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Rained out ...

Garza County was not immune from the intense rain the area received last week.

Local residents reported between eight and nine inches fall around Post while some areas received more than 11 inches of rain.

The White River Municipal Water District reported nearly an 11-foot rise after receiving 8.75-inches of rain.

Pictured above and at right is south lake at the Post City Park Friday. Right, water covered a pavilion and barbecue pits while the lake covered up the tennis courts and parking lot (above).

Photos by Merika Strivens



Butler memorial bronc riding Oct. 18 in Post

Entries accepted through Oct. 1 for Third Annual Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding

By Rosa Latimer

Correspondent

The Third Annual Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding (TBMBR) will be held on Oct. 18 at the Post Stampede Rodeo Arena. The competition called a "ridin' high bronc riding" will start at noon, preceded by a Calcutta Auction at 11 a.m. A dance featuring the Lone Star Troubadours will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight at the rodeo grounds. Along with the Open and Rookie Bronc Riding events, Shetland Bronc Riding for 12 years and under has been added to the day's activities. Entries are limited to 30 Open Bronc Riders and 15 Rookie Bronc Riders. The books close Oct. 1.



2007 Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding participant Tyler Rice of Plainview.

Photo by Kristen Rice

The Memorial Bronc Riding event, held in Seymour, Texas the past two years, was initially organized by saddle maker Jeff Gray as a way to honor Tom Butler, of Guthrie, Texas. Butler, an 18-year-old Texas Tech University student, was killed in a vehicle accident two years ago. In his short career Butler had earned many awards and titles in ranch rodeos and horse competitions, as well as athletic and scholastic activities. He is also remembered for a statement made a year before his death:

"We focus so much on what we're waiting for that we miss or forget to appreciate what we have."

Riders in the event will compete in stock saddles and have an opportunity to win prizes that include a Jeff Gray handmade saddle, handmade spurs and buckles from various makers along with a cash payout totaling \$9,750.

Proceeds from the bronc riding go to the Tom Butler Memorial Scholarship & Foundation.

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Post Notes

Church welcomes new pastor Sunday

The Church of God of Prophecy would like to cordially invite you and your family to fellowship with us in welcoming our new pastors, Hmo. Otilio and Hma. Esmeralda Jimenez and family on Sunday, September 21 at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome, God Bless! Iglesia De Dios de la Profecia hace una invitacion a la bienvenida. A nuestro pastor Otilio y Esmeralda Jimenez y sus hijos. Todos invitados a una comida en honor a Nuestros Nuevos Pastores Domingo, 9-21-08 a la 10 a.m. Todos invitados, Dios los Bendiga!

PHS Mini-Cheerleader Camp

The Post High School Cheerleaders will host their annual mini-cheerleader camp on Saturday, September 27, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The registration fee is \$25 and includes a t-shirt, lunch and an afternoon snack. The campers will be featured in the Abernathy pep rally and game on Friday, October 3. Registration forms may be picked up from any cheerleader or from the high school office. The registration deadline is September 19. Any questions may be directed to Mrs. Carter at the high school.

Band selling briskets

The band really appreciates all of you that came and ate with us on homecoming night. We had a great turn out, but have some brisket left. If you, or someone you know, would like to purchase brisket, please call 990-2457. Prices include 5 lb. bag slices - \$20, 1/2 brisket - \$25, and 1 whole brisket - \$40.

Graham Ole Opry set September 20

The fall quarterly Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday, September 20 from 7-10 p.m. at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles south on FM 399. There is no admission charge, but a hat will be passed for donations to help with the upkeep on the center. Performers scheduled include John Bill Hedrick, Jane Mason, John Bland, Ted Brannon, Luke Williams, Mark McCallister, Jimmy Kemp, Curtis Williams, Noel White and Debbie Ethridge Hanks and her husband, Eddie, with their blue grass band from Seymour. Come enjoy a great night of entertainment and fun. For more information, contact Noel White, 495-3261.

"A Night of Discovery in Recovery"

The Post Ministerial Alliance and The Community Recovery Center presents, "A Night of Discovery in Recovery." This event will be held at Post Church of the Nazarene, 202 West 10th Street from 6-7 p.m. on Sunday, September 21. All area churches and the public are invited to come and hear about services provided by the Recovery Center, and how churches and the public can get involved with the efforts of

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Real estate development healthy in Garza County

By Rosa Latimer

Correspondent

A copy of The Post City Post published in October of 1916 reports that "ten years in Garza County equals miracle of ages." Judge Lee Norman has preserved the historic paper that is dedicated to stories about the success of Post ten years after C. W. Post closed his first purchases from the Llano ranch holdings. Mr. Post immediately began creating "Post City." Farming was a booming industry alongside ranching and the Postex Cotton Mill employed approximately 300. According to the newspaper, the first merchants in Post City were Sam Ferber, R. H. Collier and W. E. Porterfield.

Of particular interest in the optimistic reports is the "enthusiasm" for the home community and "faith in its progress." The Garza County real estate "market" in 1916 was robust!

Enough about the early "glory days" of Garza County, what about 2008?

Real estate woes and market trends are in the news every day. We've all had an unsolicited education in sub-prime mortgages, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the housing market in California. This overload of information might bring Garza County residents to ask, "Does all of this negative activity affect us?" Apparently, if you ask those involved in the real estate business in Garza County, the

"I think our real estate market is stable and things that are happening in larger markets are not affecting Post at this time."

- Anne Sims
Garza County realtor

answer is actually "No."

Some of the good news came from Paige Huckaby, Manager of Garza Abstract in Post for 8 years. "This has been a very good year. It appears that those who have money to spend are spending it," Huckaby explained. "However, those with middle to lower income may be hampered by increased down payment requirements as a result of the sub-prime mortgage fiasco. This makes it more difficult for first-time home buyers."

Huckaby also explained that in the past several years, one large commercial transaction each year would be considered normal. However, so far in 2008 Garza County has had several high-end sales including the Best Western Post Inn, expansion of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility, the new Garza County Health Clinic and the new Garza County jail. In addition, Post Economic Development Corporation

sold warehouse property this year and the sale of Hotel Garza is in contract and should close within 30 days.

Compared to many communities in the area, our Main Street is thriving. Currently only one building is empty and for sale. Two new retail businesses, Jim & Gerry's Antiques & Crafts and J. Cruse Christmas Gallery, opened within the last 60 days. An informal survey of the housing market in Post indicates approximately six houses for sale through local realtors, two for sale by owner and a couple of houses listed by out-of-town realtors. Other residential properties may be available, but, as with any small town, will be sold through "word-of-mouth" technique.

Shawnette Hinkle, Manager of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, receives calls inquiring about real estate in Post every

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Dispatch offering advertising special

Starting last week *The Post Dispatch* began offering a discount on its display advertising rates.

"In the past our \$6 per column inch advertising rate has only been offered to those who advertise on a weekly basis, but for the next 30 days that rate will be available for any advertiser wanting to put in a display ad," associate publisher Jeff Blackmon said.

