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Blackmon named associate publisher

The Post Dispatch and Blackburn Media Group are pleased to announce the addition of Jeff Blackmon as associate publisher.

Blackmon recently served as owner and publisher of the Wellington Leader newspaper for the past two years.

"It's great to be a part of the publication here in Post, and I look forward to continuing the task of covering the news here," Blackmon said.

Blackmon has been in the newspaper business since 2000, starting as a sports editor at the Hereford Brand daily news (2000-2001) and then as sports editor for the Hood County News (2001-2004). He won awards from both the Panhandle Press Association and North and East Texas Press Association for his coverage of the Hereford Whitefaces and Granbury Pirates.

He also has served as associate publisher for the Llano News (2004-2005), news editor for the Andrews County News (2005), and publisher for the newspaper group of the Cameron Herald, Thorndale Champion and Rosebud News (2005-2006) before heading up to

Wellington to own and operate the paper there.

"I decided a few years back I wanted to learn every single bit of the newspaper business, so I moved around to soak up as much information about running a paper as I could," Blackmon said. "I was very blessed to have known a lot of different newspaper publishers and owners who didn't mind me coming on board to learn the ins and outs of the trade.

"Learning how to do it all has definitely helped me grow tremendously, and it really helped when I decided to own and run my own paper."

Blackmon is a 1999 graduate of Abilene Christian University and is married with two children, Will (4) and Nora (2). Jeff and his wife Angela are expecting another addition to the family in December.

"I'm excited and eager to jump in and begin helping The Post Dispatch persist in being a publication its readers can be proud of," Blackmon says.

Got a question or a comment about The Post Dispatch? E-mail Jeff at newspaperjeff@yahoo.com.



Jeff Blackmon with his wife Angela and children Will (4) and Nora (2). Blackmon has assumed duties as associate publisher for The Post Dispatch.

Rodeo, Celebration Day next week

The 4th Annual Post City Celebration Day and the 68th Annual Post Stampede Rodeo are set to get underway next week.

The annual rodeo starts Thursday, Aug. 7 and runs through Saturday, Aug. 9. Rodeo admission is \$5 for adults and the grand entry begins each night at 7:45 p.m.

Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will play the Friday night dance, and Wes Nickson will provide the music for Saturday night. Admission to the

Friday night dance is \$10 per person and \$5 per person for the Saturday night dance.

The Post City Celebration Day events get underway Saturday, Aug. 9 and will feature lots of music, food and art.

The annual juried art show featuring dozens of artists from the region. Events will take place on Main Street in Downtown Post.

Lots of other events including a parade, tractor show, tours of the Heritage House, a special

display at the Garza County Museum as well as plays at the Garza Theatre.

Look on page three of this publication for more information about both of these events.

Those interested about Post City Celebration Day and the 68th Annual Post Stampede Rodeo may also contact the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, 806-495-3461 or visit www.postcitytexas.com.

Annual fishing derby held July 24

Catch any fish last weekend? These youngsters did.

More than 250 fish were caught at the 3rd Annual Kids fishing Derby in Post at South Lake at the city park Thursday, July 24.

Eighty-nine boys and girls participated in the event sponsored by the Post Masonic Lodge and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens Association.

Also assisting or donating items to the event were Garza County law enforcement officers, United Supermarket, Brenda's Last Stop, Sonic and McDonald's.

Winners at the event included John Paul Winkle, who nabbed 29 total fish with a total inch-count of 149.75 inches.

Winkle also caught the smallest perch measured at 3.5 inches.

Jeremiah Martin caught the biggest channel cat at 12 inches, while Tori Porter won the biggest fish of the day with a 13.75 inch carp.

Jake Morris caught the largest perch, measured at 5 inches. He also caught the smallest carp which measured 9.5 inches long.

Nathaniel Gill caught the smallest channel cat of the day, and Cain Abraham was awarded the



Winners at the 3rd Annual Kids Fishing Derby were (from left) Jake Morris, John Paul Winkle, Nathaniel Gill, Tori Porter and Jeremiah Martin. (Photo by Merika Strivens)

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Football Camp

Registration for 2008 Bold Gold Football Camp will be held August 5 at 5:30 p.m. Students must be entering 6th, 7th, or 8th grade. The camp will be held August 5-6, from 6-8 p.m. at the high school practice field (by Antelope Arena). \$25 a student.

Post City Celebration Day event schedule

If your group or business is planning a special event for Celebration Day, please call the Post Area Chamber of Commerce office, 495-3461, by 5 p.m. Monday, August 4 and provide them with details. This event schedule will be inserted in the rodeo program and distributed during the event on Saturday.

Fish fry held at Catholic church

Holy Cross Catholic Church will be hosting a fish fry on Friday, August 1, from 5-7 p.m. Plates are \$7 each. Everyone is welcome!

Garage sale to benefit church

Ladies of the Church of God of Prophecy located at 602 W. 14th street will be having a fund-raiser garage sale on Saturday, August 2nd, from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Southland Reunion

The Southland Reunion will be held August 2, 2008 at the Post School Cafeteria, 211 W. 8th. Registration starts at 3 p.m. Meal will be catered by "River Smiths" at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$7.95 per person. Please send check with RSVP by July 25th to Southland Reunion, P.O. Box 455, Slaton, TX 79364. If you need more information call 806-828-6070 or 806-495-2097. Call your classmates. For everyone who has lived in Southland, gone to school in Southland, or taken part in the community.

Vacation Bible School

The Graham Chapel Church of Christ and 10th and M Church of Christ will co-sponsor a vacation bible school on Saturday, Aug. 2, from 9:30 a.m. until two o'clock at the 10th and M Church location. Theme for the day will be "Miracles of Christ" and is for pre-school thru fifth grade children. Teachers from both churches will be preparing and teaching. Lunch will be served following the miracle of feeding the 5,000. Registration begins at 9:30 and classes begin at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring their children to attend this very special day of learning from the bible. Much work and planning is going into this activity.

Garza County Team Roping

The Garza County Team Roping for 2008 will be held on August 2, 2008 at 6 p.m. Books open at 5 p.m. The roping will be dedicated to Jimmie Redman with twenty-five percent of all donations going to the Redman Scholarship Fund. There will be Steer Stopping first, followed by the Team Roping. You must pre-enter. For more information, to enter or donate, call Randy Lewis 777-8295, Cass Tatum 549-7176, or Danny Vernon 495-2415.

Art on Main Street August 5-9

Celebrating 47 years, Post Art Guild, Inc. presents "Art on Main Street", August 5-9 at Algeria Art Center, 131 E. Main. Entries will be accepted Tuesday, August 5 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Wednesday, August 6 from 9 a.m.-noon. Juror will be Mr. Joseph Adams, professor of art at Western Texas College in Snyder. \$2000

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Post City, Texas ... Home of Historic Garza Theatre

Kistler, Guthrie marry June 14 Humble, Young have July 12 wedding

Angela Kistler of Lamont, Okla., and Derek Guthrie of Post were married in a 2 p.m. ceremony on June 14, 2008 at The Family Harvest Church in Post.

Mike Holly officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Anthony and Joyce Kistler of Lamont Okla.

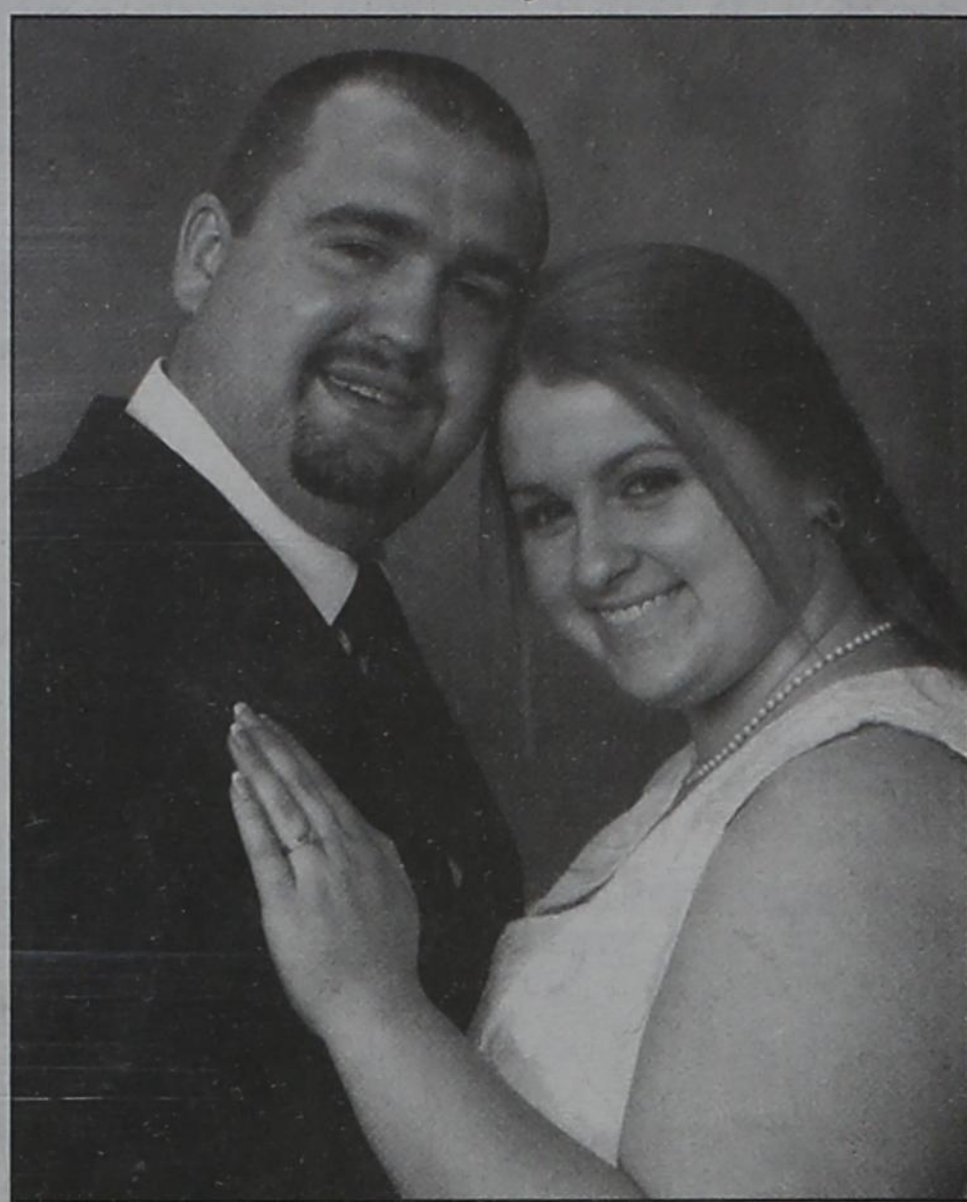
The groom's parents are Danny and Cindy Guthrie of Post.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents Anthony and Joyce Lamont.

