, was from a home of refinement back East, out in the West seeking adventure. Of course, there were a few desperadoes, or fugitives from justice, who sought the West to cover up a past. But their number was comparatively small. They were not the steady cowboys, the men who built the West.

The real cowboy came from all walks of life. Many were sons of prominent men and from wealthy families in the East and North. Some were from the old Southern aristoc-

racy broken by the Civil War. Some were city bred and raised and others were raised on the frontier. But, whatever may be said of them, the cowboy was of strong character in coming-spice of his fits of frivolity in coming in close proximity to town and saloons. He had to have a strong backbone to go through with a life of danger and hard work. He was usually physically fit-made so by living in the open, breathing fresh air and eating wholesome, nourishing food. He was able to ride behind a herd of cattle for eighteen hours a day and sing to them the remaining six hours. He spared not his health or even his life in order that the cows might be looked after. Cows were his boss and the loss of them meant all.

The early-day cowboy was rarely a criminal. He did not look for trouble; but since there was no law, he always went prepared with a good gun on his person for those desperadoes who sometimes called themselves cowboys, for thieves, and for protection against the constant possibility of an Indian raid.

When a man ran across a cow that belonged to his boss

and possibly months at a time. Other cowmen would come by the place, go in and cook their meals and sleep in his beds but would never think of taking anything not belonging to them except the needed food for a meal.



men: "If there is any doubt in the world as to the ownership of a stray cow, let it go; but if it is mine, every dollar I have in the world is behind you in getting the cow."

Thus, loyalty to his boss was one of the requirements of the early-day cowboy. Another was honesty. Frequently, the owner would go off and leave his house unlocked for days

literature. Also contrary to the picture painted of him by many writers, the cowboy was very respectful to women.

We didn't work all the time; it was then that we had our fun. At the Cattle Association roundups, especially when the boys from our ranches would gather to claim their stray cattle, we had big times. Not all the boys would be needed, the idle ones would engage in horse racing, bronc riding, steer riding, would sing and dance or play poker.

I worked for the Slaughters as what was called an 'outside man'. It was my business to see that cattle which strayed away from the ranch were returned. Working in this capacity it was necessary to make trips all over the South Plains, to all the breaks along the edge of the Plains, and to attend all of the round-ups. My knowledge of brands and knack for being able to recognize individual cattle won me a salary of \$100 a month, far above the average cowboy's salary of \$25 for common hands and \$30 for top hands.

About the time the Slaughters came to the Plains, East Texas was about to fill up with

settlements sufficiently to break up the large ranches; in 1879, '80 and '81, the ranchmen began moving their herds to West Texas, many settling at the foot of the Plains.

At Double Mountain was the famous Captain Overall O S Ranch, which was bought about this time by Andy and Frank Long. This is one of the oldest ranches in the west and is now owned by Connell of Fort Worth.

[Linda's note] Each week as I put together the Legends column, I constantly check the word count as to help me find a stopping place. I hope you have learned as much from the memories of Jack Alley as I have. I have found myself wishing I could sit down with him and listen to him describe past history such as Col. Slaughter's big Long-S or Buffalo Ranch on the lower South Plains being the largest ranch West Texas ever had, covering about 2,000,000 acres. If you would like to know more about Jack Alley, drop by the museum and visit our oral history room.



The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch



Don't tread on me.

The slogan most often accompanies the image of a patriotic rattlesnake. Text and serpent sum up our national sentiment when somebody makes us mad.

Tangle with a red ant, and the same slogan comes to mind - at least to my mind. It came to my mind last week.

I didn't tread on the ant. Perhaps I should have, but I respect red ants, even if they are arch socialists. They keep fire ants at bay. I loathe fire ants. It's the same sort of affection I feel for all bugs that are not roaches.

The ant was in a field-turned-pasture. I myself was armed with herbicide - not pesticide. Wrong weapon.

I really didn't know I was standing in a red ant path. A mesquite tree had my attention. Red ant paths are as distinctive as cow trails in their own way - just less noticeable. You're not likely to see one until it's too late. Sharp pain.

If you're gonna be anywhere near red ants, don't wear Crocs.

Crocs, in case you're not up to snuff on leisure shoes, were originally designed as spongy spa shoes. When the Croc people bought out the original producers of the foam footwear, they named the first style "Beach."

Crocs will probably never name a style "Pasture." Nor should they. Nevertheless some of us Croc-wearers will wear Crocs virtually anywhere but to funerals and weddings.

Classic Crocs have more

holes than Swiss cheese. Red ants view all Croc holes as entry points. If you're hand-spraying mesquite trees where the red ants roam, it's risky to be afoot in Crocs.

The poor ant that bit me on the ring toe of my left foot must have gotten into a tight Croc spot from which he couldn't extricate himself. He looked the worse for wear when I removed him from my toe. More flattened than bulbous, I'd say.

