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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT MEETINGS
All of these meetings are open to the public.

Garza County Commissioners Court
December 8 & December 22
3rd Floor/County Courthouse
9 a.m.
300 W. Main Street

City of Post City Council Meeting
December 9
Council Chambers/City Hall
7 p.m.
105 E. Main Street

Post ISD School Board Meeting
December 9
Administrative Board Room
7:30 p.m.
501 S. Avenue K

Garza County Hospital District
December 18
Citizens Bank Meeting Room
6:30 p.m.
210 N. Broadway

THIS WEEKEND

Friday, December 5 7:30 p.m.
Ragtown Gospel Theater performance of "Joseph the Carpenter." Call 1-877-RAGTOWN or visit www.ragtown.com for reservations.

Saturday, December 6 10:00 a.m.
Special Post Merchants Day all day. Many will have refreshments for shoppers. "It's Christmas Time" at the OS Museum. A special open house with wassail and cookies until 6 p.m.

11:00 a.m.
Gorditas, chili rellenos, rice, salad and a drink will be served at Holy Cross Catholic Church until 3 p.m. Cost is \$7.00/plate.

1:00 p.m.
Caprock Cultural Association and VFW Post 6797 Ladies Auxiliary will host a Christmas Open House at the Heritage House. Refreshments will be served. Kids can have their picture taken with Santa and enjoy story time with Mrs. Claus.

ART IS LIFE



Post artist Polly Cravy is shown with one of her paintings titled "It's 5:00 Somewhere." She is well known for her diversity in using a variety of techniques to create paintings, jewelry, Old World Santas and angels made from "found" materials. Photo by Rosa Latimer

Post resident demonstrates her diversity, optimism through various works of art

By Rosa Latimer News Editor

If you needed to cast an artist in a movie, you would want the actress to be as much like Post artist Polly Cravy as possible. Her spirit, her manner, her surroundings, and her appearance all reveal the qualities of a passionately creative person.

It isn't surprising to learn that Polly was first introduced to art at a very young age. Observation of her work and time spent with the artist quickly reveal that she has lived with the demands and rewards of art long enough to trust its profound influence on her

life.

"I can remember the smell of turpentine and oil in my grandmother's house when I was very young," Cravy explains. "It held sort of a mystery for me. I just loved it." She received a set of watercolors as a child and discovered the magic of mixing colors. "I was interested in painting as I grew up, but I thought there was a talent that you had to have. I didn't know how you got this talent," the artist continued. "I was introduced to toll painting with patterns and from there I developed my painting abilities. As soon I realized the components you needed to paint, I started doing it." Cravy considers herself

primarily self taught although she also gives credit to other artists such as Mac Carrow and Connie Martin who have encouraged her and whose workshops and classes she has attended.

Cravy has learned how to blend her art with her personal life and feels that some of her best work has been after she decided not to continue down a successful, more commercial path that included showing her work in numerous galleries.

This versatile artist's choice of medium and technique changes to meet the needs of her creative inclination. It is unusual to see

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Proposed hunting regulations could affect county

According to recent information from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the agency unveiled an extensive set of potential regulation changes in deer harvest throughout much of the state. The department will be gathering public input on the possible proposals during the next couple of months and present to the commission in January a comprehensive set of proposals.

Those proposals will then go back out for official comment during a series of public hearings around the state next spring. A final decision will be made by the commission at its March 25-26, 2009, public meeting.

To comment on these proposals visit <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild> and click on Public Comment under the Quick Link "Hot Topics." The online public comment period will continue until 05:00 p.m. January 14, 2009.

Bag Limit Changes Could Affect Garza County

One possible change would increase the bag limit from three deer to five deer (no more than one buck) in selected counties in the western Rolling Plains which includes Garza County. Although white-tailed deer densities are highly variable in this part of the state, areas containing suitable habitat have become saturated with deer and whitetails are expanding into marginal to poor habitat.

Browsing pressure is severe in these areas, where little woody vegetation exists within five feet of the ground. The proposal would provide additional hunting opportunity while address-

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Post Notes

Free 2009 membership to Historical Museum
Anyone who brings one can of meat and one can of vegetables to be donated to Post Cares will get a free 2009 Membership to the Garza Co. Historical Museum Assoc.

Holy Cross Catholic
Ladies Holy Cross Catholic Church will be selling plates of Gorditas, rice, beans, salad, drink & chili rellenos on Saturday, December 6th from 11 am - 3 pm. The cost is \$7 a plate.

Post ISD Board of Trustees to meet
Post ISD Board of Trustees will conduct a Hearing on the Academic Excellence Indicator System at their regular scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 7:30 p.m. at the Administrative Board Room, 501 South Avenue K.

Emergency Calls covered during Dispatch Center move
The Garza County Sheriff's Office will be moving the dispatch center on December 10 to the new jail facility. The 911 system may be down

for approximately 3 days at the Garza County office, but another county will be answering the calls and forwarding them to us. This may cause a slight delay, but the Sheriff's Office assures Garza County residents that you will still be able to call 911 during this transition. If you experience any problems, you can reach the Sheriff's Office at 495-3595.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting scheduled December 8th
Ladies Auxiliary Post 6797 meeting will be Monday, December 8th at 6:00 pm at Janet Rattliff's home due to the VFW being closed that day. Any questions or if you need the address call 495-2026. All members are invited, plans for a Christmas party will be discussed.

Skatepark selling tickets for 12 gauge
Tickets for the raffle of a silver reserve 12 gauge over & under shotgun may be purchased at Reaction Wireless located at 206 E. Main St. One ticket is \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20. The drawing will be held on December 12th

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Santa letters due by Friday, Dec. 5

Weekend ... (Continued from Page 1)

The Garza County Historical Museum will sponsor a historical scavenger hunt beginning at 1 p.m. Prizes for winners and refreshments for everyone.

3:00 p.m.
Ragtown Gospel Theater performance of "Joseph the Carpenter." Call 1-877-RAGTOWN or visit www.ragtown.com for reservations.