After a trip to Carlsbad Caverns, NM the couple will reside in Post.

Angel is a 2005 graduate of Deer Creek-Lamont High School. She attended Oklahoma State-Okmulgee and received a degree in Associate of Applied Science in Graphic Design. She is employed by Thomas Agency in Lubbock.

Derek is a 1998 graduate of Post High School and attended Oklahoma State-Okmulgee and received a degree in Associate of Applied Science of Caterpillar Technology. He is employed by Warren Cat in Lubbock.



Mr. and Mrs. Derek Guthrie

Dr. Tandi Lea Humble became the bride of Dr. Joseph Warren Young on Saturday, July 12, 2008, at 5 in the afternoon in the First United Methodist Church of Post.

Rev. Buddy Payne presided over the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Ms. Pam Humble of Post and Mr. Fred Humble of Calgary. She is the granddaughter of the late Wayne and Elfreda Carpenter, Mrs. Patsy Humble of Post and the late Elbert Humble, and great-granddaughter of Mrs. Ruby Carpenter of Post.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Kathy Currie of Granbury and Mr. Rick Young of Odessa. He is the grandson of Joe and Toni Webster and Warren and Mary Nell Young, all of Odessa.

Escorted by her father, the bride chose an elegant ivory strapless gown featuring a soft sweetheart neckline and a fitted bodice accented with floral and vine ivory and silver embroidery and embellished with sequins, bugle beads, and seed pearls. The dropped waist fell to a flowing full organza skirt and into a semi-cathedral train. The back finished with rows of vertical organza ruffles the length of the train. She wore a rhinestone band in her hair along with a doubled layered ivory illusion veiled edged with beads and rhinestone sprinkles to complete her headpiece. She carried a bridal nosegay of summer flowers in colors of pink, red, purple, and fuchsia including princess roses, sweet peas, freedom roses, bouvardia, freesia, lilies, and Phalaenopsis orchids. She replaced her veil with orchids in her hair at the reception.

Bride attendants were Mrs. Kelly King and Ms. Heather Palmer of Lubbock, and Mrs. Meagan Sachenheim of Tucson, AZ, all lifelong friends of the bride. They wore tea-length Bordeaux purple taffeta dresses with a V-neckline, ruffled waist, and bubble hemline. Bridal attendants carried nosegays identical to the bride.

The flower girl was Miss Meredith Lowe of Lubbock, daughter of John and Kristi Lowe. Her dress was of ivory organza with a high waist and Bordeaux purple sash, and the back closed with tiny covered buttons. She wore baby's breath in her hair and carried a silver basket trimmed with ribbon and filled with rose petals.

The bridegroom wore a classic Kenneth Cole three-button, black tuxedo with a white vest and tie.

The groomsmen were Ricky Young of Odessa, Travis Young of San Angelo, and Stephen Young of Odessa, all brothers of the groom. All the groom's attendants were dressed identical to the groom with black vests and ties.

The ushers were Brent Callaway of Vista, CA, Dr. Sky Jones of Nashville, TN, Rocky Carlisle of Crowley, and Chad Webster of Midland.

The ring bearer was Jourdan



Dr. Tandi Young

Young of Odessa, nephew of the groom.

The bridegroom and his attendants wore boutonnières of Phalaenopsis orchids.

Members of the house party included Dr. Ruth Martinez of Lubbock, Miss Mace Merritt of Post, and Miss Karrson Hill of Cocoa, FL.

The church altar and banister were decorated with mixed greenery garlands and ribbon. Two tall, white columns were topped with arrangements of flowers in pink, purple, and red including peonies, roses, agapanthus, larkspur, delphiniums, orchids, and stargazer lilies.

A harp prelude was provided by Kim Gorman of Snyder. Parents and grandparents were seated with Patty Kirkpatrick providing the organ solo, "Ode to Joy". Vocal soloist, Metta Tyler sang "Surely the Presence of the Lord" as the mothers of the bride and bridegroom lit the unity candle. Bridesmaids entered the church to "Canon in D" and the bride was presented by chimes and organ solo of "Bridal Chorus."

Following the couples' exchange of vows, Mrs. Tyler presented a solo, "Wedding Prayer", while the bride and groom lit the unity candle. Recessional of "Wedding March" dismissed the ceremony.

In observing something old and borrowed, the bride carried both her grandmother Carpenter and Humble's wedding bands in her bouquet. Something new was her dress and blue was a handmade garter by Mrs. Gracie Hodges.

The wedding reception was held at The Lubbock Club. The staircase was decorated with greenery garland, twinkle lights, and orchids. The ballroom ceiling had chiffon and lights draped from the chandelier and rose petals and candles accented the tables. Family

and friends enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and wedding cake. The bride's cake was a square, four tier Mexican vanilla cake with strawberry frosting and white butter cream frosting. It was topped by a rhinestone "Y" and sat on an antique silver base. The bridegroom's cake was a double layer of Kahlua Chocolate Fudge with chocolate butter cream frosting. A pestle and mortar design, symbolic of pharmacy, centered the cake which was surrounded by chocolate-dipped strawberries.

The bride and bridegroom toasted with crystal champagne flutes which belonged to her deceased aunt, Mrs. Mary Ann Dameron, and were given in loving memory of her to Tandi and Joseph for their wedding day. Guest enjoyed dancing throughout the evening.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Post High School, attended Texas Tech University, and graduated with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in a May, 2008, from Texas Tech University Health Science Center of School of Pharmacy. She is employed by Walgreens in Lubbock as a pharmacist.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Odessa High School and a 2001 graduate of McMurry University. He obtained his Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2006 from Texas Tech University Health Science Center School of Pharmacy. He is employed by Walgreens in Lubbock as a pharmacist and by Planned Parenthood of Lubbock.

The couple was honored with a rehearsal dinner on Friday evening, July 11, at Cagles Steaks in Lubbock, with their parents serving as hosts.

The bride and attendants were honored with a Bridesmaids luncheon on Friday, July 11, in the home of Wanda Mitchell. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Mitchell, Kim Mills, Mrs. Eddie Jo Miller, and Kristi Lowe.

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in purchase awards. Call Linda, 495-2207, Marie, 629-4337 or Sheri, 495-3493 for more information.

Church ladies offer enchilada plates

On Saturday, August 8th, the Ladies of the Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th street will be selling enchilada plates from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

"Where The Spirit Dwells"

OS Museum located at 201 E. Main and Avenue I, invites you to view the 2008 summer exhibit, "Where The Spirit Dwells." Experience the spirit of the old and new world through the spectacular art and artifacts exhibited. An upstairs elevator is provided for your convenience. For more information, call 495-3570

Trailblazers BBQ brisket sale

A barbecue brisket plate with all the trimmings will be available for \$5 at Trailblazers Senior Citizen Center on Saturday, August 9 from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come enjoy a good meal before the rodeo parade. Donations to the center will gladly be accepted at that time. A special bucket will be available for those wishing to donate to a special fund to help Trailblazer director Lana McGee with expenses incurred by her recent major surgery. Raffle tickets for a shotgun will also be available for purchase.

Rodeo Parade entries

Post Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting entries for the Post Stampede Rodeo Parade scheduled for Saturday, August 9 at 3 p.m. If you would like to participate with a float, 4 wheeler, golf cart, tractor, vehicle or your unique entry, Please go by the Chamber office at 131 E. Main or call 495-3461. This year's parade will be in honor and memory of Jimmy Redman, parade chairman for the Centennial Parade. Please call and enter today!

Trailblazers selling tickets for 12 gauge

Tickets for the raffle of a Turkish Silver Eagle Sijah 12 gauge pump shotgun may be purchased at Garza County Trailblazers, 205 E. 10th street. One ticket cost \$1 or six tickets may be purchased for \$5. The drawing will be held Monday, August 11, at noon at the Trailblazers Center.

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Commissioners hold July 14 meeting, appoint Kirkpatrick to airport board

A regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Garza County was held on Monday, July 14, 2008 at 9 a.m.

During the meeting the court decided to retain Drew Kirkpatrick as an at-large member of the Post-Garza County Airport Board. The county was informed the City of Post appointed Lee Doggett as an at-large member of the board.

The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

Order 1: Minutes from the June 23, 2008 regular meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel. With all four commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 2: Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to accept the reports as presented. With all four commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Reports are attached.)

Order 3: Came on to be considered were the precinct and countywide accounts payable for June 24, 2008 through July 14, 2008.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris that all such accounts presented in the fund requirement computer print-out be allowed and ordered paid and presented to the Treasurer for payment.

With all four commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Printout is attached.)

Order 4: Came on for consideration was the appointment of nominees for the Post-Garza County Airport Board.

Judge Norman informed the court that the City of Post appointed Lee Doggett as the at-large member of the airport board.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to retain Drew Kirkpatrick as Garza County's appointee for the at-large position on the airport board.