Anyway, after that minor disaster I decided to go to Wednesday night church where there are no red ants, although I do remember once when a spotted sala-

mander walked in the back door. It's a country church.

Unless you're going to a healing service, church isn't such a good place to be if you're suffering from an ant bite. There I sat, listening to verses about Jesus healing the sick. The longer I sat, the more the pain spread up my foot from my stricken toe.

Finally I took a leave of absence to get ice from my car.

The ice helped. As the pieces melted one by one, my shoe began to fill with water. Crocs don't hold much water because of all those holes. Some ran out on the carpet.

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TEXAS' LARGEST RURAL LENDER

In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather

Pray for Rain! Thats all I got to say 'bout that!

News

Tim Morris celebrated his birthday with his family with a dinner at Cagels Steak House in Lubbock Saturday night. Attending the celebration were; Charles and Sharron; Barry and Amy; Chuck, Kristi and Rylan and Tim's wife, Diane. Diane also aranged for the guys to play golf on Sunday afternoon ending with a meal at Texas Roadhouse.

Laveta Norman celebrated her 80th birthday with a family dinner at Chapas. Those attending were her husband, Gerald Norman; Children; Judy Norman, Rynn Norman, Kim and Rhonda Norman and Jodi Williams; her grandchildren; Stace and Kalyn Norman, Tanner and Steffi Scott, Justin and Kelly King, Randy and Andi Moore, Russ Moore, Mark Normand and Laci Norman; great grandchildren; Lane Norman, Soffi Scott, Ryan and Ryker King; also attending was Frances Barrow.

David & Melinda Quintana took their children, Quincey & Andrew on a family vacation to Walt Disney World in Florida for the July 4th holiday, they were at The Magic Kingdom and got to watch the fireworks show by the Castle. Melinda said they had a great trip. While in Florida they also visited a friend that lives there, on the way home they stopped in the Dallas area to attend the Texas Rangers game.

I was at United in Slaton the other day and ran into Gene Moore proudly wearing his Close City cap. He was doing "honey do's" while Lorrye Lou was home resting.

Ya'll don't forget to mark the date down.....JULY 30TH at 7:00 p.m.

The 3rd annual Close City Ice Cream Social will be held. Now we've been hearing some rumors and getting some questions about where this will be held. The event will be held in Close City on the east side of the school building. All the ice cream and desserts you can eat as well as some great bluegrass music provided by Hanks and Company with

special guests, Foley Bluegrass. We want everyone to know that this event is for everyone, not just our Close City Folks so ya'll come out and support us and our community and lets make it a record attendance this year.

Get Wells

Gets wells this week go out to Eva Gonzales, Troy Nelson and Doug Tipton.

Did you know...

Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying. (I don't know if this is true or not but I think I just might try it out!)

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The Privilege of Giving

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-13

God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

-2 Corinthians 9:8 (NRSV)

ONCE a week, I volunteer to drive adults who have medical appointments but do not have transportation. Usually this is a pleasant and rewarding job, giving me the opportunity to meet and converse with people from many walks of life. However, occasionally the task can be quite demanding. One man is in a wheelchair. I drive him to the hospital, wheel him along a 200-yard corridor, take him up six floors in an elevator, and deliver him to a dialysis unit where he receives treatment. Four hours later, I return and reverse the process to take him home.

Strange as it may seem, I relish this assignment. One reason is that 10 years ago when my kidneys failed, I was saved from a similar plight. I was spared the burden of having to undergo dialysis three or four times a week because my wonderful daughter insisted on donating one of her kidneys to me.

I live now in certain awareness of what Jesus said was expected of those who receive great blessings. I have freedom, good health, a loving family, food and shelter. In gratitude, I take advantage of the chance to help others.

Charles Levy (Ontario, Canada)

"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

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Classic Car Show Slated At Lynn Co. Harvest Festival

The fourth annual "Lynn County Classic Car Show" will be held at the Lynn County Harvest Festival, on Saturday, Sept. 24, at the downtown courthouse square in Tahoka. Entries are currently being accepted and trophies and cash prizes will be awarded.

Car show classes will be categorized by judges to accommodate show entries. For more information, contact Marvin Pierce at 806-759-7227, email

marvmerc@aol.com, or Marcy Whitley at 806-441-0061, or email her at fumctahoka@poka.com.

Anyone interested in entering should fill out a registration form, available from Mrs. Whitley. Entry fee is \$15 for those who pre-register by Sept. 14, or \$20 the day of the show.

Registration will be held from 8-10 a.m. on Sept. 24, and the show will be held from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., with an

awards ceremony set at 3 p.m. at the Harvest Festival. The Lynn County Harvest Festival features live music, food, games, and cash prizes from audience participation, raffle drawings and more. Bring lawn chairs for seating.

Booth vendor space is available at the festival for \$30 on a first-come basis, by contacting Booth Chairman, Rebecca Ingle, at 561-4440.