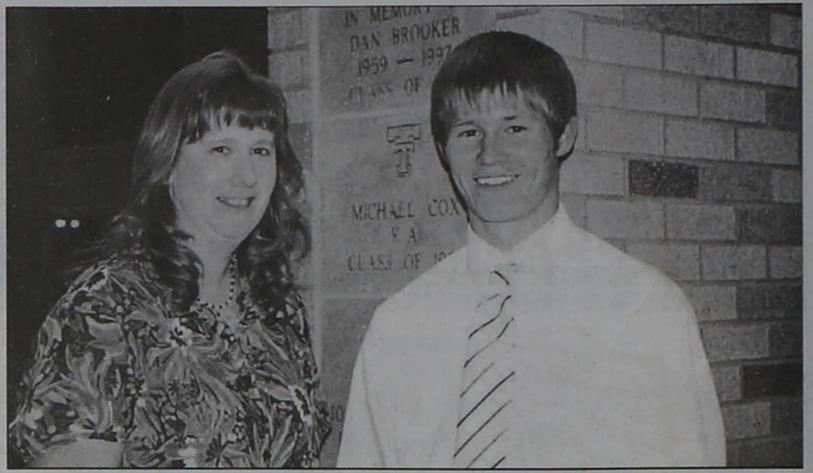
5:00 p.m.
Post Rotary beans & cornbread supper. Cost is \$5.00 and includes beans, cornbread, drink and dessert. All proceeds go to the Rotary annual scholarship fund. Parade entrants line up on West Main, behind the Court House.

6:00 p.m.
Annual Lighted Christmas Parade sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce.

Sunday, December 7
7:00 p.m.
Community Christmas Sing, First United Methodist Church.

4-H Awards

Shown are Janeece Williams, named Outstanding Leader for 2007 and Jarrett Blevins, Gold Star Award Winner, both of Post. These awards were presented recently at a dinner event at Texas Tech University. The Gold Star is the highest award a 4-H member can receive. Also in attendance were Jaquita and Gary Blevins, Keith Williams, Dakota McDonald, Nancy McDonald, and Greg Jones.



TPWD ...

ing a resource concern. Counties affected include: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Donley, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Garza, Gray, Hall, Hardeman, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Lipscomb, Motley, Ochiltree, Roberts, Scurry, Stonewall, and Wheeler.

Benjie Williams, Game Warden for Garza and Lynn Counties, explained that "the landowner still decides whether to allow the maximum bag limit" even if these proposed changes in deer hunting

regulations are adopted, The department is also looking at expansion of the late antler-less and spike season into additional counties. Sixty-six Texas counties, including Garza, would be affected if this expansion is adopted.

In response to a commission directive to seek additional opportunities for youth participa-

tion, the department is looking at extending the early youth-only season to include the entire month of October and the late youth-only season by 12 days during January in selected counties to run concurrently with late antler-less and spike seasons. The intent of the proposal is to allow adults and children to hunt together during different special seasons.

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4th & 5th grade Christmas Musical /Science Fair

We would like to invite the community to enjoy and participate in our annual Christmas Musical entitled "Jingle All the Way" on Thursday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary Auditorium presented by the 4th and 5th grade music classes of Post Elementary.

The Science Fair will be held in the Elementary Gym on Thursday, December 11 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. which features every class in the lower grades and individuals in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. Please come and enjoy both events on December 11.

Rotary Bean and Cornbread supper

The Post Rotary will serve beans and cornbread at the Community Center Saturday, Dec. 6 beginning at 5:00 p.m. and will continue after the parade. Cost is \$5.00 and includes beans, cornbread, drink and dessert. All proceeds go to the Rotary annual scholarship fund.

Annual Christmas Singing December 7th

The annual Community Christmas Sing will be held Sunday evening, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. This grand event is sponsored by Post Cares and hosted by the First United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to attend the musical celebration of Christmas songs and reading. If any individual or group would like to participate, please contact the Methodist church office at 495-2942 or Kent Campbell at 495-3044 no later than Friday morning, December 5th, so you will be included in the program.

"It's Christmas Time"

OS Museum located at 201 E. Main and Avenue I, invites you to view Nativities, Creches, and Santas gathered around the world the month of November thru January, 2009.

A Special open house will be held on Saturday, December 6 from 10am to 6 pm. Enjoy wassail and cookies as you view the exhibit. An upstairs elevator is provided for your convenience. For more information call 495-3570.

Seeking entries for Christmas Parade

Post Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking entries for the Lighted Christmas Parade. The parade will be on Saturday, December 6 at 6 p.m. You may enter a float in the Business of Organizational division or a golf cart, 4 wheeler, Go-cart, etc. All entries must be lighted. Prizes will be awarded to winning entries! For more information call 495-3461

Rotary International Exchange Program

The regional Rotary Club is sponsoring an exchange program with Israel and is looking for young professional non-Rotarians to participate. The exchange takes place May 10 through June 7, 2009. Applicants chosen to go will have all expenses paid and will live with Rotarians in a variety of cities in Israel. They will get to experience life in Israel up close and personal. The deadline for applications is December 12, 2008. For more info and to apply, contact Jim Plummer, Post Rotary President. 806-781-1911.

Christmas crafts for kids

PHS Art Class is sponsoring "Christmas Crafts for Kids" on Friday, December 12th at the school cafeteria from 3:30 p.m. (right after school) til 8:30 p.m. This is one of the Art Department's big fundraisers for the year. If you have little ones age 4 years through 5th grade, this would be a great time to get some Christmas shopping or gift wrapping done. Let your kids, grandkids, or nieces and nephews come to do some fun art that they can give for Christmas! It is only \$17.50 for one child, \$25 for 2 children, or \$10 each for 3 or more. Snacks and dinner will be provided, and there will be a few games, too! Contact Juanetta Bockko for more information 778-0616 or 990-2053.

Retirement Reception scheduled December 15th

A retirement reception honoring Leslie Acker and John Valdez will be held on Monday, December 15, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Courtroom at the Garza County Courthouse located at 300 West Main St.

Trailblazers selling tickets for 12 gauge

Tickets for the raffle of a Turkish Silver Eagle Siyah 12 gauge 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 on Tuesday, December 23rd at noon at the Trailblazer Center.

Clothes and food available from church

Graham Chapel Church of Christ has food pantry (non-perishables only) and a clothes closet for the needy in Post. Please contact Tim Tatum at 495-3066 or Bill Short at 495-4104.

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Garza Theatre's 'Holiday Classics' opens Dec. 12

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

The "double-bill" at the Garza Theatre opening next weekend is sure to put you in the Christmas spirit.

O. Henry's Christmas classic, "The Gift of the Magi," dramatized by Mark Bedell will be followed by a musical adaptation of the children's story, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Gerald Dolter will direct both pieces. Cast members will include Kristi Heinrich, Daniel Hogan and Ian Klotzman with Karen Dolter providing background vocals. Musical direction by Jacob Miller.

With performances on Friday and Saturday - Dec. 12, 13, 19

& 20 - at 8:00 p.m. and matinee performances on Sunday, Dec. 14 and Saturday, Dec. 20, you'll have several opportunities to see the production during the holiday season.

"The Gift of the Magi" is probably O. Henry's best-known story of a young couple who each sacrifice a most prized possession to buy the other a gift. The tender, sentimental tale contains timeless messages of caring, generosity, sacrifice and love. It is a simple yet profound interpretation of the meaning of Christmas for all ages.