With all four commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 5: Came on for consideration was the lease agreement concerning the Garza County Probation Office at 227 W. Main Street. Attorney Acker pointed out that the probation and the VOCA program offices are the current residents and they will be moving to the law enforcement annex office after the new law enforcement facility is completed. He recommended a one-year lease at \$510 per month starting August 5, 2008 with an option for a month-to-month lease thereafter. (Current rent is \$485 per month.)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Valdez to enter into a one-year lease thru August 5, 2009 with an option for a month-to-month lease thereafter at the rate of \$510 per month.

With all four commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Lease is attached.)

Order 6: Came on for consideration was the extended sick leave for a Garza County employee. Constable Yarbro informed the court that an employee has used up all sick leave, vacation and personal time due to treatment for cancer and will need more time off for outpatient treatments.

A motion was made by Judge Norman and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve paying the employee through the month of July 2008. With all four commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 7: Came on for consideration was the resurfacing of the parking lot at the Garza County Juvenile Detention Center. Judge Norman informed the court that there is about \$18,075 in the budget for Detention Center maintenance. Two estimates were received to resurface one and half of the lot and chip seal the other half: (1) Armour Asphalt for \$22,000 and (2) Smith Paving for \$27,500.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to award the job to Armour Asphalt with the additional funds taken from the Special Projects line item.

With all four commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Estimates are attached.)

Order 8: Came on for consideration was the renewal of the Title IV-E non-financial contract with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS).

Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the renewal of the non-financial contract with TDFPS. With all four commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 9: Came on for consideration was the 2009 Annual Imposition of Optional Fees in accordance with the Texas Transportation Code.

Tax Collector/Assessor Bush recommended the court retain the current County Road and Bridge Fee of \$7.50.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to retain the County Road and Bridge Fee at \$7.50 with \$2.50 dedicated to the repair of the bridge on County Road 386, located in Commissioner Precinct 4 west of Justiceburg.

With all four commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Information is attached.)

Order 11: Came on for approval of the election workers for the November 4, 2008 General Election.

Clerk Plummer informed the court that both parties did not submit nominees for the Early Voting team, the Election Day judges and the Central Count team. Therefore, as law permits, the clerk presented a list of nominees that were selected from those that worked in the recent primary election. Plummer requested that the nominees be appointed for a two year term as permitted by the Election Code: Sec. 32.002 (b).

A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to appoint the election workers as presented for a two-year term. With all four commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 10: Came on for consideration was the allocation of an hourly fee for a feasibility study for an elevator for the courthouse. Judge Norman explained that he received a proposal from architectural firm of Parkhill-Smith & Cooper. After discussion, the item was TABLED until more information is available. No action was taken.

Order 12: Came on for consideration was the annual property coverage invoice for the year covering July 24, 2008 through July 1, 2009.

Administrative Assistant Nelson discussed the invoice submitted by the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool for a total of \$14,397.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve payment of the invoice. With all four commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 13: Came on for acceptance was the County Commissioners' annual road reports. Reports from precincts 1 and 2 were submitted.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to accept the reports as presented.

With all four commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 14: Came on for consideration was the sale of an outbuilding located on 15th street and FM 651. The building is the two-story garage apartment on the corner of the property of the new law enforcement facility. Mr. Bustoz who purchased the other structures on the corner offered and paid \$250.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the sale of the building. With three commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Commissioner Valdez abstained. **Order 15:** Came on for consideration were line item transfers and budget amendment requests. Five (5) line item transfers were submitted.

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the line item transfer presented for the Sheriff's office for a total of \$2,700.

With all four commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

b. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the line item transfer presented for the Sheriff's office for \$7,500.

With all four commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the line item transfer presented for the Agrilife Extension office for \$868.

With all four commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the line item transfer presented for the Dalby Correctional Facility for \$387.50.

With all four commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

e. A motion was made by Commissioner Charles and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the line item transfer presented for the Emergency Management Coordinator's office for \$1000.

With all four commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 16: Came on for discussion was the 2008-2009 Budget Workshop.

Treasurer Young informed the court that most departments have submitted their budget requests and distributed a tentative budget dated July 7, 2008.

Post celebration, rodeo schedule

The 34th annual Post City Celebration Day is set for Saturday, August 9 as part of a weekend packed with a rodeo, entertainment and other fun activities in Post. Local musicians will line Main Street and the Post Art Guild will host a juried art show. Western artist Brian Asher of Snyder will have an exhibit & demonstration at Hudman Furniture and Lubbock watercolorist Dyan Newton will exhibit at Ruby Lane Books.

The Heritage House will celebrate its community grand opening with entertainment and tours of the building. An Antique Tractor Show is planned along with special fun for the kids. The OS Museum and the Garza County Historical Museum will have special tours and exhibits. Performances at the Garza Theatre and Ragtown Gospel Theater are also planned as part of the celebration.

The traditional rodeo parade, sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce will head down Main Street at 3 p.m. Saturday.

ANNUAL RODEO AND PARADE

The 68th annual Post Stampede Rodeo will run August 7 - August 9 with all of the spectacular rodeo events that have made this rodeo one of the most exciting in West Texas. Mutton Bustin' and Flag Race events for the kids are included each night and a rodeo dance is scheduled Friday & Saturday night.

Jody Nix & the Texas Cowboys

will play for the Friday dance and Wes Nickson will provide music Saturday night. Admission to the Friday night dance is \$10 per person and admission to the Saturday night dance is \$5 per person. Rodeo admission is \$5 for adults

and the Grand Entry begins each night at 7:45 p.m.

For more information about Post City Celebration Day & the 68th Annual Post Stampede Rodeo, contact the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, 806-495-3461.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Garza Central Appraisal District Budget

The Garza Central Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2009 fiscal year.

August 12, 2008

The public hearing will be held on 9:00 A.M. at 124 East Main

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$ 298,584.06
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ 17,833.12
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	3 (full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	3 (full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

Garza Central Appraisal District
124 East Main - P.O. Drawer F
Post, Texas 79356

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Celebration Days street party August 9

Post City Merchants will be sponsoring the annual "PCM Street Party" on Saturday, August 9. It will be held in conjunction with the Post Stampede Rodeo, August 7-8-9. All vendors are invited to sell their wares on the streets of Post. Please call Donn Degan at 495-0888 for more information, or come by Plum Crazy to pick up an application form.

Traiblazers seeking fresh veggies

Donations of garden vegetables will be gladly accepted at the Traiblazers Senior Citizens Center.

Community Ice Cream Supper

Graham Chapel Church of Christ will host a community wide fellowship and ice cream supper at their building, 15th and Ave. S., Saturday, August 16, 2008, at 7:00 pm. They will be joined in this effort by the 10th and M Church of Christ. Everyone in the community is invited to come and bring friends for a fun evening.

Football Tickets on Sale

Post ISD Football tickets will go on sale August 11th through August 25th. You may purchase them at the Post ISD business office. Please see Kay Postell.

Class of 1958 50th Class Reunion

The Post High School Class of 1958 will be celebrating their 50th Reunion during the Labor Day weekend in Post. Beginning Friday, August 29 the class will meet at Tommy and Ruth Ann Youngs at 6 p.m. Saturday, August 30, we will meet at The Heritage House at 3:30 p.m., with a dinner that evening. If you have questions or need more information, call Tommy Young at 806-632-2026 or Linda Lane Runkles at 432-664-5988.

"Great Women of the Bible"

The Church of Christ, located at 10th and Avenue M, will be holding its annual summer series of speakers beginning July 30 thru September 3. Guest speakers: July 30 - Ryan Simpson, August 6 - Jon Page, August 13 - Dale Huff, August 20 - David Hooten, August 27 - Larry Marshall, September 3 - Ron Bontrager. Please come and join us as we hear inspiring lessons on "Great Women of the Bible". All meetings will begin at 7 p.m.

Fundraiser for mission trip

Unchained Life Ministries will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a 26" RCA flat screen TV with surround sound, DVD and entertainment stand. Tickets are 3 for \$20. The drawing will be held on Labor Day, September 1. You need not be present to win. You may purchase tickets at The Post Dispatch and Holly's Drive-In.

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Opinions



Things My Mother Didn't Tell Me

by Hanaba Munn Welch

As book titles go, that one's unlikely. Mothers are better known for all they tell their children - especially the warnings.

"Things I Didn't Tell My Mother" is the book we all could write. Mine would begin with the time I didn't tell my mother that I was indeed the pencil artist who did the fanciful drawings on the walls of the attic stairway landing. When asked, I said I didn't. Like who else would have executed such low-down drawings? Besides, she knew my style. I got spanked.

A couple of years later, I didn't admit to punching holes in the wallpaper in the back closet. It was new wallpaper that looked like cedar. Mother would have preferred a cedar closet, but she settled for the look instead. To me it was more impressive than real cedar. I'd seen wood before. I'd never seen wallpaper that looked like wood.

The paperhanger did a neat job hanging the paper on the canvas, the standard method back then, but he sort of rounded the corners, leaving a little air space behind the paper. Those corners begged to be punched.

I remember my parents taking my hand and sticking my fingers in the holes in one corner, something like getting O.J. to try on the famous glove. I tried to make my fingers not fit. O.J. had better luck with the glove.

Even so, I never confessed. I am now. I did it. Fast forward to circa 1960 and a joyride on a summer night. The

car wasn't stolen. "Joyride" by definition is a "fast and dangerous ride, especially one taken in a stolen vehicle." I wouldn't have felt much more guilty if the car had been stolen.

Mother and I were in Olney visiting her best friend from high school, whose daughter and friends, older than I, were planning to ride around that night. They took me along. Within three minutes they were swearing me to secrecy. We were going to Archer City!