USDA Reassures Farmers and Ranchers in States Affected by Extreme Weather

WASHINGTON, July 15, 2011 —The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds farmers and ranchers in states across the country that USDA offers a variety of resources for those affected by recent extreme weather, including floods, drought, fires and tornadoes. USDA also urges producers in need or those with questions to contact their local county or state USDA Service Center or Farm Service Agency office for assistance. In a recent tour of flooding in Iowa and Nebraska, as well as droughts

and wildfires in Arizona and New Mexico, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack promised farmers, ranchers and others that USDA would continue to work hard to deliver assistance to those in need.

"America's farmers and rural communities are vitally important to our nation's economy and our values, and my heart goes out to all who are facing hardships because of severe weather and natural disasters," said Vilsack. "In the past two months alone, I have visited with hundreds of Americans who have had to

put their lives and livelihoods on hold to deal with floods, tornadoes, drought and wildfires. Since the beginning, I have instructed USDA staff in the affected states that our main priority must be to work with farmers, ranchers and others to explain the type of aid that is available. We will continue to listen to your concerns and, whenever possible, offer assistance to help you through these difficult times."

Heavy rainfall, snowmelt, and flood conditions have caused crop damage and slowed planting in many states. USDA's Risk Management Agency reminds producers faced with questions on prevented planting, replant, or crop losses to contact their crop insurance company for more information. Other types of USDA assistance available to those affected by flooding include the Emergency Loan Program and the Emergency Watershed Protection program.

USDA reminds producers affected by drought and fires that resources are available to

cover losses, including losses to livestock, crops, orchard trees, and private forests. Types of USDA assistance to farmers and ranchers may include the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), federal crop insurance, and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

Through spring and summer, drought and wildfires have affected millions of acres of cropland, forests and grasslands in the United States. Drought conditions stretch from Arizona to the southern Atlantic States.

USDA continues working with state and local officials, as well as our federal partners, to make sure people have the necessary resources to recover from these challenges.

To learn more about USDA's disaster assistance, please visit http://www.usda.gov/Emergency_Preparedness_and_Response.html.

To find the USDA Service Center nearest you, please visit <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=us&agency=fsa>.

Extension Extras

Swim Party - 4-H Back to School swim party! All current and prospective Garza County 4-H members are invited to the Public pool Thursday, July 28 from 6-8 PM. The event is in conjunction with the Post band back to school swim party. The More the Merrier!

Bob Benson Memorial Golf Tournament - August 16th, at the Plainview Country Club. Proceeds sponsor local 4-H youth so if you are interested, call the office.

State Roundup Results - Kelbie Oden, first place, with her storybook while Jackie Milton placed 2nd. Audree Williams competed in the Quilt challenge. The quilt is currently on display at Citizens Bank. Raffle tickets for the quilt are on sale with money going to the Syd Conner Memorial Scholarship. Dakota McDonald placed 2nd in District with his record book in the Horse division.

The 2011 **Electric Event**,

sponsored by Xcel Energy, was at capacity with 70 High School age 4-H members. Pictures are on the Garza County Extension Face Book page. Attending from Garza County were Audree Williams, Dakota and Nancy McDonald. Thanks to Xcel for supporting our youth.

Fundraisers - 4-H members are asked to help in the Rodeo Concession stand. Sign up by calling the office at 495-4400. Remember, you get into the rodeo for free when you work.

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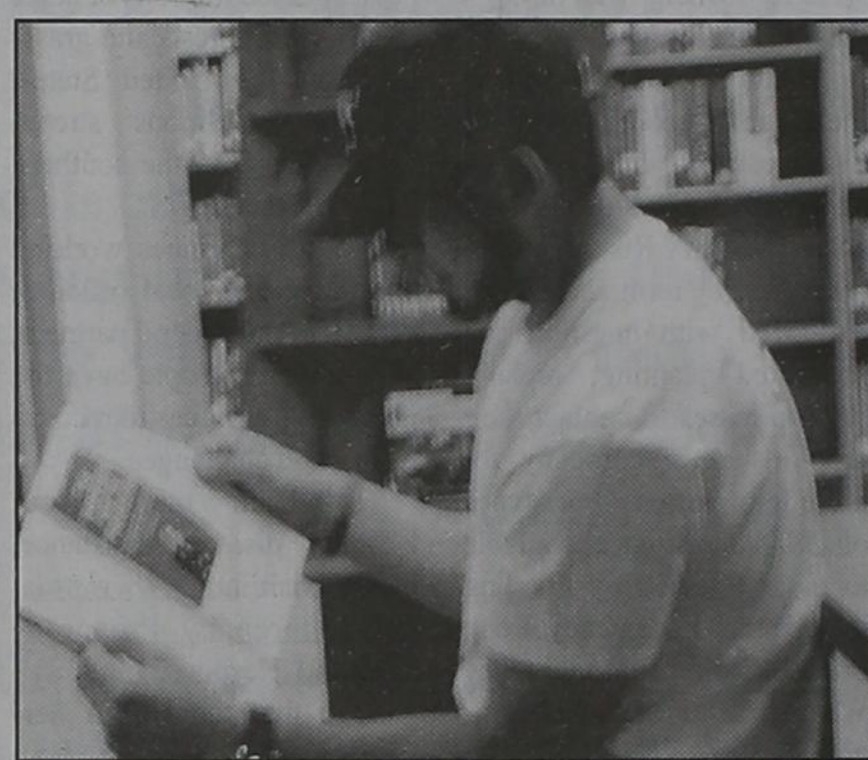
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By Dr. Kerry Wink, DVM Correspondent