After intermission break, the Garza audience - young and old - will enjoy a rousing musical adaptation of the Dr. Seuss favorite "How the Grinch Stole

Christmas."

The Grinch, "a bitter, cave-dwelling creature with a heart two sizes too small, lives just north of Whoville, home of the merry and warm-hearted Whos." The Grinch's jealousy leads him to steal the Whos' gifts and decorations hoping to stop Christmas and also steal their joy. In the end, the Grinch learns that Christmas is more than just gifts and tinsel.

Tickets to Holiday Classics are available at the Garza Theatre Box Office, 226 E. Main St. For reservations call 495-4005 or visit www.garzatheatre.com.

Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$8 for children (12 and under); \$10 for students, seniors, military and groups.



Check donation

Jackie Slough, President of the Post High School National Honor Society, is shown receiving a check from Warden Kerry Dixon, Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility. Warden Dixon presented the check in appreciation for the NHS students who served for the recent Community Appreciation Meal hosted by the Dalby Facility. The check will be used by the student organization for their community contributions during the holidays.

Search underway for Miss Teen Garza County

Applications are now being accepted for the title of 2009 "Miss Teen Garza County."

If you are single, and between the ages of 13 and 18 you are eligible to vie for this title and represent Garza County at the Miss Teen Texas Pageant to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Antonio, March 20-22, 2009.

The young woman selected as "Miss Teen Garza County" will become an ambassador for the county and receive an official title and sash.

To complete for the title of "Miss Teen Garza County," complete the application provided

on the pageant web site: www.missteentexasinternational.com. Deadline for entries if February 1, 2009.

The young lady crowned Miss Teen Texas will receive a scholarship and prize package valued at over \$15,000 and the opportunity to represent Texas at the 2009 Miss Teen International Pageant.

The pageant web site states that Miss Teen Texas seeks to "uplift young women who want to excel in their lives and make a

difference in their communities. We celebrate your energy and your commitment to challenge yourself."

Contestants compete in four areas of competition: Interview, Evening Gown, Fitness Wear, and Fun Fashion Wear. There is no talent or swimsuit competition and previous pageant experience is not a requirement. Additional rules and regulations are found on the pageant web site. For additional information, call 210-403-0589.

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Cravy ...

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such diversity in one artist. In a sample of five or six of her paintings, you'll see just as many styles and uses of material: Cravy also creates exquisite jewelry, Old World Santa figures, and unique angels made from found objects such as rusted metal, aged wood, wire and rocks.

Her jewelry, which she calls "Earth Spirit Collection" has been displayed as art in Dallas and Ft. Worth galleries and sold in specialty shops across the state. Her work is exhibited at the Algeria Art Center and in local shops. However, painting is Cravy's first love. "If I had to choose one thing it wouldn't be a hard decision," she explained.

Cravy has been an active member of the Post Art Guild for 35 years. Her participation with this group is important to her. "There is an underlying current when artists are together even when they aren't doing anything similar. They are all speaking from the same part of their souls."

She has participated in group shows sponsored by the Guild as well as a one-woman show. Preparing for the solo exhibit presented Cravy with a creative challenge that resulted in an experimental collection of paintings. The experience proved liberating for the artist. "I created 14 pieces in about 3 weeks," she explained. "I didn't think about rules. I just followed my inspiration."

A review of the collection describes it as having "indefinable subject matter" that "stirs an inquisitive mood." Cravy's art also causes one to stop and take note of the beauty and optimism apparent in all of her work.

"It is important that you have a balance - spiritually, creatively, physically - they all have to run along together. They have to be in harmony. You can't have one in front dragging the others," the artist said. "If they are balanced, basically you're going to be well in all of those areas. That is a hard thing to do."

Cravy's optimistic personality is especially obvious when she is encouraging others to consider pursuing creative endeavors.

"I think people who have a desire to paint should realize that

you're born with that personality. Maybe you are predisposed by your personality to like a certain thing and because you like it, you do a lot of it and then you get better and better," she explained. "People see that and may perceive it as talent. There is some talent involved, but 90% of it is that you were born wanting to do this creative thing. You should just do it. If you have a desire to create, you just have to open the door and fan it a little."

The artist has lived in Garza County all of her life and has two children, Eric, a Garza County Constable and Paula Dawn, an artist who lives in Atlanta; and five grandchildren.

When asked about future plans, Cravy said, "I want to do large abstracts next and then I'm going to do portraits again."

Whether you have the pleasure of enjoying one of Cravy's abstracts which broaden your imagination or one of her portraits with rich detail, you will know you are sharing in the beautiful experience of a gifted artist.

Birth



Jared Wyatt Strawn

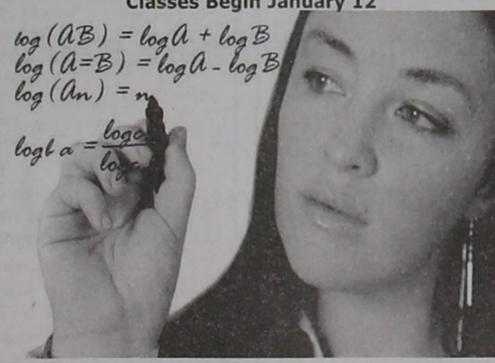
Jay and Susan Strawn are proud to announce the birth of their grandson Jared Wyatt Strawn. He was born November 14, 2008. He weighed 5lb.14 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. His parents are Jay Waylon and Anne Strawn. His grandparents are Eric and Deniece Platt of Parker, Colorado and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sember of St. Charles, Michigan. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bo Jackson of Post and Mr. Mrs. J W Strawn of Post and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lester of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



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The Paperboy

By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

The wife and I started a pretty cool tradition a couple of weeks ago and it's been pretty fun.

The Elf on the Shelf comes with a small elf doll and a book. The book tells the story of how the elf communicates with Santa about how good the children have been.

You also name the elf. Our is named Mr. Quickster.

Every day when the children get up, Mr. Quickster is in a different location in the house. This indicates that indeed, he has been off to the North Pole to let Santa know how the day went.

The boys have been pretty enthused with the elf. The other day, Sutton Hawk, 3, was overheard making a confession to Mr. Quickster after misbehaving. He followed the confession with an apology to Mr. Quickster and Santa. I'm sure Mr. Quickster told the Jolly One all about it that night.

I must admit, I'm guilty of using Mr. Quick-

ster as a weapon. I recall saying something like, "I bet that elf is going to let Santa know about that." To my credit, I've said it for both good and not so good things.

It's fun to introduce new traditions to the kids just as my parents and grandparents did for my sister and me. Mr. Quickster has been a fun addition to our traditions.