Our joyride wasn't so fast -- just dangerous. We weren't supposed to leave Olney. The dangerous part was what would happen to us if our mothers found out where we'd been. You would have thought we were going to Dallas -- not to the next little one-picture show town down the road.

When we got home, I was ready to lie for the cause. They just asked if I had a good time. I said I did.

Not long after that my mother asked me to tell her own mother something important she didn't quite know how to say herself.

"Grandmother," I said, "Mother said she had a happy childhood and you were really a good mother."

My grandmother's response was apologetic: "I made her wear those stockings to school."

Moral: In the end, all you need to tell your mother is something like that message I conveyed to my grandmother or just tell her you love her.

You might be surprised at the response you get.

White River Weekly Report July 28, 2008

Gauge Reading	Rainfall for 2004
2341.30	43.58"
Feet below spillway	Rainfall for 2005
31'2"	15.57"
Rise	Rainfall for 2006
0"	28.85"
Rainfall Past Week	Rainfall for 2007
0.01"	24.19"
Rain to Date	
13.97"	

DID YOU KNOW

White River Lake has 812,346,543 million gallons left available at the Intake or 10% capacity or 2,483 acre feet. Subtract 47,090,725 MG for evaporation this week in July that leaves 765,255,818 MG available as of today. White River's daily average demand for 2007 was 1.26 million gallons per day for all White River Customers. The Well Field wells will produce 1.80 million gallons per day. The Oil Company using water for mining has been stopped until the Lake level rises.

White River Municipal Water District is in Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan. Remember that the Water District is there for you if we can assist you in any way let us know.

Source: Mickey Rogers GM White River, general manager, WRMWD

Celebrating Texas at our nation's capital

By: U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

The image of Texas around the world often centers on a cowboy herding longhorns or a roughneck working on an oil rig. Texans cherish their western, and oil and gas heritage, but we also know that no single portrait can capture the diversity of our land, our people and our traditions.

In Texas One and All, John L. Davis writes, "The land is huge and varied -- with more than 12,000 years of immigrant history -- and remains one of the remarkable crossroads of the world. Here are individuals, families, and settlements representing every major cultural, geographic, ethnic, and political group in the world...and nearly all smaller groups as well."

The multicultural vitality of Texas enjoyed the limelight this summer in our nation's capital during the annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival. This 10-day event presented "Texas: A Celebration of Music, Food and Wine." Also featured were NASA and the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan.

Texas musicians, artists, food lovers and winemakers gathered on the National Mall, "America's front yard," to demonstrate their talents and specialties to more than one million visitors from around the world.

A big serving of Texas hospitality was offered and enjoyed. There was music at the Opry House, the Texas Roadhouse and the "Waltz Across Texas Dance Party." The incredible range of Texas food was found at the Lone Star Kitchen, Taqueria Texas, the Rib Joint and the Texas Noodle House. A virtual tour of a Texas vineyard and samples from nine Texas wineries highlighted the development of our wine industry.

I was pleased to join Governor Rick Perry, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples and numerous other visiting or transplanted Texans for festivities, including "Celebration of the Lone Star State," to kick off this year's Folklife Festival.

The celebration marked the 40th anniversary of the first time the Smithsonian Folklife Festival showcased Texas. That same year, San Antonio presented HemisFair 1968, an international fair that included more than 30 participating nations from Central and South America, Europe and Asia, and brought global recognition to the many facets of Texas culture. A signature landmark built for HemisFair, the Tower of the Americas, continues to soar above San Antonio.

A significant legacy of HemisFair 1968 was a new museum, the Institute of Texan Cultures, created to highlight the many cultural groups that settled here. Through exhibits, research and education, it explores the ethnic and cultural history of Texas and hosts the annual Texas Folklife Festival, patterned after the Smithsonian event.

Other museums across the state also contribute to the world's knowledge of Texas' varied cultures and the rugged individuals who shaped the destiny of the Lone Star State. Throughout the year, communities across the state host fairs and festivals that celebrate their unique part of Texas' heritage.

Texans embrace the variety in our geography and culture, respect the mixture of ideas and opinions within our borders, and find common ground. Texas has inspired the hopes and dreams of people for generations. Here they discover boundless opportunities and a rock-solid commitment to education, free enterprise and hard work. They realize that no matter where they started, the blessings of a fulfilling life in Texas await those who exert their freedom to achieve it.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics.

Letters to the Editor

Last week the Chimney Rock Development Inc. DBA: "Best Western Post Inn", entered into an agreement with "S&Y&P-LLC" to attentively sell controlling interest to their operations. S&Y&P LLC owns other Best Western here in the West Texas Area, including one in Harford and one in Canyon.

I remain at the hotel working and the staff remains as well. This decision due to the transfer of one of our working partners to Oklahoma City and thus becoming logistically difficult to be available to commute.

Several standing offers have been made to Chimney Rock Development

over the past few years to buy into the business and we invite you to all to join us in welcoming the new LLC company to Post Texas.

It is and has been my pleasure to work and continue to work in Post, Garza Co. and see the growth and continued growth that the area has.

My service on the board of directors of Post Area Chamber of Commerce has been somewhat disrupted as of late. But perhaps with new working partners we can become more involved and continue to be of service,

Thank You all.
Don Bond

Letters ...

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Kay Bailey Hutchison

UNITED STATES SENATOR, TEXAS

Skyrocketing Fuel Prices Mean Turbulence for Airlines and Passengers

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

The average Texas family now spends around \$100 to fill up its truck or SUV, so imagine the financial burden confronting our nation's air carriers, as they struggle to fuel their fleets amid soaring energy costs -- a 737 aircraft burns more than 885 gallons of jet fuel per hour at cruising altitude.

If fuel costs continue to climb -- and without enactment of a balanced energy policy that includes domestic production, they will -- the capacity usage of our domestic air carriers will diminish further, and affordable air travel will become a luxury of the past.

Our nation's major airlines report that fuel now accounts for a whopping 40 percent of their operating costs. Houston-based Continental Airlines was spending \$84.99 per second on fuel in February 2007. Now, their fuel costs have skyrocketed to \$168.76 per second. As energy prices hover around \$130 a barrel, our nation's airlines are forecast to collectively spend \$61.2 billion on jet fuel this year -- \$20 billion more than in 2007 -- causing carriers to incur \$10 billion in losses.

Since December 2007, eight airlines have gone out of business and two others filed for bankruptcy. It is very difficult for airlines to break even -- let alone turn a profit -- in this economic climate. The Air Transport Association reported that in the first quarter of 2008, average net loss reached a staggering \$10.89 per passenger. As a result, airlines have taken cost-saving measures, including limiting the number of flights on various

routes and replacing large-capacity aircraft with smaller planes, thereby cutting the number of seats in order to conserve fuel. The decrease in supply of seats will drive up passenger airfare.

Smaller cities in Texas, relying on regional jet service are being hit particularly hard. Because of the cost of jet fuel, the smaller aircraft, some carrying as few as 50 passengers, are not generating enough revenue to justify the flights. Wichita Falls, for example, is set to lose more than half its daily flights when American Eagle downsizes its schedule from seven flights a day to three. American Eagle has announced similar service reductions for Longview, Tyler, and Waco. Continental will cut service to Abilene, San Angelo, and Texarkana in October.

Airline experts report that, by fall, passengers will feel the capacity cuts in larger airports as well, with Bush International in Houston expected to lose almost 12 percent of its seats, and an 8 percent cut slated for Dallas-Fort Worth.

In addition to higher airfare, diminished capacity will result in sweeping job losses. On July 17, Continental reported it will eliminate 3,000 jobs in the fall, and American recently announced a 6,800 person reduction by November.

The airlines are taking additional steps to mitigate the effects of the fuel price crisis. They are swapping older aircraft with newer, more energy efficient models that burn less jet fuel. Airlines are also retrofitting existing aircraft to be more fuel efficient. To reduce fuel consumption in flight, airlines are removing heavy ovens when

they are not needed, and are turning to lightweight meal and beverage carts to help lighten planes.

The impending crisis in the airline industry is one more reason we need a balanced plan that will help bring down fuel prices by increasing domestic production. Congress must meet the airlines' fuel savings efforts with a forward-looking energy policy to address the underlying issue of demand for oil outpacing supply.

Congress should first reverse the outdated and punitive moratorium on off-shore drilling and open up the Outer Continental Shelf for exploration. The President recently lifted the executive ban, but Congress has yet to do so. Several recent national polls indicate that over 70 percent of Americans support increased domestic production.

Furthermore, we must bolster American oil production with clean renewable sources, including nuclear, solar, and wind power. Lastly, we must work to conserve the energy we do have, and continue to encourage technology and innovation through tax incentives.

For each dollar increase of the price of a barrel of oil, every family with a motor vehicle is hit hard and each airline's costs go up by approximately \$45 million. It is clear that Congress must come together and take action now. The consequences of inaction are sky high.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee.

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The Paperboy

By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

BMG Expanding, providing a greater voice

BlackburnMediaGroup, Inc. has been expanding. Simply put, I'm hoping to reinvent the wheel a little bit.

Last week, BMG purchased the Wellington Leader. The Leader has a terrific legacy which we'll continue.

Along with the Leader, BMG currently owns six other newspapers including The Childress Index, Hollis (Okla.) News, Hall County Herald, Knox County News, Post Dispatch and Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon.

I tell you this because in the interest of communication, I feel it is necessary to address several questions which may have arisen from the readers and advertisers of these newspapers.

For decades, the influence rural America and rural Texas once enjoyed has been declining. Despite the efforts of some wonderful politicians, we have lost our voice. In one way, Sen. John Edwards was right, there are two Americas. However, I don't think it's a question of rich and poor as much as it is rural and urban. Let's face it, we don't have the same issues as our neighbors in large cities.

BMG hopes to give the readers and businesses in the cities and counties represented, the voice you deserve. BMG newspapers have the potential to reach over 30,000 every week.