I was only out of vet school a total of three years when something happened in my career that has NEVER happened since. Something they didn't teach me in school. Something I thought wouldn't be in my job description. Something I don't even like to talk about; but yes, I'm about to share it with you. Be prepared. It won't be a comfortable subject to read about...I'm wincing even as I type. I can tell you the exact year, date, time, etc. I realized there's more to being a vet than puppy shots & health certificates. As in most of my stories, it all began with a late night emergency call... oh and a preacher's wife, and the cops....

It's almost 10pm, and I'm at home with my wife telling her about my day. Or she was telling me to fold laundry, I don't remember which, but it was probably fold the laundry. Some of those little details are fuzzy. What I remember clear as a bell was this ended up being one of the strangest, most stressful, and extremely interesting (in a weird way) emergencies I've ever had to deal with.

A preacher's wife was dog sitting for a couple who were out of town for the weekend. As she entered the house she knew something was unusual and seemed amiss in the house. The dog, a friendly blue heeler, normally met her at the front door, but this time the dog was no where in sight. As she searched the house, she noticed a door closed to the couple's bedroom. She opened the door to find the dog and a strange man in the room. Get ready; this is where it gets uncomfortable. Caught in the act, the man was sodomizing the dog. Now, I don't want to go into actual definition of sodomizing since most of you know what this word means, but for those of you who don't, let's just say the man was 'having his way' with the dog. Upon his discovery, the man jumped up and ran out of the house. The preacher's wife then called the cops to report both the intruder and what he was doing to the dog. Since the preacher's wife & the dog's owners were clients of my clinic, the cops called me in for this 'emergency'. As you can imagine, I've

never seen, heard of, or treated a case like this before. I'm thinking trying to prepare myself for this exam. "First and most importantly, make sure the dog was ok." Then what? I wasn't trained for this! My very limited crime investigator needed to come out, and luckily I was a fan of *C.S.I. Las Vegas* on TV...."Hmmm, what would Grisham do?" So I made sure to bring a camera to take pictures. I also called my boss to assist me with this emergency. This was my first legal issue to deal with and I needed all the advice and help I could get! We needed to gather information proving the dog was actually sodomized. I won't go into further details about the exam, but many pictures were taken, swabs used, and reports submitted. The veterinary aspect of the case was the easy part. However, the 'detective/legal' part was most stressful. I felt like I had to double, no...triple check to ensure all of my "i's" were dotted and "t's" were crossed. I had to make certain we had all the proper information, and ensure it was correct. I called the hospital just to make sure I used the correct stains for the slides. My mind was frazzled by the time I submitted evidence to the 'real' detectives on the case.

I was summoned to court as a professional opinion in this case, but luckily I did not have to actually testify. Thank goodness! I'm having a hard time just typing this story. Can't imagine having to tell it in front of an audience! I can say the intruder was arrested, convicted in court, and served prison time for this crime. Wouldn't you like to have been a fly on the wall when he was asked "What are you in for?" OK, we won't go there! But I can say, despite the shock and disgust, I am proud to have been able to help take one sick individual off the streets who showed unusual cruelty toward a helpless animal and am assured he won't be committing that kind of horrible abuse against another innocent animal for a long time!

Oh! Did I mention I took the evidence pictures on my personal camera, downloaded them on my personal computer while working on this case, then forgot they were still on the computer a few months later? And did I also mention the computer was in my family room and our screen saver was a slideshow of all the pictures on the computer? And that we had invited guests whom we were entertaining one evening in the family room? Yeah...can we say ice breaker?

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OPINION



The Paperboy

Who made America great?

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Who built America? There are several people who come to mind.

Of course our forefathers shaped the Republic and laid the foundation of government we still use today. However, individuals who took advantage of free markets and their own ingenuity should also be given credit.

Ben Franklin, a true renaissance man, is credited with several inventions including the lightning rod, bifocals and Franklin stove.

Franklin was a true genius and left his mark not only on the government, but also in advancing mankind.

Thomas Edison held over 1,000 patents in his lifetime. A few of his inventions include the phonograph, the motion picture camera, and a long-lasting, practical electric light bulb.

Alexander Graham Bell is best known for inventing the telephone. At a time when electricity was being harnessed in new ways, Bell was forced to defend 600 legal challenges on his inventions and won each time.