If I had to pick my favorite thing about fatherhood it might be the sharing. That and the hugs.

I like the fact that my boys want me involved in what they do. They constantly seek that approval and admiration.

Several times a week I'm asked my opinion on a drawing, building or some other project. It tickles me to watch their progress.

Many times, I receive what I am complimenting.

"How does this look Daddy?"
"Boy, what a great airplane. That's one of

the best ones I've seen."

"Thanks Dad! I drew it for you!"

At that time I usually get a big hug. I guess that's one of the best things I can imagine.

More and more we see teens and many others of us hammering away on their cell phones. They are either texting away or talking.

It's great that we have this technology, but texting hours on end is no way to go through life.

Encourage your kids to put the phone down once in awhile. Better yet, go for a walk without it.

If your child puts up an argument when you ask them, that's proof enough you just did the right thing.

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Kay Bailey Hutchison

UNITED STATES SENATOR, TEXAS

President Kennedy once observed: "In a crisis, be aware of the danger, but recognize the opportunity."

Today, America's credit crisis is roiling Wall Street and pushing the economy into a recession.

However, one of the few benefits of the economic slowdown is the decrease of energy prices caused by a decline in global demand. The cost of a barrel of oil has fallen almost 70 percent in just four months. While some politicians are ready to take the energy issue off the table, we should use this short-term drop in costs to renew our commitment to a long-term energy solution. If we take the necessary measures to increase domestic energy production today, it will strengthen America's economy and national security tomorrow.

According to the Heritage Foundation, the plunge in gas prices since July could provide the average household with an extra \$1,100 annually. These savings will help U.S. families whose assets are depreciating, as well as small retail businesses which are expecting a difficult Christmas season. However, now is not the time to get complacent. Eventu-

ally the economy will rebound, and with it, the price of energy. Hedge funds and large investors are selling off liquid assets, including oil and gas positions, but eventually the global supply and demand imbalance will prevail, and energy prices will increase again.

One thing America must do is expand domestic energy supplies. The U.S. remains the only oil-producing nation on earth that has placed a significant amount of its reserves out of reach. To its credit, Congress recently allowed the longstanding restrictions on offshore drilling in 85 percent of our territorial waters to lapse. However, some Members of Congress are talking about reinstating the federal offshore restrictions. That would be a mistake. According to the Minerals Management Service, there are 14 billion barrels of petroleum in the restricted areas of the outer continental shelf. Those reserves should be explored and drilled for America's energy needs.

But Congress shouldn't stop there. We also need to permit energy exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). Back in 1995, when the average

price of oil was \$16 a barrel, I joined with my Republican colleagues to pass a bill allowing ANWR exploration.

Unfortunately, President Clinton vetoed that bill. If he had signed it, today our country would be producing about 1 million more barrels of oil - nearly enough to replace our daily imports from Saudi Arabia.

While we admittedly can't "drill our way" to energy independence, increasing our domestic production of oil can be a bridge to the next generation of energy technologies. We should increase U.S. investment in the energies that will help fuel the world in the 21st century - including solar, wind, and nuclear power.

By expanding and diversifying America's energy portfolio, we can increase the pressure already being felt by petroleum-rich and adversarial governments in Russia and Venezuela, and rogue regimes in the Middle East. They have used the enormous jump in oil prices over the past half-decade to finance Islamic terrorists, provide weapons to narco-traffickers, and blackmail neighbors into tolerating aggression.

The recent dip in the price of

energy has caused major problems for all of those regimes. In Iran, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has been forced to impose price controls and raid his country's foreign reserves to deal with the global economic slowdown.

In October, Russia conducted its largest naval deployment in the Caribbean in more than 20 years. The purpose was to build a "strategic alliance" with Venezuela's dictator, Hugo Chavez. For years, Mr. Chavez has promised to use his "strong oil card" to "finish off the U.S. empire." But Venezuela is struggling to find replacement financing for its state run oil company since the Royal Bank of Scotland cut off its \$5 billion credit line, and reports indicate Mr. Chavez's government may be strapped for cash. At last, the tables may be turning.

By increasing U.S. oil exploration, we can not only smooth the inevitable return of higher gas prices, we can also put much-needed pressure on some of the most nefarious regimes on Earth.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas

White River Weekly Report Dec. 5, 2008

Gauge Reading	2352.30	Rainfall for 2004	43.58"
Feet below spillway	20'2"	Rainfall for 2005	15.57"
Rise	0"	Rainfall for 2006	28.85"
Rainfall Past Week	0"	Rainfall for 2007	24.19"
Rain to Date	33.61"		

White River Lake has 2,956,120,272 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 27% capacity or 9,072 acre feet. Subtract 17,659,021 MG for evaporation this week in October that leaves 2,938,461,251 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



The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch



Credit, credit, credit. It's what got us into trouble. Hair of the dog that bit thee, will it get us out?

Probably no better than alcohol helps a hangover. The best solution is not to get bitten in the first place.

But Christmas is near - season of giving and getting everybody everything they want. Charge!

Or, here's another idea:

Make Christmas a season of lending. The concept is akin both to the spirit of giving and the spirit of holiday credit. We could do worse.

How would it work? Picture a large family. Everybody has stuff. Instead of buying new stuff to put under the tree, everybody would just gift wrap some current belongings in traditional fashion and lend the items to the recipients. Think of the tremendous savings to everyone! And we could just change "O Christmas Tree" to "O Lending Tree." It works.

As for how long the recipients would be allowed to keep the items, families could work out different arrangements, the same way they establish strict rules for family-wide gift drawings. In most families, everybody already knows who the bossiest and most organized person is. That's the one who gets to be in charge of the Christmas gift lending system. That takes care of families.

But what if you want to lend to friends? No problem. You simply send them a Christmas card to let them know they'll be getting a loan rather than a gift. If your traditional gift for

everybody is a ham, the loan system dictates a change. But if it's a fruitcake, it could still be a fruitcake.

Actually, for really good friends, you could just tell them to tell you what it is that you have that they would like to have for a while. It would be like taking the sin out of coveting, which somehow seems almost to fit the meaning of Christmas. You'd enclose a form with blanks for a list - not just one item. That way the recipient could name more than one item, and the lender would have some say as to what gets lent. A self-addressed stamped envelope would be a nice touch.

Best possible scenario:

People ask for things you'd like to get rid of anyway. In that case, you really come out ahead. You simply make it a permanent loan and hope nobody gives it back to you if they die first, assuming that's how permanent loans work. I've never quite understood permanent loans.

As for things you want back, be prepared. Sometimes stuff comes back in better condition than it was in before.

I loaned my 9mm rifle to my stepson, Ryan. He showed it to me for the first time in two years. He's replaced a defective part, added a fancy scope, polished the rusty barrel, refinished the stock and taken out the wiggle. Nice!