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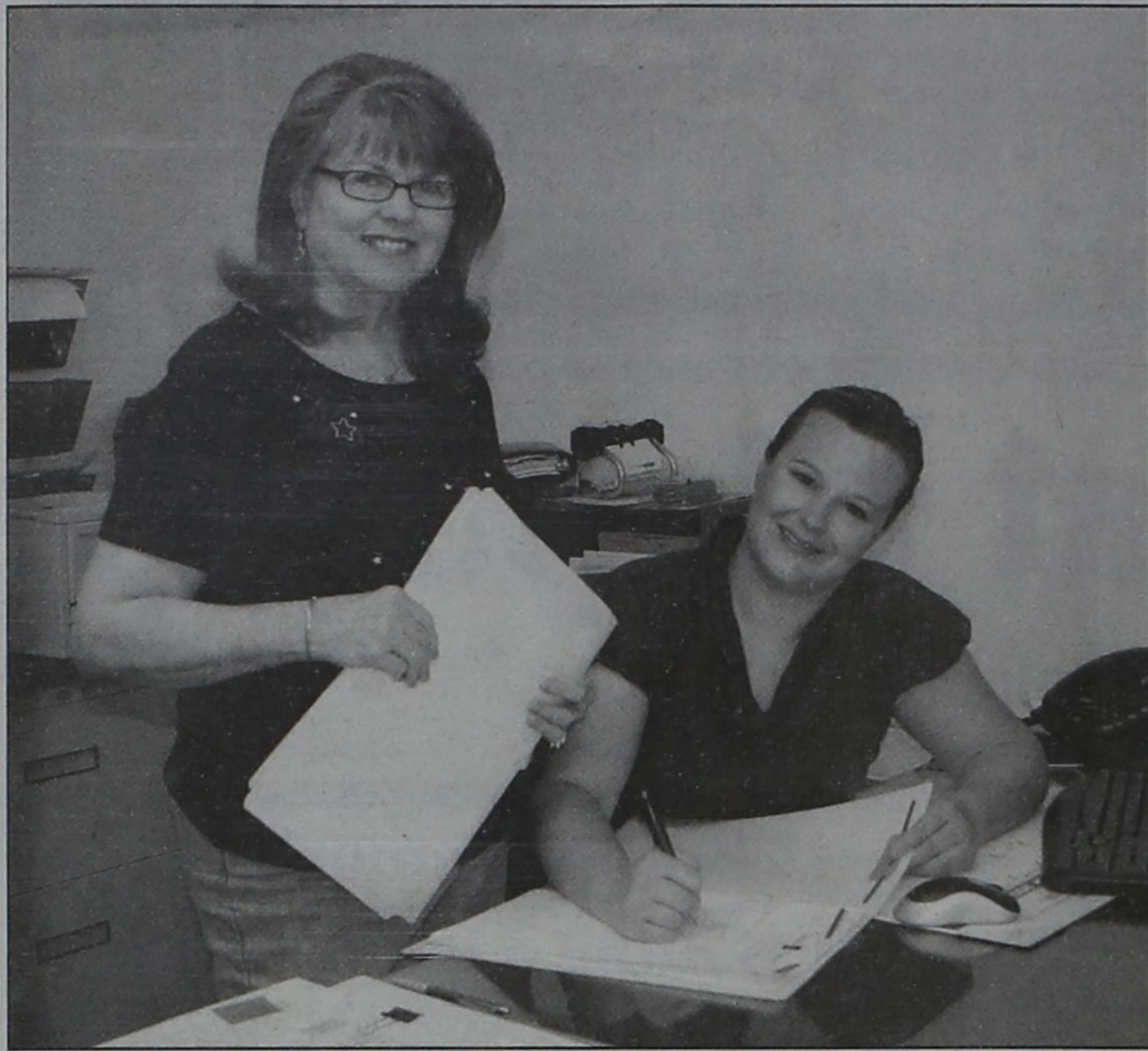
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The advertising special will conclude Friday, Oct. 10.

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



Jaynie Dickson, Secretary (left) and Paige Huckaby, Manager (right) at Garza Abstract in Post process paperwork for a real estate transaction in Garza County. The overall trend for real estate development in the area is positive for this year.

Garza County real estate ...

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week. "Most of these calls are asking about the availability of residential rental property; however, a few want to know what's for sale."

Anne Sims, a realtor in Garza County since 1997 stated that 2007 was a great year for real estate and things are looking good for 2008. "I sold a total of 19 properties last year and so far this year I've closed 12," Sims explained. "I think our real estate market is stable and things that are happening in larger markets are not affecting Post at this time." Sims further explained that her

sales have been as a result of a variety of situations including homebuyers relocating to Post and families who are moving up to larger houses. Beyond Post city limits, real estate sales are strong. "Development at Lake Alan Henry is good. There are more businesses going in there, some RV rental & boat storage as well as others," the Garza Abstract manager explained. "The houses being built there are large. The lots are selling and the prices have increased. This is mostly because of the agreement reached with the city of Lubbock

on the 300 ft. set backs and the option to build boat docks and gazebos. There have been a lot of progressive activities outside of town that affect Post in a positive way economically."

Jerry Kitten, the real estate broker for North Ridge at Lake Alan Henry, states that there are fewer sales in that development this year than last. "But the reason is because we've almost sold out. We have 42 homes completed."

Huckaby also stated that for some time several large ranches in the area were for sale, but those are harder to find now. However, it seems that when land is available it sells rather quickly if it is priced reasonably. Generally speaking, the overall real estate market has exceeded 2007. Residential sales are on target to meet or exceed last year and commercial transactions have shown a major increase in 2008. While Garza County & the city of Post might not be enjoying quite the "boom" time of earlier years, certainly we are not experiencing the downward spiral of the real estate market occurring in other areas of the nation. We can still enjoy an enthusiasm and confidence in the growth and development of our community and county.

Elmore. Bennett to marry Sept. 21



September Wedding: Mollie Elmore and Brandon Bennett of Sweetwater announce their engagement and pending marriage set for Sept. 21, 2008, in Las Vegas Nev., at the Paris Hotel. The bride's parents are Jane and Dan Lindsay of Post, and the groom's parents are Terry Bennett of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Williams of Amarillo.

Marines invited to Lubbock party

LUBBOCK, Texas (September 11, 2008) – The United States Marines of Lubbock extend an invitation to ALL Marines, past and present, to join them in celebrating the 233rd birthday of the United States Marine Corps.

The Ball will be held at the Holiday Inn and Towers at 801 Avenue Q in downtown Lubbock, TX on 15 November 2008. The celebration will commence with a cocktail hour at 5:00 p.m.,

followed by a traditional birthday ceremony, dinner and dancing.

To purchase tickets or get additional information please contact, the Inspector-Instructor Staff at (806) 763-2853.

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Local high school student could win Washington trip

Commander Charles Ratliff of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #6797, announced the kick-off of the year's VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary "Voice of opportunity to compete in the annual audio essay competition and win thousands of dollars in scholarships, a trip to Washington, D.C., as well as dozens of other awards. Students begin by competing at the local Post level. Deadline for entries at the Post is November 1st. Post winners advance to District. District winners compete in the state competition. The state winner will enjoy a four day tour of Washington, D.C. along with America/Caribbean and Europe.

During the nearly 60 years that the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary

have been involved with Voice of Democracy, more than 7 million high school students have participated. Students compete by writing and then recording a three to five minute audio/essay expressing their views of this year's patriotic theme "Service and Sacrifice By America's Veterans Benefits Today's Youth By..." All state winners receive at least \$1000 national scholarship but any one of them could win

the \$25,000 first place award. A total of \$145,000 in national scholarships is awarded to national finalists in addition to the scholarships and awards given at the preliminary levels of competition.

Interested students and teachers should contact their local VFW Post #6797 by phone at 495-2026 or write to the Post at P.O. Box 250, Post Texas 79356 for more information

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Memorial bronc riding

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The 2007 event funded 30 scholarships for college bound graduating high school seniors with a background in ranching and agriculture.

Admission to the event is \$5, children 6 & under free. For more information, or to obtain an entry form, contact Kelly or Traci Butler at 806-596-4632 or by e-mail at tracilyn@wildblue.net or www.tombutlermemorial.com.

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the center. There will be a fellowship time following the presentation. You are asked to bring light deserts (cookies, brownies, cake, etc.) or soda if you are planning on attending, coffee will be provided. Call the Community Recovery Center at 495-3171 or Nazarene Church at 495-3044 for more information.

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

Chamber seeking info about Main Street
 Post Area Chamber of Commerce is compiling a "Walking Tour of Post" to give to visitors and put in our brochure holders. We need your help! If you have information about any buildings on East Main between the railroad tracks and the Court House (such as original use and/or owner of the building), please send it to the Chamber, P.O. Box 610, Post, TX 79356 or email to chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com. The walking tour brochure will go to print in October, so we'll need your information by October 6. Please call the Chamber office for more information - 495-3461.