John Moses Browning invented the semi-automatic shotgun. Over 30 million firearms have been made based on his design.

Browning's inventions include the lever-action repeating rifle, semi-automatic shotgun, .22 caliber rifle, the Browning 1919 .30 caliber and M2 .50 caliber machine

guns (MGs), and the Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR). Perhaps his most famous weapon, the BAR was adopted by the military and famously used by soldiers in World War I.

Willis Carrier invented the air conditioner. Step outside and tell me you can live without one.

Henry Ford invented the moving assembly line. Before his invention, it took days to assemble one automobile. As soon as his assembly line went into production, Ford's factory could produce a car every 93 minutes.

Charles Goodyear invented vulcanized rubber, which made it useable year-round.

Samuel Morse invented the telegraph and Morse Code, thus shrinking the globe.

Dr. Jonas Salk invented the Polio Vaccine. In 1955 there were 28,985 cases of polio in the U.S. and by 1957 that number had decreased to 5,894.

Orville & Wilbur Wright invented the airplane.

Look at what Steve Jobs, founder of Apple, and Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, have created. The two have revolutionized the computer industry and other digital equipment, changing the way the world communicates and does business.

When you look at what has been accomplished by individuals in this country, and how their inventions have advanced mankind and as a by-product, made us the richest country on the planet, you have to be amazed.

It's easy to see how the men mentioned here helped form the country. Their inventions and the evolution stemming from their inventions gave rise to cities, employed millions and made America great.

There is one thing which stands out concerning these individuals and how they were able to accomplish at such a high level. They did so with no help from the federal government.

That point has become lost on Americans as we depend more and more on the government to do our thinking for us.

It doesn't matter if it's the automobile or the computer, the government is not the creator nor does it foster ideas. It is up to individuals and companies to make a difference in advancement of technology because they can do so affordably.

We've come a very long way without the government needing to subsidize innovation. We'll probably continue to advance mankind if the government would save taxpayer money and allow those things to continue at their natural pace.

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The House That Debt Built (And Then Foreclosed On)

By REBECCA DIFEDE

With the economy falling to its knees beneath the titanic national debt, President Obama has recently decided to revisit the issue of the major housing crisis. Previously, he had only referred to the problems in the housing market in passing as "a concern", despite the millions of homes that have sunk into foreclosure during this recession. It seems that he has only just come up for air long enough to decide that to get re-elected he needs to look like he's doing something.

Following his Twitter Town Hall meeting, Obama began discussing his plans to help brighten the future of the otherwise dismal housing situation. According to an article in the Wall Street Journal, these so-called plans suggested "having taxpayer-owned mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac relax their rules for loans to investors", with the thinking that this would allow more people to take out loans and would begin to nibble away at the

housing inventory overload.

This idea would be really great if, say, this wasn't the exact thing that caused our recession in the first place. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were giving loans to pretty much anyone with empty pockets, and then when the time came to pay, well, the pockets were no less devoid of money. And now, after costing taxpayers over \$138 billion thus far, Obama is suggesting that we risk more of the country's money (that it doesn't have) by taking the loose lending standards and make them more relaxed. For this to happen, banks will pretty much have to give their associates bags of money, and have them fling it into the streets for passersby, holding a sign that says "Here you go, pay us back whenever!". I'm sure the upstanding citizens that borrow that money would be quick to return it.

Liberals would argue that the housing crisis wasn't caused by the fact that Fannie and Freddie gave away money to more people than The Price is Right, but rather the bi-partisan deregulation law pushed by Wall Street caused

the collapse. However, according to the report released by the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, (a committee which investigated all of the events surrounding the economic crash and interviewed over 700 witnesses), concluded that it was in fact "the collapse of the housing bubble—fueled by low interest rates, easy and available credit, scant regulation, and toxic mortgages" that caused the downfall of the economy.

Originally, President Obama had a plan to deal with the housing crisis which involved a mortgage assistance program known as the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) that promised to reduce the monthly payments of people who qualified. Over 2.7 million homeowners applied, hoping to get their interest rates lowered or loans extended. But because the criteria to be accepted into the program was so specific, only 1 in 4 households received any loan modifications through HAMP.

All in all, over 1.3 million people were disqualified from the program, and wasted count-

less taxpayer dollars to help only a small percentage of the at-risk population. The housing crisis is affecting millions of people, and the numbers are only going to grow until the Obama Administration stops trying to play sugar daddy with taxpayer money and let's the market hit bottom.

Though our President may believe he is trying to help these people, all he has really done is throw good money after bad in a blatant attempt to curry favor and win votes. In Obama's world throwing other people's money at a problem so he can appear to be caring is more important than actually standing aside and allowing the housing market to heal.