No question, that speaks louder than a collective voice of 3,700, the population of Knox County.

Back in January, this column was read by around 2,200 readers, twice a week. Now, around 13,000 people are reading this exact thing. The vast majority of those readers are sitting down in their easy chair in one of the communities I've mentioned above. They are like-minded. They believe in a higher power and pledge their allegiance to the United States of America. And right now, they feel like they are ignored in Austin, Oklahoma City and Washington, D.C.

I'd say more than 80 percent of the readers in these cities are somewhat conservative. In other words, we have a hard time seeing eye-to-eye with the good folks in Hollywood and New York, but we'd probably understand the viewpoint of someone in rural Indiana.

As I begin to change some ways, small town newspapers work, it is

my sincere hope we can get those in power to recognize the fact there are thousands out here in "fly-over" country who have opinions too.

BMG newspapers will work to have positive relationships with city governments, school districts, county governments and hospital districts. It is my firm belief that the taxpayer has a right to know what our elected officials are doing with our money. By the same token, it is also imperative lines of communication are open between these taxing entities and the residents they effect.

While many of the inner-workings of these newspapers will be consolidated, they will most certainly retain their local flair. After all, the good people of Floyd County want to read about their neck of the woods.

From an advertising standpoint, BMG will offer package deals for advertisers. As you can see by the locations, some of the towns are clustered together and have the same trade area. A business will have the opportunity to reach more people at an affordable rate.

Over the next few months, you'll notice changes to your paper. I know most of the changes will be considered improvements by our readers. I ask that you have patience with us when we have technical difficulties because we are doing our very best to give you a product you will enjoy and depend on.

I want your newspaper to be positive reflection on the people and businesses represented in it. I want it to be a tool you can use when you seek information.

I also want it to be a voice you can depend on to help your community get things done at the next level.

Many Americans, politicians and corporations have given up on rural America. Some of us have not. Some of us realize where the crops are harvested, where the oil is pumped and where the wind blows. Some of us realize where the best hunting and fishing is. We know where friendly people reside and if we get a flat tire or hit a deer, someone is going to pull over and help us out.

It is true, we live in a brave new world. I believe that new world includes rural America and BMG intends to make sure those big-city types know we're out here!

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Election Corner

Garza County November 4, 2008 General Election

CANDIDATE & OFFICE HOLDER INFORMATION:

Write-in Candidates: July 27th through August 26th, 2008 by 5:00 PM is the period candidates may file Declaration of write-in candidacy for the November 4 general election.

VOTER INFORMATION

Voter Registration: October 6, 2008 is the last day a person may submit an application to register to vote in the November 4, 2008 General Election. Also, October 6, 2008 is the last day for a voter who has moved to a different election precinct within the county to submit a change of address to be eligible to vote in the precinct of his or her new residence.

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FFA TRAVELERS



Post played host to a group of Future Farmers of America (FFA) students July 14-17. The group stayed in Lubbock while attending the state FFA convention in Lubbock. They were from the Goose Creek Consolidated School District located in Baytown.

South Plains hosting Cowboy Days Saturday

Grab your cowboy hats and sunscreen and head to the biggest family picnic on the South Plains. High Plains Epilepsy Association is hosting its biggest event of the year, Cowboy Days and Cook-off, on August 2. World renowned cowboy musician, Chuck Milner and Tennessee Tuckness Band are the headliners, however, this event offers more. There will be a horse clinic, chuck wagon cook-out, competition cook-off and plenty of kid's activities. This event is a great opportunity for the family to get together before school starts. HPEA is inviting families from all 70 counties it serves. All of the money raised on Saturday will help people and families living with epilepsy. Epilepsy is a neurological disorder that can affect anyone at any age. The disorder affects one in 100 people, that calculates to one in 34 children in Texas alone. Epilepsy can be controlled by medication however, not everyone is

fortunate enough to have insurance or an income that will pay for such prescriptions, that's where HPEA steps in. The organization provides a full range of epilepsy related services. HPEA works as the liaison between doctors and patients to make sure they get on the right medication and find the proper funding to pay for it. Its mission is to further the understanding of epilepsy in the community and the acceptance of individuals with epilepsy.

HPEA Cowboy Days and Cook-off is Saturday, August 2nd at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center, located at 50th and Upland Avenue. The fun begins at noon till 6 p.m. If you are interested in attending or learning more about HPEA please visit the High Plains Epilepsy Association's website at www.hpea.org or call our office, 785-1171. Tickets are \$10 and children eight and younger are free. Tickets can be purchased online or by calling any of our three offices.

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Texas schools looking at alternative fuels to save money

San Antonio, Texas - Record-high fuel prices are causing school districts to scrutinize their transportation budgets for ways to cut costs. San Antonio's Northside Independent School District has found that alternative fuels are one way to keep their budget in check. For the first time since 2002, a major manufacturer has offered factory-built propane buses. Northside is the first school district in the nation to purchase and receive the new propane buses.

And the district is already reaping the rewards. Today, Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams brought a check for \$66,341.46 to Northside ISD. The grant, from the Commission's Propane OEM School Bus Rebate Program, covers 80 percent of the propane option on each of the 16 new ultra-low-emissions propane school buses that have been added to the growing fleet.

"I'm proud to bring Northside ISD this rebate for making their yellow school buses greener. Northside embraced propane as a fuel for the district's buses over twenty years ago, and I commend them for their dedication to this clean fuel," said Williams. "This continues the school's history of Going Green and Saving Green."

"These 16 buses will save money on fuel and reduce children's exposure to air pollutants by using a cleaner, Texas-produced fuel."

Northside Superintendent John Folks said the District is grateful for the financial assistance from the state because it helps NISD serve as a good steward of natural resources.

"We want to be a good role model for the community and for our students," Folks said. "We are continually evaluating our energy consumption to protect both the environment and taxpayer dollars."

Northside ISD's bus fleet has over 600 buses, more than half of which are powered by propane.

The district has been using propane since 1981. "School leaders around the state are wise to explore alternative fuel options with record-high diesel and gasoline prices putting a crunch on their district budgets,"

Williams noted. "Many leaders have found that the incentives available at the federal, state and local levels make propane and natural gas buses a common-sense option for their school districts."

Texas is home to over 1,500 propane buses, which accounts for about 28 percent of the nation's total.

The source of today's Railroad Commission grant to Northside ISD is the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program, which is administered by the State Energy Conservation Office.

All of Northside's buses will be eligible for a federal 50-cents per gallon rebate on propane motor fuel, which brings in about another \$1,500 per year per school bus.

Northside ISD saved \$226,000 from this tax credit in 2007. A federal tax credit of up to \$30,000 per installation is available for propane refueling infrastructure. And for those districts that decide to replace their older buses, the Railroad Commission offers the Propane Vehicle Incentive Program.

A typical grant from the Railroad Commission for replacing a 15-year-old diesel bus is around \$12,000 per bus, and can be more or less depending on annual mileage and the age of the bus being replaced.

Williams is a longtime advocate for alternative-fuel school buses. During his tenure, the Commission has honored the following propane fleets for their commitment to air quality: Alvin ISD, Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS), Dallas County Schools, Denton ISD, Northside ISD (San Antonio) and Port Arthur Transit.

He gave keynote addresses at the 2004 National Clean Cities Conference and the 2008 Alternative Fuels Vehicle Institute conference.

In 2006, Williams joined other clean-air proponents in securing \$895,000 to develop and certify a factory propane school bus, and he proudly hosted the 2007 unveiling of Blue Bird's Propane "Vision" school bus, the first propane school bus offered by a major manufacturer in the U.S. since 2002.

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Extension Extras

By Nancy McDonald
CEA-FCS

It's that time again in Texas when the temperatures get up to three digit numbers, but it isn't just the heat that is getting to you.

The sun also emits UV rays which can be harmful to the skin. Did you know that excessive exposure to the ultraviolet radiation of the sun is the most important preventable cause of all skin cancers?

Melanoma is the most serious form of skin cancer and according to the National Cancer Institute it is estimated that there will be 62,480 new cases in the United States as well as 8,420 deaths in 2008. Don't let yourself or your family members be a part of these numbers. Learning a few things about skin safety can help you prevent it.

There are different types of UV rays that come from the sun. Some sunscreens only protect from one type. Be sure to get a sunscreen that protects from both UVA and UVB rays.

Just because it is cloudy outside doesn't mean that the UV rays are blocked from reaching your skin.

Like light UVA rays can go through glass, so before taking off for a car ride don't forget to put some sunscreen on. UV rays can also do damage to your eyes so find a wide (3") brim hat and some sunglasses

to protect your face as well. Some tips on keeping the UV rays from harming you:

1. Apply sunscreen 20 minutes before going out in the sun it needs to soak in before being effective. Make it a morning routine and then you'll never forget!

2. Apply sunscreen every two hours when in the sun SPF 30 or higher and one that protects against both UVA and UVB rays. Remember the hat and sunglasses too!

3. Fill a basket by the front door with sunglasses, hats and sunscreen so as you rush out the door you remember take a bottle with you to reapply later as needed.

4. Make playing in the shade fun During the peak hours of the day when the sun's rays are at their highest point find some fun games at <http://gameskidsplay.net>.

5. Use extra caution around water and sand these surfaces reflect the UV rays which can increase your chances of getting a sun burn.

Want to learn more, check out <http://coolshade.tamu.edu/index.asp>.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Cancer Council encourage you and your family to practice sun-safe habits this summer and throughout the year. Source: Courtney J. Schoessow,

MPH, Extension Program Specialist Texas AgriLife Extension Service, and Jessica Rodgers.