Ryan doesn't know it, but I'm planning on lending him Daddy's old .22 this Christmas.

Meanwhile, maybe Ryan and I are defining permanent loan. I hope so.

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12/04/06	Anton Tournament	There	TBA
12/09/08	Roosevelt	There	5:00, 6:30
12/12/08	TBA	TBA	TBA
12/16/08	Abernathy	Home	5:00, 6:30
12/19/08	Idalou	There	5:00, 6:30
12/29/31	Caprock Tournament	There	TBA
01/02/09	Open		
01/06/09	Shallowater	Home	5:00, 6:30
01/09/09	Denver City	There	5:00, 6:30
01/13/09	Slaton	There	5:00, 6:30
01/16/09	Littlefield	Home	5:00, 6:30
01/20/09	Roosevelt	Home	5:00, 6:30
01/23/09	Abernathy	There	5:00, 6:30
01/27/09	Idalou	Home	5:00, 6:30
01/30/09	Shallowater	There	5:00, 6:30
02/03/09	Denver City	Home	5:00, 6:30
02/06/09	Slaton	Home	5:00, 6:30
02/10/09	Littlefield	There	5:00, 6:30

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Basketball Round-up

7th Grade Boys
12-1 Vs. Shallowater
Coach Parks

Tavish Soto lead the team with 2 points. We continue to improve each week. The team is working hard in practice and getting better

12-1
8th boys Vs. Shallowater
Coach Kelso

Nathaniel Gill led the 8th grade lopes with 6 points. Dalton Holly, Vance Blair, Aaron Macy all had three points. Justin Hodge had two points. Shallowater 47 Post 15. The guys are progressing well don't forget practices in the Antelope Arena Tuesday and Thursday mornings 7:00 a.m.



Post High School hosted Floydada Tuesday night and were swept by the visiting Whirlwinds. Next up for the squads. This weekend the varsity girls and boys are in a tournament in Anton while the varsity boys.
Photos by Mitch Holly

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE GARZA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Christmas Open House
Saturday, December 6
Join us for a fun day
at the museum located
at 119 N. Avenue N

- Bring one can of meat and one can of vegetables to be donated to Post Cares and get a free 2009 membership to the Garza County Historical Museum Association
- Kid's Scavenger Hunt from 1-4 p.m. Find all the items and receive a prize
- Refreshments
- Check out more activities at The Heritage House next door to the Museum

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Post Middle School Girls Schedule

12/8	Denver City	There	5:00/6:15/7:30	7,8,9
12/15	Slaton	There	5:00/6:15/7:30	7,8,9
1/5	Littlefield	Here	5:00/6:15/7:30	7,8,9
1/12	Roosevelt	Here	5:00/6:15	7,8
1/19	Abernathy	There	5:00/6:15/7:30	7,8,9
1/26	Idalou	Here	5:00/6:15/7:30	7,8,9
2/2	Shallowater	There	5:00/6:15/7:30	7,8,9
2/9	Denver City	Here	5:00/6:15/7:30	7,8,9

Post Middle School Boys Schedule

Dec. 8	Denver City	Home	5:00, 6:15	7th, 8th, 9th
Dec 11 & 13	Slaton Tourn.	Away	TBA	7th, 8th
Dec. 15	Slaton	Home	5:00, 6:15	7th, 8th, 9th
Jan. 5	Littlefield	Away	5:00, 6:15	7th, 8th, 9th
Jan. 12	Roosevelt	Away	5:00, 6:15	7th, 8th, 9th
Jan. 19	Abernathy	Home	5:00, 6:15	7th, 8th, 9th
Jan. 26	Idalou	Away	5:00, 6:15	7th, 8th, 9th
Feb. 2	Shallowater	Home	5:00, 6:15	7th, 8th, 9th
Feb. 9	Denver City	Away	5:00, 6:15	7th, 8th, 9th
Feb. 16	Slaton	Away	5:00, 6:15	7th, 8th, 9th

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Obituaries



Dillard C. Morris

Services for Dillard C. 'Jr.' Morris 91, of Close City (Ragtown) were 2:00 PM Monday Dec. 1, 2008 at the Church of the Nazarene in Post. The Rev. John Bill Hedrick, Graham United Methodist Church, officiated and Don Riley assisted. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Dillard died at his home Friday, November 28, 2008.

Born March 14, 1917 to Dillard Witt and Lillie Mae Oden Morris at Ragtown, in the barn. He attended school at Ragtown and married Wanda Hill October 2, 1937 at Posey. She preceded him in death June 30, 2001. They made their first home at Barnum Springs and started farming. In 1945 they moved to the Ragtown area and then in 1963 moved into Ragtown. He was a long time member of the Junior Rodeo Association and served on the Ragtown School Board. He was a life long member of the Graham United Methodist Church. Paw loved spending time with his grandkids and great-grandkids. He was also preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: Vinson, Orville and Arthur; one sister: Cecil Thompson.

Survivors include: two sons: Jack and his wife Jean Morris of Ragtown and Jerry and his wife Lois Morris of Clarendon. One daughter: Shelia and her husband James Melton of Post. Eight grandchildren: Rusty Morris of Post, Dana Carter of Longview, Nancy Morris of Post, Melinda Choate of Plainview, Jerry Wade Morris of Clarendon, Renea Thomas of Abilene, Angela Massey of Post and Clint Melton of Slaton. 12 great-grandchildren: Camille Choate of Happy, Cade Choate of Plainview, Tyler Morris of Amarillo, Russ and Jake Morris of Post, Laura Carter of Longview, Jarryd and Dylan Thomas of Abilene, Kristen Massey of Post, Hayley Mason of Post, Brandon Massey of Jacksonville, Florida, and Trent Lawrence of Post. A host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were his grandchildren: Rusty Morris, Dana Carter, Nancy Morris, Melinda Choate, Jerry Wade Morris, Renea Thomas, Angela Massey and Clint Melton.

Memorials are suggested to a favorite charity or organization.

J.A. "Shorty" Burcham
OLNEY-J.A. "Shorty" Burcham, age 90, of Olney, Texas died Friday, November 28, 2008 in Graham, Texas.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 2, 2008, in the chapel of Lunn Funeral Home in Olney with Dr. Van Gardner, pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Decatur, Texas and the Rev. Andy Graham, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow in the Restland Cemetery under the direction of Lunn Funeral Home.

Mr. Burcham was born on November 15, 1918 in Barber, Arkansas to the late Jess L. and Rosalee (Guinn) Burcham. He married Louise Sanders on October 23, 1937 in Tahoka, Texas. She preceded him in death on October 24, 1998.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army during WWII and the Korean conflict.