Unfortunately, with about 16 months until election day, his annual refocusing on housing is producing nothing more than the same faulty lending regulations that caused the problem in the first place. Hopefully, people will realize that you can't build a campaign out of failed promises, any more than you can build a house out of debt.

Proud Sponsors of Big Government

By DAVID BOZEMAN

Periodically, when tired of rebutting claims that taxes are too high, liberals just hold their heads back, and, with a self-satisfied smirk, proclaim that taxes are good. Some will even admit to a fetish of liking to pay taxes and wanting to pay more.

Columnist Leonard Pitts recently penned a semi-gushing salute not only to taxes but to the safety net they supposedly provide.

Pitts detailed the circumstances of 56 year-old delivery truck driver James, who lost his job. James finally found employment in a convenience store, but he suffered from back pain and arthritis, among other maladies, and could not perform the simplest tasks. Discovering a lump on his chest, and with no health insurance, he applied for disability and early Social Security, but qualified for neither. Pitts failed to mention if James had applied for Medicaid.

Desperate and in pain, James walked into a bank and passed a note to the teller demanding \$1 and medical attention. He never showed a weapon but was taken to jail where, according to Pitts, he now has "shelter, food and, yes, medical care."

While Pitts admittedly did not condone his actions, he expressed empathy. "I pay my taxes. I consider it a patriotic obligation — a sacrifice for the greater we." He then carries on with the generic rant against "anti-government forces that have dominated political debate... To hear them tell it, to be taxed is

to be robbed. And every federal program our taxes support is wasteful and unnecessary."

Pitts also discards the idea that government-run health care amounts to socialized medicine, and then claims that under socialism someone such as James would not have been driven to such an extreme (makes you wonder why the poor risk life and limb to flee socialist economies).

Sorry, Leonard, but your account of James doesn't make your case. We "anti-government" forces would have no problem with an individual such as James receiving help, but, according to your very words, Social Security and disability were denied by those outposts of compassion known as government agencies. As an aside, I bet bureaucrats in suburban Washington, D.C. aren't faring too badly these days.

Pitts rhetorically asks if insurance companies such as Aetna really have your best interests at heart. We "complainers" would like to see Aetna compete with many other companies for the consumer's dollar, and we would like to see a national safety net comprise state and local programs, as well as private charities. We want to offer James more options from which to choose, as opposed to an all-encompassing, budget-bloating Obama-style system. Now tell me again whose plan is more compassionate.

Pitts continues with the same turgid civics lesson we've all endured: taxes maintain our military, educate our children and fill the potholes. Furthermore, if you support police protection and garbage pickup, then, hey, you're a socialist, too!

Hey, Leonard, here's a quick primer on the mindset of anti-government forces dominating (if only!) political debate. There is a profound difference between lower taxes and no taxes, between smaller government and anarchy.

The reach of the state into individual lives, far from being the lament of a disgruntled few, has been the defining argument of America since our founding. Tea Partiers believe that programs intended to help the needy should also not induce dependency.

Furthermore, the purpose of federal power is to preserve state and individual autonomy on most matters outside of national security. It is not aid to the sick that many taxpayers protest, it is the gaseous, centralized federal behemoth (of the sort that denied James help) that feeds on itself at the expense of working America that has finally raised some ire.

Even union leaders and other loyal Democrats are requesting waivers from ObamaCare, which signifies hope. A slight dose of cynicism of federal over-reach and taxation secures everyone's liberty.

Those who brag about their affinity for the tax collector just want to advertise their own self-perceived nobility and their involvement above those ingrate Tea Partiers. But the most loyal sponsors of government largesse are the most docile conformists, and the enduring institutions that aid our most vulnerable — church, charity, capitalism, state and local autonomy — were not founded on conformity to the federal government.

Two Trillion Isn't Enough

By TAD DEHAVEN

Washington is the only town where the circus never leaves. Elephants, donkeys, clowns and a ringmaster residing at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue — our nation's capital has it all. And what a show they're putting on for the American people over raising the debt ceiling for the umpteenth time in recent years.

On one side we have a president whose surrogates warn of economic Armageddon if the debt ceiling isn't raised, despite the fact that he himself voted against raising the limit in 2006 as the junior senator from Illinois. On the other side are congressional Republicans, tasked with negotiating spending cuts in exchange for raising the debt ceiling — the same guys who happily voted for big-spending legislation when it was their guy in the White House.

In short, the two sides have a credibility gap on debt reduction that makes the Grand Canyon look like a pothole. That begs the question: What sort of deal will they ultimately agree to? The president doesn't want to have to rehash

this debate before the November 2012 election. That means that the debt ceiling will have to be increased by \$2 trillion in order to create enough space through the end of next year. House Speaker John Boehner has drawn his line in the sand: Republicans will only agree to increase the debt ceiling if spending is cut by at least as much. Thus, it is generally assumed that the two sides will have to negotiate a deal to cut spending by \$2 trillion.