June 2008. Texas AgriLife Extension Service Family and Consumer Sciences website: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/>. Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

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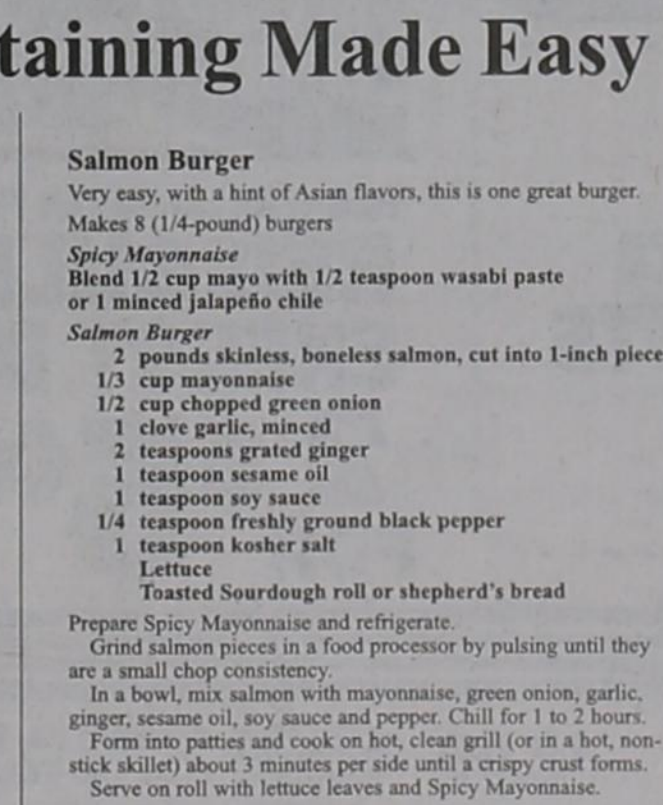
Salmon Burger
Very easy, with a hint of Asian flavors, this is one great burger. Makes 8 (1/4-pound) burgers

Spicy Mayonnaise
Blend 1/2 cup mayo with 1/2 teaspoon wasabi paste or 1 minced jalapeño chile

Salmon Burger
2 pounds skinless, boneless salmon, cut into 1-inch pieces
1/3 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup chopped green onion
1 clove garlic, minced
2 teaspoons grated ginger
1 teaspoon sesame oil
1 teaspoon soy sauce
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon kosher salt
Lettuce
Toasted Sourdough roll or shepherd's bread

Prepare Spicy Mayonnaise and refrigerate. Grind salmon pieces in a food processor by pulsing until they are a small chop consistency. In a bowl, mix salmon with mayonnaise, green onion, garlic, ginger, sesame oil, soy sauce and pepper. Chill for 1 to 2 hours. Form into patties and cook on hot, clean grill (or in a hot, non-stick skillet) about 3 minutes per side until a crispy crust forms. Serve on roll with lettuce leaves and Spicy Mayonnaise.

Tips on Grilling Corn
Cooking corn on the BBQ adds a delightful smoky flavor to one of summer's great treats. There are basically two methods of cooking corn on the grill; either the husk is left on to protect the corn, or the cob is stripped and wrapped in heavy-duty foil. Some flavoring agents (like herbs and flavored butters or oils) are typically applied to the corn before the wrapping is sealed around it. In both



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Obituaries

Belinda Carol Bolsins

Services for Belinda Carol Bolsins, 55 of Temple were at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Temple with the Rev. Steve McMeans officiating.

She died Friday, July 18, in Killeen.

She was born Oct. 27, 1952, to Bobby Carol Blacklock and Lora Johnston Blacklock in Post. She attended schools in Post and Temple. She as a graduate of the Licensed Vocational Nurse Program a Temple Junior College. She was a L.V.N. and formerly worked for Dr. Jack Weinblatt in Temple.

Survivors include three sons, Greg Windham of Georgetown, Brett Bolsins and Brendon Bolsins, both of Belton; a daughter, Kristy

Butler of Belton; a brother Lanny Blacklock of Temple; her mother of Temple; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2433 Ridgepoint Drive, Suite B, Austin 78754 or Scott & White Hospice, 2327 S. 57th St., Temple 76502.

Soledad Ramirez

Services for Soledad Ramirez, 78 of Spearman, Texas were held on Thursday, July 31, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church with Pastor Isaias Martinez and Pastor Sam Caballero officiating.

She was born April 26, 1930 in Roby, Texas and lived in the area for 4 years and the moved to Forgan, Oklahoma. She married Jose Ramirez.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist church of Forgan, Oklahoma. She was a very hard working woman, with a lot of love for her family.

Survivors include seven sons, Isaias Martinez of Lamar, CO, Andrew Martinez of Graham, TX, Ruben Martinez of Gruver, TX, Daniel Martinez of Oklahoma City, OK, Joe Manuel Martinez of Spearman, TX, Jeremiah Martinez of Spearman, TX, Albert Lee Martinez of Spearman, TX, six daughters Rebecca Caballero of Thornton, CO, Raquel Pinedo of Forgan, OK, Belinda Ramirez of Forgan, OK, Benita Flores of Buffalo, OK, Martha Carrasco of Galeton, CO, Anna Maria Navarrete of Spearman, TX, and one sister Evangelina Madrigal of Brownfield, TX.

Preceded in death by: 2 sons - Roman Martinez and John Martinez; one daughter Brenda Lee Martinez; 36 grandchildren; 63 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild.



Give to your local food pantry

Says, Charlie J. Wyche, 64, who left Thursday, July 17th at 3 a.m. on his bicycle from Teague Texas to Craige Montana. All to encourage everyone to donate to their local food bank. "The food bank in your area can buy four times as much food with a dollar as you can," so he asks you to think about giving money and not can goods.

If you are interested in giving to our local food bank there are several in Post. Graham Chapel Church of Christ has a food pantry and clothes closet (806) 495-4104 or (806) 495-3066, Rural Community Organization and Ministerial Alliance (806) 123-1111, First United Methodist has a clothes closet (806) 495-2942 and Jayta with the Victim's Assistance Program (806) 495-2479. Photo by Merika Strivens



Buy Shoes Saves Lives BBQ

Kim Greer, Lisa Copeland, Bubba Smith and Stephanie Smith are among the many that contributed in the BBQ, dinner, Saturday to raise funds for the Preemptive Love Coalition. Photo by Kim Lott

Recognition from Director of Buy Shoes Saves Lives

Dear People of Post, TX, Twelve months ago my wife and I started a organization in Iraq called The Preemptive Love Coalition. The idea was simple: we wanted to fund heart

surgeries for Iraqi children who were dying without anyone to help them and we wanted to obey Jesus Christ's command to love our enemies.

In the past year we've seen a number of amazing things.

We've seen Muslim clerics embrace us and celebrate the work we are doing to bridge racial divides and care for our enemies.

We've seen Saddam-loyalists oppose our work and religious

radicals actively seek to hinder our obedience to God and our care for Iraqi children. We've also seen hundreds of Americans gather around our cause and actively contribute to the long-term rebuilding of Iraq. However, in our 12 months of operation we have never seen anything like you!

Never could we have said that a whole city came alongside us to love and care for the people of Iraq... until now! Through the support of local Post, TX churches and the Charity Barbecue & Silent Auction the people of Post have given enough money to fund an entire heart surgery for yet another Iraqi child. This will be the second full heart surgery originating out of Post, TX in the last two months alone!

Sadly, some 3,000 children are still waiting in line for more of the same. As I passed on the news of your generosity to my staff today - and as they've passed it on to local Iraqis and our partnering organizations - there is a great sense of gratitude and humbleness at your kindness.

Thank you for teaching your children that there is but one way to be a true human and it consists in doing for others

what you would have them do for you.

God bless you for all you've done...

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

I am not sure about the rest of you but that rain Tuesday morning was a shocker for me. I didn't have any idea it was coming. We measured three tenths at the gin, G.B. Wilke measured four tenths and Charles Morris got an inch at his house. Like I always say, crazy west Texas weather!

It is not going to be long before school starts. Some of the our kids are getting in last minute activities; Russ Morris, Jake Morris, Kale Yarbro, Will Yarbro and Dylan Morris were some of the youngsters participating in the 3rd annual Masonic Lodge and Game Warden fishing day.

attended boy scout camp in New Mexico, D'Nae Johnson and Raegan Belongia attended basketball camp at South Plains College.

Tim Morris celebrated his birthday on July 20th. The Morris bunch met for lunch and then went to Lake Allen Henry for a sight seeing adventure. Those enjoying the afternoon were; Tim and Diane Morris; Charles and Sharron Morris; Chuck, Kristi, Dylan and Rylan Morris; Barry, Amy and Brooke Morris.

We all celebrated my nephew's birthday Monday night with a transformer party at his house. Will Yarbro turned 7 years old on

the 28th, those helping him to celebrate were; Daniel and Trevah Yarbro, Jerry and Judy Bush, Kale Yarbro, Clinton and Kimberly Yarbro, Devon McClain, Traci Freeman and Ryan Belongia.

Congratulations to Raylea Underwood on winning High Overall in the Sr. 1 ladies American Games at the 4-H state shooting sports. She also won the Sr. 1 ladies International Games. She left on Wednesday headed for Illinois to compete at Grand Nationals on the Varsity Scholastic Clay Target Team. Raylea is the daughter of Ray Don and Jana Underwood and the granddaughter of Mack and

Jane Terry.

Visitors

We've had just a few this week; Pete Hays came by Monday afternoon. Noah Sweeten and Joe Cimental came by twice.

As always we need to remember our Ragtown folks in the nursing homes; Doug and Claudine Tipton; Ruby Carpenter and Carmen Abraham in Post and Mary Ethridge in Lubbock. Keep our troops in your prayers.

Birthdays this week

August 2nd - Robbie Wilke

Anniversaries

August 1st - Robbie and Traci Freeman

See ya next week and ya'll come out and see us sometime!