"An Evening of Culture: Faith County II"
 Garza Theatre, 226 E. Main proudly presents "An Evening of Culture: Faith County II", directed by local Jay Young. Performance dates scheduled at 8 p.m. are September 19, 20, 26, 27, October 3, 4, and Sunday, October 5 at 2:30 p.m. Call the Garza Theatre box office at 495-4005 for more information and tickets. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 12:30-5 p.m.

Ride For Your Heart play day
 A Play Day benefiting the American Heart Association will be held October 4th at Lubbock Saddle Club Arena, 4th Street & CR 179, (behind Cagle Steak House) in Lubbock. Books open at 9:30 a.m. and riding will begin at 10:30 a.m. Events include barrels, poles, spur, rodeo flag and best-dressed horse contest. Concession stand, bake sale, and raffles offered throughout the event. Call Misty Basquez at 806-543-0468 for more information.

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

PHS Class of 1958 reunite



Class members attending the reunion included (back row) Benny Clary, Leland Edwards, Bob Smith, Billy Jones, Don Clary, Dan E. Cockrum, Tommy Young, Frances Curb, Betty Porterfield, Darrel Davis, Richard Simpson, Sharon Brooks, Lucy Trammell, Georgia Ann Sartain, Linda Lane Livingston, Marilyn Steel, Johnny Kemp, Frances Dietrich, Don Greer, Butch Wilson, and Weldon Reed. Seated in front is Barbara Harragan.

Class of 1958 holds reunion on Labor Day weekend

The Post High School Class of 1958 celebrated its 50th reunion Labor Day weekend in Post.

The group gathered at Tommy and Ruth Ann Young's home Friday evening for food and fellowship. In spite of the rain, 22 attended. Saturday 22 classmates and 12 spouses met at The Heritage House for an afternoon and evening of visiting, telling stories from high school, looking at old photos and scrapbooks, and recalling the fun

we had.

Class members attending were Betty Porterfield of Amarillo; Barbara (Harrigan) and Eddie Burrage of Clovis, N.M.; Benny and Carol Clary of Montgomery, Don Clary of LeLotes; Dan E. and Lynda Cockrum of Carlsbad, N.M.; Frances Curb of Lubbock; Darrel Davis of Ft. Worth; Lucy (Trammel) and Dusty Duston of Houston; Leland and Julie Edwards of Lubbock; Don and Joy Greer of Dublin; Georgia Ann Sartain

Hobbs of Lubbock; Billy Jones of China Springs; Sharon (Brooks) and Robert Shedd of Garland; Richard Simpson of Norton; Bob Smith of San Angelo; Marilyn Steel of Stillwater, Okla.; Butch and Freddi Wilson of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Frances (Dietrich) and Claude Wortham of Lubbock; Johnny and Nancy Kemp, Weldon and Maritta Reed, and Tommy and Ruth Ann Young of Post, and Linda Lane (Livingston) Runkles of Midland.

West Texas Book & Music Festival Sept. 22-27

New events, new authors, great music and more at the annual West Texas Book & Music Festival, Sept. 22 through 27 in downtown Abilene. From the opening Poetry Fest to the Gospel Hymnfest on Saturday afternoon, it's a full week of activities honoring local and area authors and musicians.

Featured authors include: Don B. Graham, author of a new book on Texas movies as well as editor of the acclaimed anthology Lone Star Literature; Elmer Kelton of San Angelo, Joaquin Jackson of Alpine, and Mike Cox of Austin, who have all written books about the Texas Rangers; Kathy Patrick of Jefferson, author and organizer of The Pulpwood Queens reading club featured on Good Morning America; Dixie Cash, the irrepressible West Texas fiction-writing sisters, and Amarillo novelist Jodi Thomas, whose new book Twisted Creek is being touted for community-wide reading programs.

The festival begins on Monday, Sept. 22, with the first West Texas Poetry Fest 'open mic' program at noon for local poets to showcase their work. The Brown Bag series begins Tuesday, Sept. 23 at noon with local authors Robert Pace

and Steve Butman on Abilene Landmarks and Barbara Rollins, Ginny Greene, Becky Haigler, and Kerin Riley-Bishop talking about their books, Silver Boomers and Freckles to Wrinkles. People are welcome to bring their own lunches to the library auditorium and drinks will be provided, or a light sandwich lunch will be available in limited quantities for \$4 a plate.

Tuesday evening, local authors who have published in the last year will be honored at a 6 p.m. reception at the library, 202 Cedar in downtown Abilene. Many of these authors will be featured throughout the week speaking in school classes.

Wednesday, Sept. 24, the Brown Bag series continues at noon with Rosanna Herndon telling stories from The Line from Here to There: A Storyteller's Scottish West Texas. Novelist Carol Walt will discuss her newest books, Aloha, Texas and Assisted Living.

Thursday, Sept. 25, featured cookbook authors Tom Perini, Rebecca Rather and Marie Hejl will talk about their books and the menu to be served at that evening's Texas Cookbook Gala fund-raiser at the Abilene

Country Club.

Friday, Sept. 26, Austin singer/songwriter Terri Hendrix, accompanied by Lloyd Maines, will play some of her latest works and talk about the creative musical process.

The free Texas Songwriters Concert at the Paramount Theatre, 7:30 p.m. on Friday night, will spotlight Hendrix & Maines, as well as area singer/songwriters Victoria Moore, Amanda Dunn, and Kina Lankford.

Saturday's program at the Abilene Civic Center will include the Hall of Texas Authors from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and panel discussions on self-publishing, Texas Rangers, and Texas Women Authors: Fiction, Fun & Romance.

Dr. Don B. Graham, a distinguished writer and teacher specializing in Texas and Southwest literature, will be the 2008 recipient of the A. C. Greene Award, given each year to a distinguished Texas author for lifetime achievement. The award will be presented at the Boots & Books luncheon on Saturday. Reservations are \$25 each or \$250 for a table of ten and can be made by sending a check to 130 Lawrence Circle, Abilene 79605.

Abilene songwriter Greg Young will perform at the luncheon, and the other featured authors will make brief comments.

The festival will conclude with the West Texas Gospel Hymnfest from 3-4 p.m. The singing will be led by Judge Lee Hamilton and pianist Sharon Leyerle.


This is the eighth year for the festival, which began as the West Texas Book and Author Festival and expanded three years ago to include music. It is presented by Friends of the Abilene Public Library and the Abilene Reporter-News and is supported by a number of generous sponsors, including the Scripps Howard Foundation, the Dodge Jones Foundation, the Dian Graves Owen Foundation, the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council, the Abilene Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the Community Foundation of Abilene. Over the years the festival has helped raise more than \$150,000 for library programs and activities, including some of the funding for the new Mockingbird Branch Library.

For more complete information, see the festival web site at <http://www.abilenetx.com/apl>. Click on the Boots & Books logo.

Beasley graduates from Sul Ross State

Dean and Arimya Beasley hosted a hamburger cookout honoring Shanda Kelso's recent graduation from Sul Ross State University. Shanda received a Master of Education degree in August and graduated Summa Cum Laude. Originally planned in the Beasley's Hackberry

home, the party had to be relocated to Dennis and Nancy McDonald's due to the recent Garza County flooding. Twenty-seven friends from Lubbock and Post attended. Shanda, a long time Post teacher, is now employed by Post ISD as an Educational Diagnostician.



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The Paperboy

By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

As you've might have noticed, I'm somewhat conservative. Does that mean I'm a Republican? No. Actually, I consider myself an Independent.

I've known politicians my entire life. I stuck a cookie in the mouth of Gov. Dolph Briscoe as a boy and visited Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock in Austin because I thought he was brilliant. Both were friends of my grandfather, the late Morris Higley, a newspaper publisher from Childress.

Sen. Phil Gramm helped me get a dorm room at Texas A&M and Rep. Mac Thornberry was a pallbearer at my grandfather's funeral.

The first two I mentioned were Democrats, the second two Republicans. I consider them not only skilled politicians, but good men. They served or are serving us well.

I have always admired Gov. Ann Richards and consider James Carville brilliant.

I've always thought Oklahoma Rep. J.C. Watts should have stayed in office, and I appreciate the humor of Dennis Miller.