Here's the problem: The \$2 trillion in cuts would be over ten years, or about \$200 billion a year. Suddenly, \$200 billion in annual spending cuts in exchange for increasing the debt ceiling by \$2 trillion through the end of 2012 doesn't sound so great — especially when one considers that lawmakers have a storied history of changing their minds about promised future cuts. Therefore, it is imperative that any debt ceiling deal contains real spending cuts.

"Real spending cuts" means terminating programs or reducing entitlement benefits — for example, eliminating programs at the Department of Education and repealing the underlying

program authorizations, or changing entitlement laws to reduce the benefit levels of programs such as Medicare. Future policymakers could reverse these cuts, but it wouldn't be easy given that the government's finances will probably remain in a precarious state.

Unfortunately, there's little evidence to suggest that real spending cuts are on the table. Were that the case, we would probably be reading countless articles on the consequent suffering of those who would be separated from the federal teat. Instead, there is a growing indication that the cuts will merely be amorphous reductions against the Congressional Budget Office's spending baseline, which projects spending over the next 10 years based on current law with an adjustment for inflation.

For example, negotiators could agree to freeze discretionary non-security spending for 10 years, which would "save" about \$1 trillion compared to the baseline. However, making sure that future policymakers adhered to the freeze would require a strict budget enforcement mechanism. Such mechanisms haven't

held up well in the past for the simple reason that when it comes to spending, the legislative fox is guarding the budgetary henhouse.

Even if we knew for certain that a \$2 trillion reduction in spending compared to the baseline would be achieved, again, we're still looking at a relatively small sum of money. According to the CBO's latest baseline, the federal government is projected to spend \$46 trillion over the next decade. Regardless of whether the federal government proceeds to spend \$44 trillion or \$46 trillion, the government will remain on an unacceptable spending trajectory.

Unfortunately, the current state of the debt ceiling negotiations indicates that the stakes holding up the big tent in Washington aren't going to be pulled anytime soon. On the bright side, perhaps this latest spectacle will cause more of the electorate to question why we've allowed so much of our collective well-being to be placed in the hands of so few. If so, there's a chance we can at least get the animals back in their cages before it's too late.

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with two generations of his grandparents. The play is filled with very funny dialog that every one of us can so relate in our own lives; while also showing the more poignant side of a family who has very strong generational ties within the family.

The cast is so captivating that time quickly passes as one watches the story unfold on stage. You, the audience

feel yourself become caught up in the same emotions the family goes through as they weave a story about a strong family bond that neither time nor distance can break. The characters are so well portrayed that the audience will be able to relate to either their own family experiences or those of someone they know. This is a production that you will not leave without having

been touched in some way by one of the characters or their experiences, nor will you leave without feeling you have been thoroughly entertained. The play has wit, laughter, sadness, melancholy for days long gone by and yet still shows hope for a future that is as fulfilling in its own way as much as the generations before it.

Carla McCollum Brantley

and David W. Brantley who portray the great grandparents are delightful to watch, while Janet Duke and Bill Gelber's portrayal of the other grandparents will have you both laughing and crying. Caitlin O'Hare does a very good job of portraying the dreaded blind date that many of us can relate to, yet she pulls it off with grace and dignity. Patrick Jones brings to life all the

frustrations, challenges and joys that many of us have known with our own older family members. The whole cast is to be commended for their fine performances and I assure you, when you leave you will leave feeling not only entertained, but with a light heart as well.

If you have not made plans to see this play, then put this on your calendar to see before the last run on the

31st of July. It is an evening of entertainment that can be enjoyed by our children, teens, adults, parents, and grandparents and everyone will find something they like about the play. Only in Garza County can one find not only one theater for fine family entertainment, but three theaters that all bring an added enchantment to living in a small community.

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

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Contract 6230-53-001 for REMOVE AND REPLACE SPEED LIMIT SIGNS - WESTERN in LUBBOCK County, etc will be opened on August 10, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$1,367,385.39.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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to his congregation about the loss experienced by the community. He then moved on to his personal loss. As he spoke, the preacher held up the small porcelain figure for all to see and informed the people that of all his belonging, this was the one thing that had made it through the ravaging fire without being destroyed and consumed outright. And after allowing his declaration

to sink in, he asked pointedly, "Why do you believe that this small, unassuming little porcelain statue was able to survive when nothing else did?" The wise and gentle minister then smiled and answered his own question: "Because it has already been through the fire once before."

Now think about it! True porcelain is fired at 2,650 degree's Fahrenheit! Honey,

that is HOT, HOT, HOT! Not that it hasn't seemed to get that hot here in West Texas this summer! So, that little, tiny, diminutive figure was able to withstand the raging inferno because it had already been through the heat. Just as you and I are able to withstand the slings and arrows that Satan hurls at us because we have been tested in the fires of this life.

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Close City Community. Feel free to write on our wall or post pictures. It's a fun place to keep up with friends and happenings.