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



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Weekly Inspirations

THE CASH REGISTER

By: Michael F. Taylor

It was a very tense moment. The twelve members of the jury had just finished listening to the gut wrenching emergency 911 telephone call made by an 80 year old victim of a five and dime store robbery/murder. Many in the jury appeared to be moved almost to tears. The district attorney called for the antique brass cash register stolen in the commission of the crime-which weighed no less than 100 pounds-to be brought into the courtroom as evidence. A very young and nervous Detective Taylor had been placed in charge of all evidence involved in the heinous offense, and therefore, its introduction into the courtroom. Unfortunately, on this day, a court clerk had made the unwise decision to place the 100 pound piece of evidence on an old, rickety, aluminum framed typewriter stand with wheels. The cash register was simply too large and cumbersome to be safely moved on the old stand.

As I attempted to enter the courtroom, the district attorney decided that he would assist me and began pulling the stand into the doorway while I was pushing it forward. Yes, you probably guessed it! The stand tipped over, dumping the cash register directly on the extended foot of the district attorney. The once tense and teary eyed room slowly burst out into laughter as the defense attorney snidely stated, "Your Honor, I think the District Attorney is merely looking for sympathy from the Jury." I still have a copy of the court transcript of that trial somewhere. Believe me, you know you are having a bad day when you break the district attorney's foot in the middle of a murder trial with a piece of evidence. I truly wanted to crawl under the witness stand and disappear. Here I was, seemingly at a time of great triumph. Our murderer had been caught, evidence obtained, a good case presented, and I almost disabled and crippled the prosecutor.

Discouragement! Have you ever noticed that discouragement seems to come on the heels of a major victory? One of Satan's most powerful weapons against the Christian today is discouragement. To convince you that things are worse than they really are. To deceive you into believing that things are never going to get better. I believe that Elijah must have felt that way after God's mighty defeat of the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel. 1 Kings 19:1-4 speaks to his discouragement after the victory, "Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2 So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, 'May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.' 3 Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, 4 while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. 'I have had enough, LORD,' he said. 'Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' NIV Now that is certainly discouragement. Elijah, the great Prophet of God who had just defeated 450 prophets of the false god Baal, now sits under a tree and prays that God will take his life. And how does God answer? By sending an angel to minister to him. To feed him, to provide water to quench his thirst. To take care of his needs. Look at verses 5-6 '5 Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' 6 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 God met Elijah's needs. God will meet our needs. We must then have faith that God is in the business of meeting needs. But, what is faith? Faith has been defined as "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not yet seen."

When discouragement and disappointment come our way, we must keep our faith in God to meet our needs. To get us through the circumstance. FAITH is the key! Romans 5:1-5 encourages us, "1 Therefore, since we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Also through Him, we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also rejoice in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, 4 endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope. 5 This hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us." HCSB I pray that this week, you will not be discouraged over temporary circumstances in your life; over a Cash Register of your own, but rather, that your faith will lead you on to encouragement in "this hope that does not disappoint".

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A Special Use Permit was approved for this property in 1997, however, Special Use Permits expire with the sale of the property, therefore, the prospective buyers of said property are requesting a new Special Use Permit. The existing Permit allowed the operation of a barbershop at the location. This new application will be for permission to operate a beauty shop at the location.

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Bid specifications may be obtained by contacting Shellee Odom 806-495-3343 or at Post ISD Administration; 501 S Ave K, Post, Texas 79356.

Post ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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The George R. Brown Partnership L.P., 4700 First City Tower 1001 Fanmin St. Houston, Tx 77002 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, Post - Montgomery Unit 1 lease.

Well Number D-4. The proposed injection well is located North one mile to Post, Tx in the Garza Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2724 to 2964 feet.

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Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago
July 29, 1998

Post Stampede Rodeo directors working for several weeks getting ready the 58th annual event were Ken Young, Mike Babb, Mike Johnson, Danny Robertson, Ray Mason, Bruce Sanderson, Fred Humble, Robbie Williams, Jay Pollard and Barry Morris.

Irina Ageeva and Ivan (Bud) Jones Jr. were united in marriage on July 24th, in Abilene.

Five local women were among the more than 2,000 members attending the 1998 Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Convention held in Dallas. Carmen Camp, Cheryl Clopton, Adene Dixon, Connie Flores and Nancy Vaughn represented the local Theta Eta Chapter at the convention.

Army 1st Sgt. Bobby J. Brown was promoted to sergeant major and planned to attend the sergeant major academy at Fort Bliss. Brown enlisted in the U. S. Army in December 1975 and served four tours of duty in Germany.

20 Years Ago
August 3, 1988

The sidewalks in front of the Algerita Arts Center suddenly became more colorful as the Post Art Guild sponsored a Youth Art Contest for young people. Drawings of a bouquet of iris, Indian children and the C. W. Post statue won the top three prizes for Mikki Wilks, first place; Amy Wallace, second place; and Melanie Marshall, third place.

Congratulations went out to

Ben Kirkpatrick for Defensive Most Valuable Player in the North-South All-Star Football Game. Kirkpatrick had seven tackles, one sack and the fumble recovery for a touchdown that won the game for the North team 13-7.

David and Karen Nichols announced the birth of their son, David Blake. Blake was born July 12 and weighed seven pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 and one-half inches long.

Pretty legs Jay Pollard accepted the trophy won by Handy Hardware in the Main Street Legs Contest.

30 Years Ago
August 3, 1978

Seventeen Post residents taking the emergency medical technicians course were Jimmy Pierce, Cheryl Blair, Jim Jackson, Danna Giddens, Glen Barley, Evelyn Soreno, Ed Zintgraff, Lena Walker, Pauline Mathis, Lorene Shepherd, Nell Smith, Dawn Olive, Helen Richards, Curtis Hudman, Danny Shaw, Syan Nichols and LaVerne Jones.

Eleanor Martinez was selected Employee of the Month for August by Garza Memorial Hospital employees. Eleanor worked for the hospital in the dietary department.

Master Sgt. Malachi Mitchell Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Malachi Mitchell of Post graduated from the U. S. Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas. Mitchell entered the Army in February 1960.

Garza County 4-H member

Lance Dunn, with a record book on swine, won district at the Garza County competition, advancing him to the state contest held at Texas A&M University.

40 Years Ago
August 1, 1968

Patti Peel and Janice Gordon won the Post Junior Chamber of Commerce's beauty contest and would represent Post in a contest to select "Miss White River Lake." Others in the top five of a field of 17 contestants were Jan Wilks, Martha Miller, and Sheryl Cooper.

Post's Connie Mack team, champions of the Garza-Lynn County League competing at Vernon in the Northern Texas Connie Mack League Tournament were team members, Dennis Dodson, Karl Hall, Pete Morales, Raymond Valdez, George Torres, Charlie Brown, Jay Bird, Terry Moreau, Norman Tanner, Nick Pantoja, Dennis Altman, Terry Cross, Ray Altman, Clyde Cash, Roy Sappington and Butch Heaton.

Vernon Payne took over his new duties at principal of Post High School this week in 1968 with the departure of Charles R. Hutchins and family for Albuquerque, N.M.

50 Years Ago
July 31, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Fluitt Sr., long-time residents of Garza County, celebrating their golden anniversary were honored guests with an open house in the home of a son and daughter-in law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fluitt, in the Graham community.

Nine members of the Post Antelope Lettermen's Club and Coaches Frank Krhut and Lawrence Cook enjoyed swimming and a picnic supper at the swim pool. Club members

attending were Jerry Windham, Billy Williams, Charlie Morris, Herbie Hays, Curtis Didway, Forrest Claborn, Kenny Poole, Sidney Hart and Scottie Pierce.

Gene Mayo King, son of Mrs. J. D. King, is a candidate for the Bachelor of Business Administration degree at West Texas State College's summer convocation. A major in accounting, he is a member of Sigma Beta Mu, honorary business fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Cowdrey and Susie Jo were hosts for a birthday dinner honoring Cowdrey's father and uncle, Delmer and Elmer Cowdrey, who are twins, on their 54th birthdays.

60 Years Ago
July 29, 1948

A record, 1,704 Garza County voters elected Incumbent J. Lee Bowen as county judge by a two-vote margin over J. E. Stephens and selected Will Cravy as first contender and Incumbent Nathan Mears from a list of seven candidates to run for sheriff, tax assessor-collector in the runoff primary in August.

S. C. Storie announced his plans to open a wholesale automobile parts house in the building formerly occupied by the Hodges Tractor Company. V. L. Peel would managed the new business.

Long awaited rural electrification was on its way to the Verbena Community this week in 1948.

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Frances Benson and Iris as worthy advisor. Steen McMahon were initiated at a meeting of the Rainbow Assembly in the Masonic Hall. Billie Louise Nichols presided

Guys and Gals: Weldon "Hookrum" Rogers was seen driving a new blue De Soto convertible.

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Contact Information: Applications are available on our website, www.spcaa.org. Also at Garza Co. Community Action Center, S. Highway 84. SPCAA is an EOE.