Richards and Carville are Dems while Watts and Miller are not.

Michael Moore may be one of the biggest jackasses in world history followed closely by Pat Buchanan.

I consider Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan the greatest U.S. presidents of the last century.

Why am I disclosing this? I think it's fair for the readers to know it.

We live in a very cynical time on both sides of the aisle and it has become borderline ridiculous. I hate to break the news to you, but there are good people in both parties and there are some who deserve to be ousted.

Currently, President Bush has an approval rating of 32.7 percent and a disapproval rating of 64.7 percent.

By contrast, Congress, which is controlled by Democrats, has an approval rating of 20.3 percent and a disapproval rating of 72 percent.

It looks to me like the vast majority of Americans are a bit fed up with both parties and the entire process.

For me, my biggest concerns tend to be rural issues. Are our farmers being protected? Are the state and federal governments paying attention to the needs of rural schools? Are we getting strong representation from our elected officials? Do we have the best law enforcement for rural residents? Is our health care adequate?

Simply put, we have issues which are either put on the back burner or never addressed at all and it is killing rural America. It's not a Republican issue and it's not a Democrat issue. It's because it takes population centers to get elected to office and that's one thing small towns don't have.

There are great Americans in both parties and there always have been. The trouble starts when members stop reaching across the aisle for the good of us all.

This election season, demand that whomever you vote for begin paying attention to the 80 million Americans who live in small towns. If enough of us do that, the issues affecting us might start getting the proper attention.

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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch



My Grandmother's name was Dessie. She named a cow Callie for a trip she made to California to see her sister Hallie. Grandmother's other sister was Sadie.

Grandmother belonged to the "ie" era when nearly every girl's name ended with those letters. Indeed, the cow was born into a much later era, but I think Grandmother made the right decision to go with the name Callie. Otherwise, back then, she would have been on the horns of a naming dilemma, caught chronologically between Shirley and Linda - distinctly non-cow names.

What controlling deity of culture is it that turns some once-trendy human names into cow names but does not appropriate others? Shirley and Linda never caught on with Borden. But Callie would have fit right in with Elsie and Elmer. At this point, it must be said that names like Callie seem to be back in style, except nowadays the spelling of Callie is more likely to be something like Kaleigh. I can say these things;

our granddaughter is Rylee.

If I sound overly name-conscious, remember, I'm Hanaba - a hopeless misfit. The other day, our 2-year-old grandson, Cutter, managed to put my name in the "ie" category, calling me Habie, albeit with the emphasis on the last syllable. Sounded good to me.

Back to cows, I think it's good to name them for events - especially if you have a herd of longhorns. Longhorns are long on longevity. Keep your longhorns long enough and you don't have just a herd - you have a chronicle.

Grandmother ran Herefords. If she had a naming system, I don't know what it was. Callie is the only cow I remember by name. The only other long trip I remember Grandmother making, besides one more trip to California, was to Minnesota. To my recollection, no cow got named Minnie. I would remember a Minnie.

A handy cow-naming system for small herds is the hurricane system. We have a Rita and a

Katrina. For anyone like me who doesn't care about keeping precise records, it's a way of letting the National Weather Service keep cow records for you. That agency is all about records; I am not.

The big drawback is that every other hurricane name is for a guy. It's OK to name bulls, but they come and go. If you named one for a hurricane you'd be telling his age - not always a plus when you're ready to sell him.

On the other hand, why not name a cow Ike? Boys' names for girls are in style now - so much so that parents nowadays would think twice before they named a boy Mackenzie.

Well, as I live and breathe, we just stumbled onto a modern-day "ie" name. You can't keep a good name ending down.

We might as well end with a family story handed down by my "ie"-less Aunt Kate:

She taught school. She asked a boy which of his two older sisters was older.

"Callie's the oldest," he said. "But Effie's legs is the biggest."

Opinions



Kay Bailey Hutchison

UNITED STATES SENATOR, TEXAS

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Over the month of August, I was privileged to travel throughout Texas to hear directly from citizens about the issues that affect them and their families. Texans shared with me their concerns about rising gas prices, and the need to keep taxes low so they have more money to pay their bills.

First and foremost, we have a duty to protect Americans and to provide for those who fight to keep our homeland safe. The Senate is considering an expansive defense bill that strengthens our military by allocating resources for an additional 12,000 active duty troops for the Army and Marine Corps. This force expansion places us closer to our planned increase of 92,000 troops. The bill also gives members of the armed forces a well-deserved raise, effective January 1, 2009.

Second, Congress owes the American people a real solution

to the energy crisis, which is burdening American families and small businesses with genuine hardships. I have helped lead the fight for legislation that would draw upon American resources and free-market ingenuity to produce more fuel, while also tapering our consumption. The Senate Republicans have proposed a bill that would repeal the Congressional moratorium on deep-water exploration and allow us to safely tap our own resources and increase American supply. In addition to drilling on American soil and off our own coasts now, we should exploit renewable fuel sources, and expand our portfolio of clean alternatives, like wind, solar, and nuclear energy.

Third, passage of extensions for key tax provisions that are set to expire later this year is a priority. One of the most important components of this legislation would extend the state and local sales tax deduction. In 2004, I was able to get this deduction through the Senate and

I will continue to try to make this deduction permanent. The tax extender bill would also prolong the renewable energy production tax credit, which gives tax incentives for energy generated by wind facilities. Texas is the foremost wind energy producer in the United States and the extension of this credit will help us maintain our national leadership in this technology. The bill includes a provision to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools program through 2011. Because some counties in East Texas have a high proportion of federally-owned land, these communities generate less state and local tax revenue to fund their schools. The Secure Rural Schools program is essential to ensure stable payments to keep these schools operating.

Finally, Congress must replenish the Highway Trust Fund, which is the largest single source of funding for roads in Texas and across the nation. The U.S. Department of Transportation warns that the

Trust Fund will be dangerously low by October, in part because of lower fuel tax receipts and needed expenditures on highway projects during the recent peak construction season. However, the insolvency is also due to Trust Fund revenues being transferred to the General Fund during times of emergency. Congress must pass a fix that discourages budgeting gimmicks that raid the Highway Trust Fund. Replenishing the fund to its projected balance means approximately \$640 million will go into Texas highways that otherwise would be halted.

During the limited time remaining in this legislative session, we have a full agenda before us. I am committed to making every minute of these final days count, and I will continue to work diligently on behalf of all Texans in the U.S. Senate.

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

Eat This!

by Ryan Mills

I'm probably gonna take a lot of heat from my buddies for writing a cooking column but I don't get much heat from those same buddies while cooking for them.

Food has become my favorite hobby over the last decade or so. I'm no culinary-trained chef like my good friend Brian Steele down in Austin and formerly of Dickie Brennan's Steakhouse in New Orleans, but my food is edible. Not to mention Mr. Steele has shown me a thing or two in all our years as friends.

Mostly, though, cooking is just something I enjoy and according to my wife, Marci, something I don't do enough of.

What you will find in this space are proven crowd pleasers that I've made numerous times for family and friends alike. You won't find anything too fancy and you won't find anything too difficult. If I can make it, anyone can make it.

Recently, I was watching the latest Pixar movie "Ratatouille" with my 6-year-old. From the time the movie came out, I knew two things. One, it was a Pixar movie and I knew it would be good and two, it was about a rat who yearned to cook and I was interested. The thing that really caught my attention, though, was a phrase uttered by Chef Gusteau in the movie that made me smile because I've said it before myself.

"Anyone can cook" he says and it's true.

I will start with an appetizer today and it's one of which many of you have probably had someone's variation of. Many of you have even had my recipe. Over the years, I have taken a pretty common recipe and made it my own with a few little twists. I have taken suggestions on this recipe from my wife as well as Keith Loter and some of it was my own idea. I've heard them called things like "Armadillo Eggs" and "Texas Poppers" but around my house they are simply known as Stuffed Peps.

I can honestly say of the hundreds of people I've served these to, they never disappoint and you can never seem to make enough. For a party I once made 100 of these and they lasted maybe 30 minutes - I didn't even get one.