Close City Birthdays

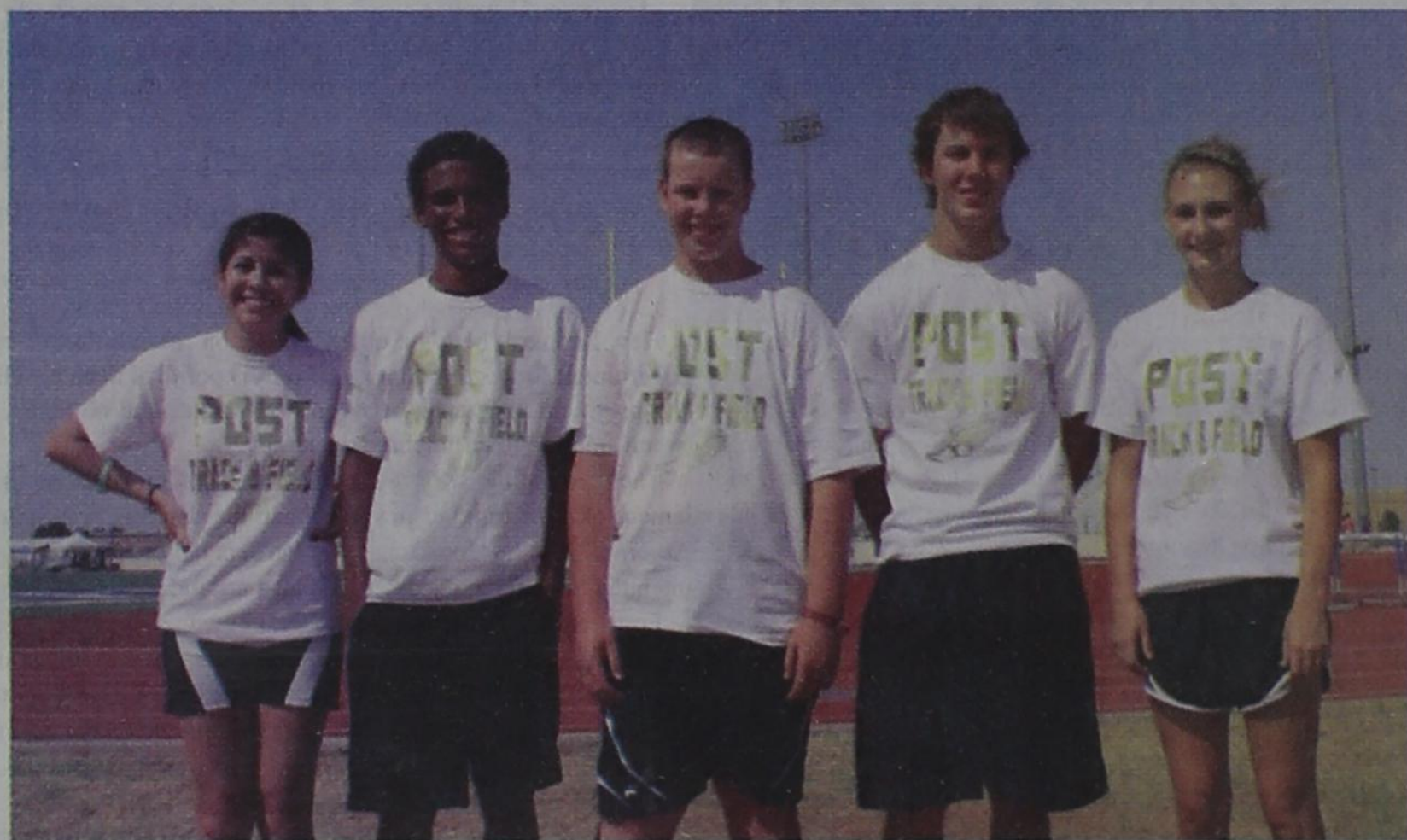
July 26th - Lexi Gonzalez
July 27th - Matthew Norman, Megan (Bush) Everitt, Cindy (Terry) Herridge
July 28th - Jakob Gonzalez, Will Yarbro,

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are ... Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; Doug and Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham; Sue Shytles in Post; Odie Kemp in Tahoka;

Jean Tipton in San Angelo; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Slaton; Doris Wilson in Castorville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock; Lula Jo Stewart also in Lubbock. **Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.**

Everyone have a great week, be safe, come see us and keep rain and our troops in your daily prayers and send me your news! See ya next week.

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Pet of the Week



My name is Macy. I am very bashful, but I love people and love to play. I always have a toy close by. I would be a very loyal pet if someone would love me. I have one blue eye and I think that makes me special. I am at the shelter with 3 of my sisters and we all need comes. Contact the shelter at postarc@yahoo.com or on facebook for adoption information.

The LATCH system makes it easier to be sure your child's car seat is installed correctly every time. Just clip it to the lower anchors, attach the top tether, and pull the straps tight. To find out more, visit safercar.gov.