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- respectful address: "yes" _____
- TXism: "mi casa _____ casa"
- (friendly) Padre Island critters: kangaroo _____
- Alvin AM station _____
- female sheep _____
- TX Ann Richards T-shirt: "_____ place is in the dome"
- Alamo story is part of TX _____
- TX Wilmer Lawson won 32 matches in _____
- TX Willie's "Farm Aid _____" was in '90
- iced, orange pekoe, & Earl Grey gun org. (abbr.) _____
- TXism: "at the drop _____"
- state of NBA Nets _____
- Spindletop driller: Lucas _____
- TX school policy: "_____ no play"
- TX Stadium sound: _____ of the crowd
- TXism: "I'd have to get better _____" (sick)
- TXism: "_____ for" (crave)
- folks who take folks to court? _____
- DDE birthplace _____
- TX-born Linda Darnell film: "Way Out" ('50) _____
- TX Tierney '43 film: "Heaven Can _____"
- lawn implement _____
- UT QB Peter who won four straight against OU _____
- Alamo commander Travis (init.) _____
- cheese state (abbr.) _____
- Jerry Jones jet _____ in "the world" _____
- private teacher _____
- response to a stupid statement _____
- Yoko _____
- full init. of CSA general _____
- unaccounted-for TX soldiers who didn't return _____
- oil leases, e.g. _____
- tobacco state (abbr.) _____
- Linden newspaper: "Cass County _____" _____
- TX Comanche: "finest light cavalry the world has _____"
- Grand _____ TX _____
- most protected _____
- TXism: "eats high _____ the hog"
- TX O. Henry's "A _____ in Santone" _____
- 1st name of San Angelo: "_____ the River"
- TX-born Florence Bates film: "My Secretary" _____
- TXism: "loud _____ hungry call"
- TX Buddy Holly's "Fades Away" _____
- condition of DWI probation? (2 wds.) _____
- "One _____ one Ranger" _____
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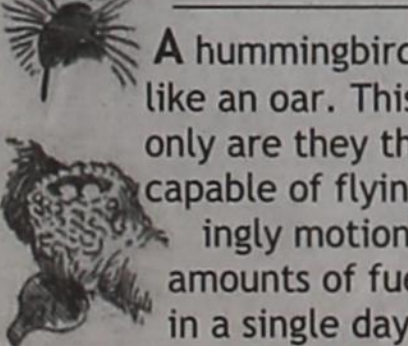
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VOL 18 Hail to the Hummingbird



Is it a bug? A bee? Or a fairy flittering by? No, it is the incredibly bitsy-tiny hummingbird!

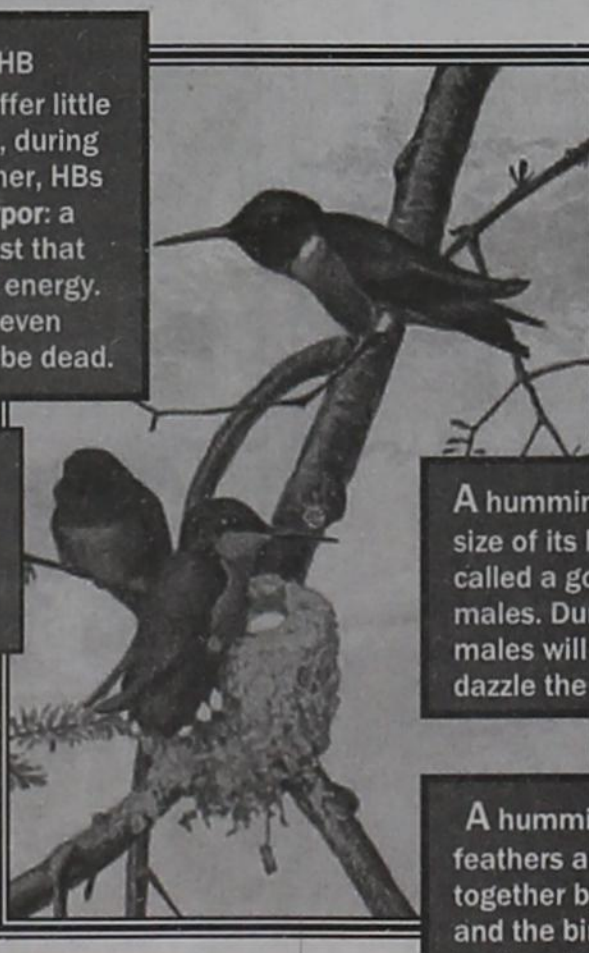
A Flying Ace



A hummingbird's wing actually turns completely around, much like an oar. This gives the HB some unique flying abilities. Not only are they the fastest flying bird, they are also the only bird capable of flying backwards, up/down and able to hover seemingly motionless in place. All this flying requires enormous amounts of fuel which is why the HB visits up to 2000 flowers in a single day taking in twice its weight in sugary nectar.

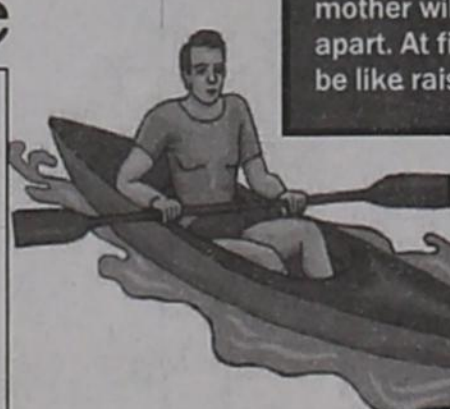
Because HB feathers offer little protection, during cold weather, HBs go into torpor: a state of rest that conserves energy. They may even appear to be dead.

The smallest HB is 2 inches long; the largest HB is 8 inches.



A hummingbird's tongue is twice the size of its long beak. The red "neck"-called a gorget - is only found on males. During the mating season the males will turn it towards the sun to dazzle the ladies.

A hummingbird nest of twigs, feathers and lichen is held together by bits of a spider's web and the bird's saliva. The inside is about the size of a penny. The mother will lay 2 eggs 2 days apart. At first the nestlings will be like raisins with tiny feathers.



Hummingbird History

Kachina dolls, made by the Hopi Indians, had pointy beaks and feathered head-dresses modeled after the hummingbird.

Columbus first wrote about the HB after His travels to the New World.

The Aztecs so admired the HB that their kings wore cloaks made entirely from the skins of the tiny bird.

Hummingbirds were once thought to be the result of the mating between an insect and a bird!

Feathers that shimmer and change color in flight, their ability to appear to stand still in mid-air and the "disappearing act" (migration) they do each winter have all led to ancient tales of hummingbird "magic".

Each year hummingbirds migrate to Florida then cross the Gulf of Mexico to reach their winter resting grounds in South and Central America. Somehow the little birds are able to forecast bad weather and never make the trek across the gulf when stormy or rainy weather is in the forecast.



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Hayley Mason named to LCU Dean's list

Hayley Mason of Post was named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the spring 2008 semester. The Dean's list requires a student to be taking a minimum of 12 hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the semester. Mason is a junior education major.

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Kayla Dunn Overstreet named to President's list

Kayla Dunn Overstreet of Post was named to the President's List at Lubbock Christian University for the spring 2008 semester. The President's list requires a student to be taking a minimum of 12 hours and achieve a 4.0 grade point average for the semester. Overstreet is a junior secondary education major. She is married to Stephen Overstreet and she is the daughter of Lance and Tonya

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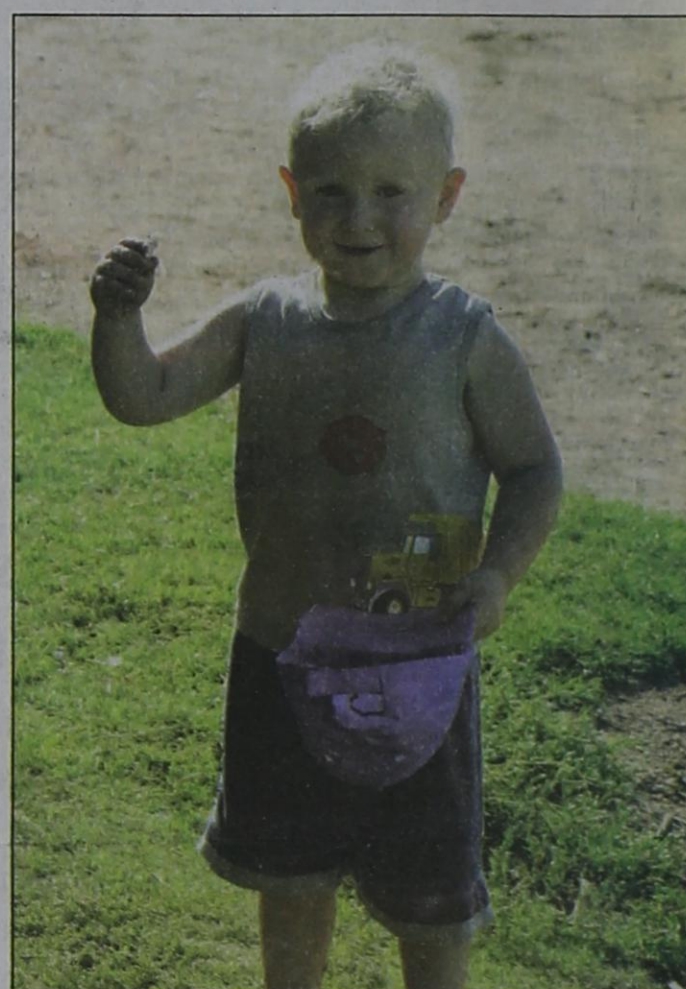


Unchained Life Ministries helps at Childress revival

After a five city wide ride on motorcycles, President, Mike Holly of Unchained Life Ministries and member Merika Strivens along with several other members and ministries gathered under a tent on Saturday to hold a revival. Worship, testimonies and local christian rapper, General C, Colin Verba of Post, gathered together to minister and uplift the citizens of Childress. Sunday the ministry teams held three services in the Childress Prison. For more information www.unchainedlife.org
Photo by Lexa Lublin



Would ya look at that, I hooked another



Fishing Fun

Participants of the 3rd annual Kids Fishing Derby, Jake Morris (left) and John Paul Winkle (right) proudly show off their catch. Morris' mom, Melanie eagerly encouraged him to run quickly to get the measurements of his latest catch and was flagged down to take this picture. Winkle was spotted running his fish in to be measured in his ball cap and once handed over to be measured, quickly put his cap back on to retrieve another fish.
Photo by Merika Strivens



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Yard of the Week

715 North Ave O, the Borden's, is home to this weeks "Yard of the Week" recognized by the Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. Standing (left to right) are Naomi Matsler, Angela Borden, Aaron Borden, Marie Neff and Linda Puckett.
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