He served active and reserve duty from 1944 to 1951. He moved to Olney in 1955 from Abilene, Texas. He worked for Opex from 1963 to 1974, was a mechanic for Dayco Rubber and was a newspaper carrier for the Times Record News for six years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #790, A.F. and A.M. and was a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Olney.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jackie Burcham; three brothers, Lee, Virgil, and Bill Burcham; and one sister, Daphne Jordan.

Survivors include one son, Randal Burcham and wife Kim of Megargel, Texas; five daughters, Martha Colgan of Megargel, Patsy Bailey and husband Tony of Austin, Texas, Sue Herrera and husband David of Chico, Texas, Betty Serratt and husband Dennis of Fort Worth, Texas and Debbie Fulbright and husband Ron of Axtel, Texas; one sister; Evelyn Weaver of Terra Bella,

California; twenty-eight grandchildren, forty-six great grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Olney Cemetery Association, 908 W. Bloodworth, Olney, Texas 76374.

Visitation will be Monday evening, December 1, 2008 from 6:00 ~ 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at lunnfuneralhome.com

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New cell tower raised in Garza County

Caprock Cellular, located in Spur, Texas, has been a wireless service provider for many years in Garza County. Caprock is a GSM service provider, a technology which is utilized by some of the larger national carriers. In an effort to improve and enhance the service for our customers within the city of Post, Caprock has erected a tower southwest of the intersection of Main Street and South Broadway (across from the Post City Hall).

The new wireless tower will improve in-building service for

existing and new Caprock customers as they use their phones in the downtown area, as well as the residential areas. In addition to providing service to Caprock customers, this tower will benefit customers of other carriers who may roam on Caprock's network.

Caprock is excited about bringing mobile wireless service improvements to a city as progressive as Post. For any questions about our service, please contact our main office at 888/271-3344.



This tower put up by Caprock Cellular in Garza County is located at Main Street and South Broadway in Post.

Eat This!

by Ryan Mills

I'd be willing to bet the farm that you have leftover turkey today.

This recipe can accomplish two things. It can get rid of some, if not all, of that turkey and that sleepy Tryptophan in it and it can make you a hero by doing something drastically different with the leftovers.

I stumbled across this recipe a few Thanksgivings ago and I made the sandwiches for my parents. I had forgotten all about it and while frantically looking through my disorganized recipe collection found it.

It must have been fate as this was the perfect recipe to run the day after Thanksgiving.

This recipe takes a little time but get the kids involved and it will be well worth it. My kids love to help in the kitchen and once you're done, it was time well spent.

This recipe makes 4 sandwiches so if you have a big crew, do the math and double or triple it. Or wait until the company goes home and surprise your spouse with them.

Either way, you'll be anything but a turkey to your guests.

Turkey Melts on Cheddar Waffles

Ingredients
For the Waffles
2 cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt

3 large egg yolks
1/2 cup melted butter
1 1/2 cups buttermilk
1 cup finely shredded cheddar cheese
3 egg whites
For the Cranberry Mayonnaise
1/2 cup jellied cranberry sauce
1 cup mayonnaise

For the Sandwich
Leftover turkey, sliced
Swiss cheese slices
Lettuce
Red onion, thinly sliced
Tomato, sliced
Directions

Preheat your waffle iron. Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a mixing bowl. In a separate bowl, combine egg yolks, melted and cooled butter and milk.

Stir liquid and dry ingredients together and add cheese. In another bowl beat egg whites until stiff. Fold into batter until barely blended. Spoon batter into waffle iron and cook according to your iron's specifications. Set the waffles aside.

In a small bowl mix together the mayonnaise and cranberry sauce and set aside.

To assemble the sandwiches, spread top and bottom of waffle with cranberry mayo. Build sandwich with turkey, swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato and onion and grill on a griddle over medium heat until cheese melts

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Former Post standout leads Texans to win

Former Post Lady Lope basketball standout, Rachel Gray scored 13 points and nabbed 10 rebounds to lead the South Plains College Lady Texans in a win over Butler County Community College 79-68 on the first day of the Thanksgiving Classic hosted by Hutchinson College November 28-29, 2008.

Gray was one of four Lady

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Texans who scored in double figures, led by McKinsie East who finished the game with 14 points. Taniqua Ards and Gray each scored 13 points and Sajoyia Griffin added 12 points.

South Plains was defeated by tournament host Hutchinson on the second day by a score of 65-59.

The Lady Texans played Western Texas College in Snyder earlier this week to open the conference season. The final score of that game was not available at press time.

You are invited to the
Caprock Cultural Association's
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- Homemade refreshments
- Live entertainment
- Story and activities with Mrs. Claus
- \$5 pictures with Santa in his sleigh
- Located at 109 N. Ave. N next to the Garza County Museum

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

Even as we continue gaining some sort of a maturity level (old age), I still chose Halloween as my favorite holiday.

Maybe it's because I like to see the little minigoblins running around or maybe it's cause I get to see more of them at Halloween than other holidays. Then maybe I like Halloween the best is I strongly remember when I was a little kid. In the 1950's. We didn't run to town and buy 50 or

100 dollars worth of candy or a \$40 dollar costume. In those days Mom & Pop had little or no funds for such things as that. But Mom loved kids and she liked to cook. She spent hours making popcorn balls, candy apples, sausage & cheese balls, muffins, and all sorts of candy. She always had cake, pie, coffee, and milk for the adults.

The adults always came in for a visit and eat while the little goblins put soap on the pickup windows, by the way, never using the "F" word. Maybe put a watermelon rind under the car wheels. One of the little bit meaner things I liked was opening the

chicken house and scaring the chickens outside in the dark. Since toilet paper wasn't in the picture yet, it would have been a little awkward and time consuming to hang Sears-Roebuck or Montgomery-Ward catalog pages in trees, so little antics like putting paper in trees wasn't invented yet. Until many years later when more serious vandalism came into the picture on Halloween night, probably the worst thing I ever did was put "toe-sacks full of cow poop" on a teacher's front porch, add lighter fluid and set fire. Then hide and watch the teacher put it out. I still often think I would like to get on a bus and ride back to the 40's and 50's and have one more good time on Halloween. I don't believe the children of today, and adults as well, actually know how to have a good time without pouring a bunch of money on it, as we did in the 40's and 50's. Someone said: True happiness is someone enjoying the scenery while driving through a detour zone...