A few tips before the recipe - I don't even attempt it unless the jalapeno peppers are at least four inches long. I prefer the biggest I can get but anything smaller than four inches and they are hard to deal with. Also, I always clean the veins and seeds out of the peppers with a melon baller. We'll put a little spice back in them later with some hot sausage. Also, while you are cleaning the peppers I strongly advise wearing latex gloves. There's

nothing worse than rubbing your face or eyes after forgetting you have jalapeno juice all over them. I know, I've done it.

And as with all recipes it can be halved, doubled, tripled - whatever. My mantra is no recipe is carved in stone so feel free to experiment.

The recipe below makes 30 appetizers.

Stuffed Peps
Ingredients

15 large, raw jalapenos, the bigger the better
 latex gloves
 1 block of cream cheese
 1 1/2 cup shredded mexican blend cheese
 1/2 lb. hot and spicy breakfast sausage

1 package of peppered bacon
 30 toothpicks

Directions
 Cut the stem ends off the peppers and then cut each pepper in half lengthwise. Use the melon baller to de-vein and de-seed the peppers.

Preheat the oven to 350.

Brown the sausage in a skillet on medium heat until all pink is gone.

In a bowl, mix sausage, cream cheese and shredded cheese.

Take a large cookie sheet and coat with non-stick spray.

Take the package of peppered bacon and cut the block of bacon perpendicular through the middle turning each long slice of bacon into two slices. This makes each slice of bacon fit almost perfectly around the pepper.

With a spoon, fill each pepper with the cream cheese mixture and then wrap a piece of bacon around and secure with a toothpick.

Bake at 350, depending on the oven, for 30-45 minutes. I pull mine out when the cream cheese mixture just starts to brown on top.

Note: If you plan to use your grill instead of the oven, put foil sheets on the grill as the open flame tends to cause the cream cheese filling to run out.

Ryan Mills is the Editor of The Childress Index. He writes a weekly cooking column for BMG newspapers. You can comment on his column or make suggestions at index@chipshot.net.



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4-H students honored at banquet



Honorees at the Garza County 4-H banquet included (from left) Jarrett Blevins (Gold Star Award), Jackie Milton and Reed Williams were given the "I Dare You" award, Cheyenne Morris was named the 2008-2009 sweetheart, Dakota McDonald was honored for the "Best First Year Record Book, and Cassidy Pitts, was also honored at the event.

Photo by Mitch Holly

Blevins wins Gold Star Award at annual ceremony

The accomplishments of Garza County 4-H members, leaders, and supporters were highlighted at the 2008 4-H Achievement Banquet held September 9, 2008 at the Trail Blazers Center. Individuals and organizations who participated in and supported various activities throughout the 2007-2008 year were recognized.

4-H members conducting the program were Mistress of Ceremonies, Cheyenne Morris, along with Chelby Morris, Audree Williams, Dakota McDonald, Kelbie Oden, Jackie Milton, Reed Williams, Cassadie Pitts, Ben Mason, Audree Williams, Jarrett Blevins, Pake Jones, Skylar Jones, Taylor Fannon, J.D. Young, Cheyenne Miller and Susan Littrell.

Jarrett Blevins, son of Jaquita and Gary Blevins, was honored with the Gold Star Award which is the top county award. It is presented to a 4-H member who shows integrity, leadership and citizenship skills, and is active in project work and activities.

"I Dare You" Awards are given to youth across the nation who exhibit personal integrity, balanced living, and the potential for leadership. Reed Williams

and Jackie Milton were presented the challenge to achieve their highest potential and influence others through lives of service.

The "Intermediate Progress" Award was presented to Audree Williams, daughter of Keith and Janece Williams for the top record book in the Intermediate division. The "Best 1st Year Record Book" Award went to Dakota McDonald. He is the son of Nancy and Dennis McDonald.

The "Friend of 4-H" awards were presented to Ronnie Dunn and the Post Independent School District. Ronnie works tirelessly to solicit donations for the Garza County Livestock Show auction and as Swine Superintendent during the show to ensure its success. He and his family have long been involved with 4-H. The Post Independent School District was also honored for their continued support of the 4-H program, for encouraging 4-H Enrichment Projects, and allowing 4-H to use their facilities as needed. They are strong advocates for youth and the impact they have on our community.

The Outstanding Adult Leader honor went to Janece Williams

for her hard work and dedication to numerous 4-H projects. She has spent countless hours helping with fund raisers, animal projects, and promotional events. As the leader of the Consumer Economics Project and the Clothing & Textiles Project, she prepares 4-H'ers to be wise consumers.

Cheyenne Morris was selected by 4-H members to serve as 2008-2009 4-H Sweetheart. Cheyenne actively participates in county and state Photography Project, Horse Project and county and district horse shows.

4-H Leaders were presented with gifts of appreciation for their tireless efforts in support of 4-H. Those receiving recognition were Janece Williams and Barbara Palmer, Golden Clover 4-H Club; Glenna Reiter and Kim Reiter of the Horse & Hound Club, Jaquita Blevins, Photography Club; Mark Kirkpatrick and Ray Mason, Shotgun Club; and Kim and Curt Greer, Rifle Club.

Forty-three adult leaders were recognized and received certificates for their involvement in the Garza County 4-H program. Also receiving pins were 1st year leaders, Dianne Griffin and Cheryl Gill, 5th year

leaders, Jon Hataway and Kim Reiter, 10th year leaders, Nita Jo Heckaman, Perry Smith, Gary Blevins and Jaquita Blevins, 15th year leaders, Brad Mason and Milton Williams, and 20th year leader, Glenna Reiter.

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White River Weekly Report Sept. 19, 2008

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2351.58	43.58"
Feet below spillway	Rainfall for 2005
20'11"	15.57"
Rise	Rainfall for 2006
10'8"	28.85"
Rainfall Past Week	Rainfall for 2007
8.79"	24.19"
Rain to Date	
29.85"	

DID YOU KNOW?

White River Lake has 754,996,767 million gallons left available at the Intake or 8% capacity or 2,317 acre feet. Subtract 47,090,725 MG for evaporation this week in August that leaves 707,906,042 MG available as of today.

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

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

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

Remember that the Water District is there for you if we can assist you in any way let us know.

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

Election Corner

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

CANDIDATE INFORMATION:

Friday, August 29th is the last day to withdraw as a write-in candidate.

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. Call the Voter Registrar for information: 495-4448.

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

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

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

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

Local position with contested races (four year terms):

- County Attorney
- Sheriff
- County Commissioner, Precint 3

For more election information, go online to www.GarzaCounty.net and click on the VoTexas icon or call the Clerk's office at 495-4440.

Information provided by Jim Plummer, District and County Clerk, Garza County.



Long before the first of the familiar six flags flew over Texas, this land was home to native peoples who developed productive, advanced cultures prior to the dawn of recorded history. And, their heritage forms an important foundation of modern Texas.

One of these societies, which settled in present-day East Texas, included a native woman who stood at the juncture between early civilizations and new ones, where east met west in the southern part of North America. Spanish explorers, who encountered her around the beginning of the 1700s, called her Angelina, which meant "little Angel."

Angelina is one of the few native women specifically remembered from the Indian culture that began in Texas centuries before the arrival of European explorers. A slim biography of Angelina, often enhanced with legends, emerges from records of Spanish and French expeditions.

Both nations sought friendly relations with the Caddos in order to secure a foothold and hinder each other in this strategic location in the "new" world. Their admiration for her is one thing they agreed on. They recognized her value as a translator and guide. The Spanish called her "a learned Indian woman" and "the sagacious Indian interpreter."

Records of a French explorer describe her as someone who spoke Spanish and "let us have some guides for hire." Another, believed to have recuperated under her care, wrote that she "served me all the best she had, and she had as much love for me as if I had been her child."

These descriptions of Angelina put a human face on a great society, the Caddo Nation, which occupied East Texas north to the Red River and parts of Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. Angelina's people, the Hasinai, were a southern Caddo tribe settled in the valleys of rivers now known as the Neches and the Angelina around Lufkin. The Caddo word for friends produced the name Texas.