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In and Around Close City

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by Traci Freeman

The weather is so windy today (Wednesday) Most of our farmers are now pulling but this wind has shut them down for today. Not only do you lose cotton when dumping into the builder but the static is very dangerous as fires are easily started, hopefully it will be better tomorrow. It is finally feeling a little like winter which gets me in the holiday spirit. The Christmas lights are going up all around town as well as out here, I've noticed Ronald and Nancy Thuett have some pretty lights on their house as well as Lois, Jim and Nedra have lights and decorations outside. The gin is also ready for Christmas, Dee helped me put up all the decorations up in the office, we always have hot coffee and lots of goodies on the counter for munching so if you are ever out and about stop in and see us.

We have lost another good one in Ragtown. Dillard Morris passed away last Friday. Dillard and his family have lived in Ragtown for a number of years and have been a big part of our gin as well as our community. The Morris bunch are great people and like family to all of us. Dillard will

definitely be missed and we want "our extended family" to know that our thoughts and prayers are with them all.

I need to apologize to Jane George and Annie Laura Francis, last week I reported that Annie Laura's birthday party was this Saturday but it was last Saturday. Despite my boo boo Jane said they had a really nice party and Annie Laura kicked up her high heels and enjoyed herself. However the lighted Christmas parade is this Saturday, I really wanted to do a float for the gin/community but this time of year is so busy we just didn't have time. I know it will be a good one so I hope everyone goes out to enjoy it.

Grant Bright was down over the Thanksgiving Holiday. While here he ran Doug around a bit to look at the crops and also brought him by the gin to get a new cap. He also brought us some wonderful homemade fudge and some of that good hot sauce. Thanks Grant! Grant and his wife live in Albuquerque, and he is the nephew of Doug and Claudine Tipton.

We send a very special happy birthday to Troy

Nelson who turned 80 years young on December 4th. I hear he and Joyce are new great grandparents to Calvin Wesley Jarrett. Calvin's parents are Wesley and Traci Jarrett and his big sister is Amity, Traci is the daughter of Danny and Kathy Nelson. Thanks to Melinda (Nelson) Morgan of Coahoma for getting all this information to me and for telling me how much they enjoy reading the Close City news.

Congratulations to Robert and Belinda Brown on the birth of their grandson; Kyle Tillman Meredith who was born on November 24th, 2008 to Adam and Amber Meredith. Great-grandparents are Delwin and Kathy Fluitt.

Visitors.....Ricky Bush and RayDon Underwood came over Thanksgiving Day to visit while the ladies were getting lunch ready. Donnie Cornell stopped in and picked up a plat book, Donnie graduated from high school in Post. Sylvia Winder came down to look at the crops. She left here headed to the senior center to eat lunch. Kim Wilks stopped in to visit for a while.

Don't forget our Ragtown Folks in the nursing

homes; Doug and Claudine Tipton, and Fannie Ballentine in Post and Mary Ethridge and Carmen Abraham in Lubbock. Keep our troops in your daily prayers.

Birthdays this week.....

December 4th - Troy Nelson
December 5th - Steve Gonzales
December 7th - Colby Pennell
December 8th - Amanda Bush Quisenberry
December 11th - Kevin Crispin

Anniversaries this week.....

December 11th - Charles and Sharron Morris
December 11th - Mack and Jane Terry
FYI.....We still have some 2008 Garza County plat books for sale.

Check the daily bale count at <http://closecitycoopgin.blogspot.com>

See ya next week!

Be sure to call and let me know about any happenings going on, birthdays, anniversaries or any one that may be sick. If you don't tell me, I don't know to write about it. You can call me at the gin or email me at close.city.coop@pcca.com

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Weekly Inspirations

GIVING THANKS

By: Michael F. Taylor

Many of you may be familiar with Corrie Ten Boom, I am sure.

Corrie was an inspirational Missionary who penned several spiritually rich books. As a young man growing up in the church, I will never forget reading about the horrible things that she and her sister went through during World War II in the Nazi concentration camps.

I have always enjoyed relating humorous tales as you might have ascertained by now, but I have never strayed from the belief that our history must be re-told again and again in order for our children to know what others have sacrificed for their freedoms and blessings.

The account of Corrie Ten Boom as she related in her book, THE HIDING PLACE, speaks to one instance in her life which taught her to be always thankful.

In this account, Corrie and her sister, Betsy, were transferred to the worst German prison camp that they had ever seen, the Ravensbruck Concentration Camp. It wasn't long after the two sisters stepped into the barracks that they found themselves in the very worst living quarters of the entire camp. It was extremely overcrowded and flea-infested.

On that very morning, the two sister's daily Scripture reading in 1 Thessalonians reminded them to rejoice always, pray constantly, and give thanks in all circumstances.

After reading the Word, Betsy asked Corrie to stop and to give thanks to the Lord for every detail of their new home. At first, Corrie emphatically refused to give thanks for the fleas which had already began their dastardly deeds upon her small frame, but Betsy persisted, and ultimately, Corrie succumbed to her pleading.

During the next several months at the camp, both Corrie and her sister Betsy were surprised at how openly and freely they could hold their Bible studies and prayer meetings with the other detainees without any interference or resistance from the Nazi soldiers guarding them.

It wasn't until several months later that the two girls learned the reason why the guards would not enter the barracks. The soldiers would not go into that particular barracks because they did not want to face the same attacks by fleas that their detainees were subjected to.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22, the Scripture read that seemingly terrible day by Corrie and her sister Betsy instructs us, "16 Be joyful always; 17 pray continually; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

19 Do not put out the Spirit's fire; 20 do not treat prophecies with contempt. 21 Test everything. Hold on to the good. 22 Avoid every kind of evil." NIV

Be joyful always, giving thanks in all circumstances! How can anyone possibly give thanks for a flea infested, overcrowded prison camp where you are intended to be slaughtered?

And yet, the continual source of Corrie's misery was in fact the reason for her being spared.

If you can't quite understand why something is going on in your life that seems to be a curse, give praise for it. It just might be the thing that God has sent to get you over the next mountain.

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Thank you for all the cards, calls, flowers, visits, reception and dinner.

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Annie Laura Francis

The family of Clara R. Landa acknowledges with great appreciation your kind expression of sympathy during our time of sorrow.

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from her sons and daughters

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OF H. B. SANDERS, Cause #1885, Garza County, Texas
Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of Testamentary upon the estate of H. B. SANDERS deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 29th day of November, 2008, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, the county below named, are hereby required to present the same at the address below given, before

suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed and within the time required by law to his attorney Preston L. Poole, Jr., at P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356.

Dated 11/29/08
JAMES JOSEPH SANDERS
Independent Executor.