Compared to the far-ranging Plains Indians, Caddo tribes often stayed close to home to tend their crops. They lived in beehive-shaped huts built of poles covered with thatch. At the time of the European expeditions into East Texas, the Caddo tribes depended on farming, but also hunted, fished and gathered wild nuts, fruits and native plants. Corn was their main crop, along with beans, squash, pumpkins and sunflowers.

The Caddos, writes anthropologist W.W. Newcomb, Jr., "achieved a level of cultural development unsurpassed by other Texas Indians, possessing comparatively advanced

technique and tools for exploiting the resources of nature." Another writer describes "the prestige the Caddo Nation enjoyed among other Texas tribes."

The Caddo culture ultimately could not withstand encroachment by settlers and the new diseases that came with them. By one estimate, the Caddo population dropped as much as 95 percent after the arrival of the Europeans.

This happened so rapidly that most of Hasinai Caddos were gone from East Texas before Angelina County was named for "the Little Angel." Descendants of the Hasinai from Texas today live on Caddo lands in southwestern Oklahoma.

The legacy of the Caddo civilization in East Texas, though, lives on. Archeological research at the Caddoan Mounds State Historic Site west of the city of Nacogdoches, another Indian name, provides significant knowledge of a major Caddo community. Exploring the history of Texas teaches us the value of the contributions of successive peoples and generations. Each has built on the knowledge and mistakes of others. We also have schools, libraries, museums, archives, archeologists and historians to uncover, preserve and interpret our history. Everything we learn about our past is an investment in our future.

What's Happening At Golden Plains

By Christie Rutherford

Well, August sure has flown by. Summer is coming to a close and Fall will soon be setting in. The residents have sure had a busy time this August. Ruby Carpenter

had a visit from her niece, Paula Tallent and her three granddaughters, Mattie Annie, and Ella. They gave a special performance for us. They sang hymns and

visited with many of the residents. We all enjoyed them and their time with us.

Bertha also had a special visitor, her great-great granddaughter came by to say hello. We also enjoyed a visit from the Post Church of Christ. They do a great job for us each and every month.

Noel White is regular here. He comes by twice a month to entertain for us. We have been known to do a little toe tapping and maybe a dance or two when he comes by.

This month the church service were a great blessing as always. They included services by; the Post Nazarene Church; The Calvary Baptist Church; The First United Methodist Church and the Post Church of Christ. We certainly look forward, with great anticipation, to every Sunday at 3:00 pm for our church services.

We also want to wish a big "Happy Birthday" to residents Joel, Lamond, Roscoe, Harland, Mollie, and Colleen as well as employees Marissa and James.

Here are just a few great things that are coming in September that we would like to share with our readers. The residents of



September's Post City Merchant of the Month Post Auto Parts

Named Post City Merchant of the Month for September is Post Auto Parts. Participating in the presentation is (left to right) Brent Jones, Jason Porter, Jacky Harp, Darla Frazier, Thressa Harp and Naomi Matlsler.

Golden Plains Care Center would like the community, family members and friends to help us honor the military men and women overseas. We are going to put together care packages to be brought to Golden Plains Care Center by October 31, 2008:

- Lotion for hands and body
- Socks (white or black).
- Men's razors and men's shaving cream (in a tube)
- Women's panty liners and Feminine Hygiene products
- Batteries: (AAA; AA; C; D; 9 volt)
- Envelopes and Stationary
- Frisbees
- Greeting cards (that can be sent home)
- Pens
- Sewing kits
- Water guns
- Zip lock baggies
- Plastic lock containers
- Tuna (pull top containers)
- Lawry's Season salt
- Hot Chocolate
- Mixes
 - Popcorn
 - Gatorade (powered)
 - Beef Jerky
 - Dry Cereal (variety)
 - Chex Mix
 - Cookies
 - Gum, Hard candy (wrapped, NO chocolate)
 - Baby wipes
 - Chapstick

Any and all help with these items will be greatly appreciated. These are just a few of the things they are asking for. The residents have also been writing letters and you are welcome to write them as well, they would be greatly appreciated. If you need more information concerning this project please feel free to

Southland News

Southland School and Community Reunion- August 2, 2008

Approximately 120 ex-students, and friends, met in the new, spacious, Post School Cafeteria, In Post, Texas, on Saturday, August 2, 2008. The room was decorated beautifully by Andra Dunn and Karen Greene.

Registration began at 3 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Ronnie Dunn, president of the Ex-Student Association, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and singing of "God Bless America" led by Micky Miles Mason, class of 1967. A moment of silence in memory of classmates who had departed this life since the last reunion, and a special tribute of honor and appreciation to all Veterans and all the men and women now serving in the armed forces.

Invocation was given by Rev. Ross Dunn, class of 1956. The dinner, catered by River Smith's began at 6 p.m.

Since the one who was scheduled to speak, was unable to attend, those in audience were asked to speak. E.L. Dunn, class of 1956, who had written a book entitled "Schools of Southland 1904-2006: and presented it and the reunion

of 2006, to the school as a gift from the class of 1956, on their 50th anniversary. This book was dedicated to F Weldon Callaway and Jerry Callaway, Superintendent and Food Service Operator from 1952-1972. E.L. is compiling more history of Southland, having found the minutes of a Town Hall Meeting in 1924. He also noted that two sons of a former Mayor of Southland, Tim Field, were in attendance, they were James Field and Mack Field. James Field class of 1943, spoke of his time in Southland and showed many pictures of that time in Southland and showed many pictures of that time.

Bobby Jack Trimble, class of 1948, spoke about the influence Mr. I.J. Duff, teacher, had on his life.

Fred Myers expressed appreciation to the Post School for the use of their new, spacious, Cafeteria for our reunion. He then read a letter from the Southland School Board offering their facilities for the next reunion.

A motion was made and seconded to have a next reunion at Southland in 2010.

Motion passes. A motion was made and seconded to have the meal catered... Motion passed.

Hazel Ruth Lancaster Biddy nominated Ronnte Dunn to continue as president. Motion passed by acclamation, with the other officers the same.

The meeting was adjourned...

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Events for this week:
 FCCLA Leadership Training at Roosevelt on Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 pm
 G/T interviews will take place on Wednesday Sept. 17th
 JH football vs. Lazbuddie, here on Thursday at 5:00 pm
 Var. football at Lazbuddie, Friday 7:30 pm
 Cross-country is open for this week

Events for next week:
 NHS/NJHS induction ceremonies Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm
 Open house, Wednesday morning, Sept 24th from 7:30 until 8:00 am- Donuts and juice will be provided
 JH at Motley County on Thursday at 5:00 pm
 Varsity football vs. Motley County, here at 7:30 -Plans are being finalized at this time, but we should have approximate members of Texas Tech's Goin' to perform at halftime, if the date changes I will send word out immediately
 Cross-Country in Lubbock at Mae Simmons Park Saturday Sept. 27th.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

The weather.....oh my goodness did we get rain! Here at the gin we got almost 7½ inches. Ronnie Graves said his son, Ron got nearly 11 inches where he lives. I hear White River caught 12 foot that will be a big help to them. The Close City Road was covered in spots the dry lakes were full. The yard in front of the Close City School was a lake. It was definitely a site we haven't seen in a while.

Last week I told ya'll about

my new nephew, Caden Kahl Yarbro being born. I left out great grandmother Johnnie Matthews and the late Georgie Wilson. Please accept my apology. I went to see Kahl Sunday, he is just adorable.

We have a residential bob cat living out here, Jack Morris has seen it several times and Jerry and Judy Bush saw it in their back yard the other day. Mom was on the phone and looked out the window and saw it coming out of the

shop. They said it walked around for a while before heading east. Jimmy Ellis saw it one day last week and then Sunday he saw it again. Reece and I went down there to see if we could find it and sure enough it was walking in the grass next to the bar ditch. Lois Childs said it has been a long time since she's seen a bob cat around here.

Gerald and Laveta Norman along with their daughter, Jodi Williams

traveled over the weekend to Abilene to visit with their grandson Matthew. Laveta says they had a great visit.

Visitors.....Ricky Bush came down, had lunch at Cocara's and stopped by the gin to visit with his brother, Jerry and his favorite niece..... me! Ricky and Judy live in Levelland. Billie Jean came by a couple of times to visit. Noel White came in Wednesday morning.

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

Birthdays this week...
September 19th
- Benny Alaniz
September 20th
- Eric Alaniz
September 21st
- Janet Hines

September 24th
- D'Nae Johnson
September 25th
- Jana Underwood

Hope everyone has a great weekend..... Ya'll come see us!

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

Weekly Inspirations

SHOTS FIRED, SHOTS FIRED

By: Michael F. Taylor

It was just a few minutes past midnight as I drove up to the pool hall which served as a local "Crack Cocaine" house when the first shot rang out. I immediately radioed dispatch and stated those two words that brings chills to the back of every police officers neck, "Shots fired, Shots fired! Send me some backup." Jumping out of my patrol car, I couldn't help but notice that the red and blue emergency lights from my vehicle gave a sinister glow to the dilapidated neighborhood. I ran to the front entrance of the establishment, standing to the side of the door frame and pounded on the door, shouting "POLICE". My announcement was instantly returned with a bullet coming through the door only inches from the current location of my head. I muttered a quick prayer looking at my back up officer who had just arrived with an assault rifle in hand, and kicked in the door. A victim was lying on the floor, still conscious and stated, "He ran down the hall!" and pointed at the long dark corridor that led to the pool tables and bar area of the building. Once again, I looked at my partner, took a deep breath and then headed down the hall. I couldn't count exactly how many more shots were fired at us as we zigged and zagged down that hallway, but it was more than I ever want to experience again. The suspect finally exited the building through a back door and was standing in the middle of the street as I emerged from the same. I remember one lone street light which illuminated my suspect enough to notice that he had what appeared to be a "long stick" in one hand and a handgun in the other. "POLICE, DROP THE WEAPON!" I must have screamed that a hundred times. Well, maybe not a hundred, but it sure seemed like it then. At that time, I didn't know if my suspect could continue shooting at officers or was out of ammunition. I also didn't realize that the "long stick" was in actuality, a 12 gauge shotgun which had also been fired in the general vicinity of where myself and my partner had previously been. Ultimately, the suspect was taken into custody, an ambulance summoned for our victim and all involved parties survived that harrowing night. I thank God for His grace and some good training which allowed us to go home at the end of that shift! But even more important to the story is what happened after I placed the perpetrator into my patrol unit and started safely down the road. In that still small voice that God speaks to us, He said this "Tell him about Me". My immediate response could be taken from the Different Strokes SitCom character Arnold Drummond, "What you talking Bout, Willis". But God was insistent. I knew that the Word of God tells us in 2 Timothy 4:1-5 to fulfill our ministry, "In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of His appearing and His kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persist whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully." NRSV At that particular time, it did not seem favorable to tell a man who had just attempted to kill me about the love of Christ. And yet God was clearly instructing me to do so. And then He reminded me of what Jesus Christ did on the cross. Luke 23:33 "When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." NRSV And in obedience, as we drove down the highway I began to tell him about Jesus Christ. I don't know what it did for him, but I know what it did for me! I was fulfilling a part of the ministry Jesus Christ had prepared for me. Isn't it glorious how God who created the whole universe gives us the opportunity to tell someone about His love. My circumstance could not compare to what His only begotten Son went through for me. As I reflected on what Jesus Christ went through for mankind, I realized that no matter what the situation, we as Christians should proclaim His message to all who will hear. This week, my prayer for you is that the Lord will give you an opportunity to tell someone about His love even if it happens to be an unfavorable time.

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Above, the Antelopes (1-1) scramble for the ball against Lamesa Friday, Sept. 5. Right, Bradley Beham goes up for a catch against the Golden Tornados. After having a bye week, Post hosts Floydada (2-1) before beginning district play at Lubbock Roosevelt Friday, Sept. 26.



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Floydada @ Post, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

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The JV Antelopes were in action Thursday, Sept. 4 in a 20-18 loss to Lamesa. The Antelopes were at Floydada yesterday and host Lubbock Roosevelt Thursday, Sept. 22.

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Ford accepting player of the week nominations

Fans Encouraged to Vote for Football Heroes at Playeroftheweek.com

The Built Ford Tough High School Football Player of the Week program kicks off this week with a call for nominations. Ford invites fans to vote for their favorite players each week of high school football season at playeroftheweek.com. Nominations must be submitted by Tuesday at noon Central time following weekend games.

Additionally, a television series highlighting each week's winners will begin airing on Fox Sports Southwest on Sunday, Aug. 31 at 11

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Varsity

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

* District Games

Junior Varsity

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

7th & 8th Grade

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

Pee Wee

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

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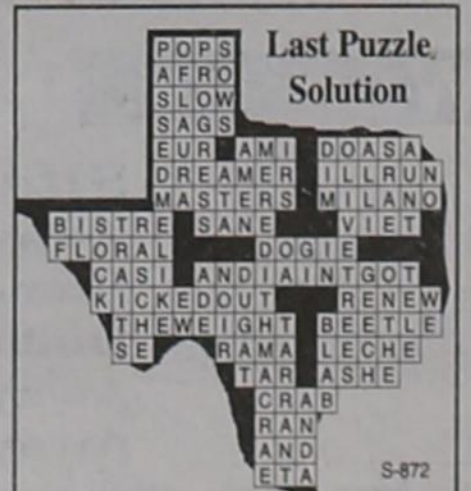
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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago September 17, 1998

1998-99 Post High School Varsity Cheerleaders were Stephanie Looney, Flora Gomez, Becca Stelzer, Kelsi Hart, Amy Line and Camie Payne. Cheering for the Junior Varsity Antelopes were Meagan Mills, Miranda Hernandez, April Line, Stephanie Luna, Mandi Terry and Kenda Looney.

The Garza County Historical Museum got a face-lift of sorts in preparation for the 1998 Founder's Day events. As part of the museum's capital fund raising improvements, the facility saw the installation of new carpeting and scheduled ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the museum's newly created Oil Room.

Getting awards at Post Middle School for a summer reading project were Brittani Haynes, Corey Davidson, Bethany Haynes, Terri Curtis, Terika Flores, Starlett Greathouse and Yuri Lopez.

20 Years Ago September 21, 1988

Gary Cobb received the "Gary Lester 1988 Memorial Roping" saddle following the roping here. Gary Workman, Post Stampede Rodeo Association vice president, presented special buckles to Bobby Nell and Bailey Lester following the event. The children were accompanied by their mother, Jackie Lester.

The Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Woman's Culture Club of Post was celebrated on September 14, 1988. Honored at the event were past presidents Doll Haire, Linda Malouf, Katharine Cathcart, Ruby Kirkpatrick, Maxine Earl, Buena Bouchier. Special guests were Patty Kirkpatrick, Inez Smith, Kathryn Floyd, and Boo Olson.

Guadalupe Perez observed his 108th birthday on September 15, 1988 at his home in Post. Family and friends joined Perez on the very special occasion.

30 Years Ago September 21, 1978

The First National Bank this week in 1978 announced plans to expand their drive-in banking services to customers into two-lane traffic.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Short visited in Post with friends over the weekend and also in the Graham Community. Beth was showing off her new "sports" car, an orchid Volkswagen.

School News: The new Library aide for Post Middle school was Mrs. Pearl Riley; Brent Howard was elected president

of the greenhand division of the FFA. Other officers were Brad Greer, vice president, Craig Peel, secretary; Mike Sullivan, treasurer, Mary Conoly, reporter, Rynn Norman, sentinel and Ken Young, chaplain.

Pete, Jim Prather's winning steer roping horse, was put to sleep and buried on the OS Ranch. Pete, who was 23, suffered an incurable kidney malfunction. Prather won the National Finals on Pete in 1969.

Postings: Don Ammons, our Dispatch printer for the last 21 years, has purchased The Dispatch's commercial printing business. Corkey, known to his friends, went to work for The Dispatch fresh out of high school. He has learned a newspaper and printing back-shop from the floor up and today is an excellent craftsman at his trade.

40 Years Ago September 19, 1968

Stepping out in front of the Post High School marching band were drum majors Nancy Norman and David Hamilton. Parents of the band-leaders are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Norman, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hamilton.

Jan Wilks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilks Jr., was elected the chapter sweetheart by Post Future Farmers of America.

Other candidates for the title were Sue Eubank and Theresa Sims.

Miss Dee Ann Walker was elected president of the Athenean club, a women's social club, at Baylor University for the 1968 Fall semester.

Harold Lucas Chevrolet-Olds new model party sale offered: 1968 Bel Air 4-Dr. Sedan for \$3,125; 1968 Nova Coupe - \$2,335; 1968 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme Holiday 4-Dr. Sedan - \$3,425. Used cars: 1964 Chevrolet 4-Dr. Bel Aire Sedan - \$925 and 1965 Pontiac - \$1,692 and 1962 Impala - \$685.

50 Years Ago September 18, 1958

Mrs. Wagoner Johnson of Route 3, was the winner of the free dress as the door prize of Marshall-Brown's fall fashion show. Models for the event were Miss Alice Joy Nichols of Post, Misses Linda Williams and Linda Jones of Tahoka and Mrs. Larson of Spur.

New personalities on Main Street included Dixie Billings at the Chamber of Commerce office; Barbara Stone at Maxene's, and

Pat West at the First National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Baldree Sr. observed their golden wedding anniversary with a celebration at their home on the Spur road. Mr. and Mrs. Baldree were married September 2, 1908, at Trent, Texas.

Post's Main Street lost a good business man - the kind every town needs so many of - when Everett Webb died of a heart attack at his desk in Dunlap's store. Mr. Webb had managed the Dunlap's Department Store here since 1951.

60 Years Ago September 16, 1948

The Post High - Elementary Parent-Teacher Association sponsored a public get-acquainted party in honor of the Post school teachers in the school gymnasium. S. D. Strasner and E. E. Pierce, principals, introduced the high and grade school teachers, then Supt. G. R. Day gave a report of the condition of the Post schools and the hopes he had for future improvements.

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- TXism: "that ___ my cork."
- 60s hair style for curly haired TXns
- TX Sandra Brown '88 novel: "Heat in Heaven"
- droops from weight
- some TXns fought on this political continent in WWII (abbr.)
- TX Charley Pride's "Then Who ___?"
- TXism: "got as much to ___ hibernating bear"
- TX Kenny's "Don't Fall In Love With a ___"
- book about TX feuds: "I'll Die Before ___"
- TX Byron Nelson won it in '37 & '42 in Milam Co. on hwy. 79
- yellowish-brown pigment
- sound mind
- TXns fought in ___ nam
- Tyler's "Texas Rose Festival" is big ___ event
- motherless calf this org. puts on Terlingua chili competition (abbr.)
- '24 slogan: "Me for Ma ___ a Darn Thing Against Pa"
- expelled (2 wds.)
- TXns ___ car registration yearly
- TX Lee Ann Womack covered this song by The Band
- cotton-killing boll weevil is a ___
- dir. to Corpus from San Antonio (abbr.)
- Austin has annual "Flora ___"
- "milk" so. of border
- "___ and feathered"
- tennis player Arthur
- Gulf crustacean
- TXism: "burned some boot leather"
- TXism: "slim ___ none"
- DFW abbr.
- lower the lights
- branch of these is on the state seal
- TX Charley Pride's "___ Have to Offer You is Me"
- TX Lee Trevino won '71 "___ Hickok Belt"
- mom's sister
- TXism: "high as popcorn ___ picture show"
- TX Nolan threw 7 ___ hitters
- ___ Goodrich Co.
- TX-born actress who was "Billie Jo"
- TX Willie owed this agcy. millions in '90
- graves are ___ depth of 6 feet
- TX Bittle drew this comic strip ('82-'03)
- TXism: "cash ___ barrel head"
- phone prefix
- 1st space walker, TX White (init.)
- TX Ginger Rogers film: "Shall ___ Dance?"
- Fort Worth county
- "spill the beans"
- TX-born Angus Jones show: "Two ___ Half Men"

DOWN

- TXism: "I was up on jacks in the garage"
- TX Tommy Lee Jones film: "Eyes ___ Mars"
- Bartlett, TX newspaper: "Tribune-___"
- female pigs
- TXism: "camps out in the ___ corner" (religious)
- TX-born actress who was "Billie Jo"
- TX Willie owed this agcy. millions in '90
- TXism: "___ it to me"

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VOL 25 TRAIN TRACKS

By the 1850's "rail fever" was sweeping the country. The B&O railroad would be the first American rail system. For the first time travel became easy. Early steam engine trains, like **The Rocket** (right) ran at the incredible speed of 30 mph! Not bad, considering a stagecoach traveled just 7 mph.

The Industrial Revolution had begun!

The final golden spike of the Transcontinental Railroad was driven in May 10, 1869 in Promontory, Utah completing 1,725 miles of track from Sacramento, CA to Omaha, NE.

TRAIN TRIVIA

QUESTION: What do Roman chariots and modern trains have in common?
ANSWER: The **gauge** or width of train tracks, is 4 ft 8.5 in. This was determined by the standard farm wagon and can be traced back to the width of Roman chariots!

On the front of early trains engines were cow catchers; iron bars designed to push stray cattle off the track and prevent them from slipping under the wheels.

George Pullman invented the first sleeper car, which to this day still bears his name: the Pullman car. Pullman also invented the vestibule which made it safer for passengers to cross between two swaying cars to get to the sleeping or dining cars.

By 1890 US trains were traveling at a top speed of 100 mph.

During the Civil War troops and supplies were transported by trains. In 1862 Lincoln signed the Pacific Railroad Act which set into motion the building of the Transcontinental Railroad. Later, Lincoln's body would be carried back from Washington DC to his home in Springfield, Illinois on a special oversized rail car.

Tom Thumb (left) was the first locomotive train engine. In 1830 Peter Cooper arranged to have his invention race a horse drawn carriage. The carriage won but only because the engine broke a belt. After all, Tom Thumb had maintained an average speed of 9 mph! Cheering spectators realized the locomotive was going to be a future winner.

TRAIN ROBBERY
Eighteen months after the Transcontinental Railroad was under way the first Train robbery occurred. A \$40,000 payroll was robbed by armed bandits. Traveling across wide open desolate plains, trains were easy mark. Sheriffs did not cross state lines; so bandits just had to stay one state ahead of the law. The legends of infamous outlaws: Butch Cassidy, Sundance Kid and Frank and Jesse James began during this era.

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**Garza Theatre presents,
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The long awaited sequel to the popular Faith County. We're again in Mineola County, where local community theater is producing Romeo and Juliet. Even though the cast members don't have their lines memorized, the set isn't finished, and a dog keeps barking offstage, they're gonna give it a go!

There's just an awe-inspirin' performance given by Mildred Carson (who doesn't look fifty) as Juliet. And there's great chemistry between her and Bubba Bedford, who is cast as Romeo. And lest we forget Naomi Farkle Carson, who provided additional dialog.

Cast: Karen Dolter as Naomi, Mitzi Ravenscraft as Violet, Mickie Klafka as Mildred, Christy Morris as RuthAnn, Blair Wilson as Faye McFaye, Joshua Peterson as Bubba, Justin Weaver as Luther, Jay Young as Delbert

Faith County II, (left to right) Blair Thacker-Wilson, Justin Weaver, Karen Dolter, Mitzi Ravenscraft, Josh Peterson and (seated on the floor) Mickie Klafka

Bottom Left - Faith County II, performing in a scene of Romeo and Juliet (standing) Karen Dolter, Blair Thacker-Wilson, and Mickie Klafka as Juliet

Below - Justin Weaver and Josh Peterson

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