Menus

Post ISD

December 8

Breakfast- Waffles, sausage, butter & syrup, fruit, milk
Lunch - Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots, chocolate pudding, milk

December 9

Breakfast - Pop tarts, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch - Golden fish strips, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, hushpuppies, milk

December 10

Breakfast - Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk
Lunch - Carne guisada, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, flour tortillas, milk

December 11

Breakfast - Breakfast pizza,

Southland ISD

December 8
Lunch - Chicken & noodles, green beans, fruited gelatin, texas toast, frozen yogurt, milk

December 12
Breakfast - Cereal, graham cracker, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch- BBQ on bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn cobbette, pineapple tidbits, milk

December 8

Breakfast - Waffles, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrots, hot roll, cake, milk

December 9

Breakfast - Biscuits, sausage, gravy, juice, milk
Lunch - Crispy tacos, lettuce/tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, jello, milk

December 10

Breakfast - Eggs, bacon, toast, juice, milk
Lunch - Frito pie, salad, grated cheese, chocolate cake, milk

December 11

Breakfast - Cereal, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, seasoned corn, tossed salad, French bread stick, milk

December 12

Breakfast - French toast, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch - Chicken patty sandwich, tater tots, western beans, oranges, milk

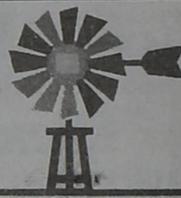
TRAILBLAZERS

December 8-Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, cucumber salad, biscuit, pistachio pudding

December 9-Stew, cornbread, crackers, banana pudding
December 10-Smothered chicken, macaroni & tomato, grilled veggies, biscuit, strawberry cake

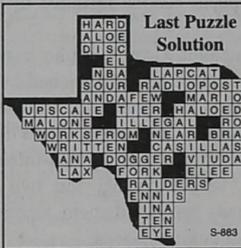
December 11-Ham, navy beans, turnip greens, cornbread, millionaire pie

December 12-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, roll, pears/cottage cheese



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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago
December 3, 1998

The Garza County Regional Juvenile Detention Center suffered its third escape in six months. According to Jamie Killian, the escape occurred when a 16-year-old resident of the facility was outside in the recreation yard, he hid behind an air conditioning unit when residents returned indoors. Once he was alone in the recreational area, the youth climbed the fence and made his escape. The youth was apprehended about three hours later.

Lela Clem Huntley celebrated her 90 birthday with a reception at the Norwest Bank Community Room. Born December 10, 1908, in Pocahuntas Ark., Lela was the second child of Charley and Nevada Clem.

Garza County's Laci Williams was among the 38 4-Hers from across the South Plains recognized at the District II Gold Star Banquet held at Lubbock's KoKo Palace. Williams earned her Gold Star award in the area of horsemanship.

20 Years Ago
December 4, 1988

Joe Harris of Southwestern Public Service Company was named outstanding manager in the company's Group Three. The groups are determined by the population of the towns serviced by SPS. Harris qualified for the title of "Outstanding Manager" by making his quota in all 13 areas of a marketing program conducted by SPS.

Post Middle School downtown carolers included Amber Little, Shelly Haney, Dani Brogden, Danielle Cade, Labeth Jones, Lucas Walls, Jeremy Derrick, Kenneth Schronk, Cynthia Haynes, Stormy Gass, Kelly Line, Natasha Newdigger, Angela Cooley, Melanie Valdez and Melanie Marshall.

The Caprock Cultural Association of Post was the recipient of an administration grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts to be shared by the CCA, the Post Art Guild and the Garza Theatre.

30 Years Ago
December 6, 1978

The Bob Collier Drug store was burglarized by professionals looking for hard narcotics. Don Payne told The Dispatch that \$1,450 worth of "the hard stuff" and \$50 in one dollar bills were taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Josey announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their

daughter, Donna, to Bill Aten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Aten.

The community room of the First National Bank was the scene of a bridal shower honoring Miss Jan Hall, bride-elect of Tim Blair.

Plant Manager Don Smith presented Elvira Sanchez her 25-year service pin and certificate in a meeting to honor the long service employee of Postex.

Coach John Morrow's Post Does won third place in the girls' division of the Plainview Invitational cage meet. Key players included Kerri Pool, Donna Baumann, Marinette Hays, Lisa Cowdry, Dana Bird, Luanna Kennedy, Karla Morris and Leanna Davis.

40 Years Ago
December 5, 1968

For the second consecutive year, the sweetheart of the Post Future Farmers of America chapter won the Mesa District sweetheart contest. Jan Wilks brought the title home from the Mesa District banquet held in Lubbock. After winning the title, Miss Wilks was presented her plaque by last year's district sweetheart, Janice Gordon of Post.

Two Post Antelopes, George Torres and Jerry Crenshaw, made the all-district 4AA team selected by area coaches. Torres, a junior, made the offensive team at a running back position, and Crenshaw, a senior was named to an end position on the offensive team.

Karen's Korner by Karen Hundley: Over the Thanksgiving holidays, Ben Miller and Mike Scott surfed at Padre Island, James Poillard took his ROTC officer qualifying test at New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, N. M. Mike Criswell visited in Spur, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fleming spent the holidays in Odessa with relatives and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lee journeyed to Oklahoma City.

50 Years Ago
December 4, 1958

The Christmas season was "officially" ushered in here on Dec. 2 with the turning on of the holiday lights in the Chamber of Commerce's stepped-up decorations program. The center of attraction is a 33-foot Christmas tree in the center of Main Street just west of the Avenue I intersection.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ammons announce the birth of a daughter, December 5, at 5:40 a.m. in the Slaton Mercy Hospital. She has been named Donna Lane,

and her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Al Norris and Mrs. Betty Pierce of Lamesa is paternal grandmother.

The Graham school house was the scene for an evening of fun when Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Dodson, who were newly married, were honored with a combination "42" party and shower. Mrs. Dodson is the former Miss Patsy Ethridge.

The grade school auditorium was filled with applauding parents for the vocal music program presented by the Post schools under the direction of Georgie M. Willson. Accompanists for the fifth grade group were Carol Camp, Dixie Lucas and Arleta Robinson. Lynette Potts accompanied the 124-voice junior high school choir. Carolyn Moore was accompanist for the high school choir.

60 Years Ago
December 2, 1948

Post's share of the gate at the Post-Lockney Bi-district Championship Football Playoff in Lubbock was \$2,612.27 according to Supt. G. R. Day. Post will play Phillips in the regional championship game at Butler Field in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. "Lefty" Davies and children and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Davies and daughter spent the week-end in Cisco with the Harold Davies family.

The Dinner Bell Club met in the high school auditorium to set a date for the coronation of the F. H. A. Sweetheart. Nominees for sweetheart and their escorts from the high school grades are: Senior, Mack McCullough escorted by Janet Stewart; Junior, Buddy Hays escorted by Joy Stewart; Sophomore Giles Dalby escorted by Mary Nell Bowen; and Freshmen Cordell Custer escorted by Barbara Norris. The contest is being carried on by penny-a-vote boxes.

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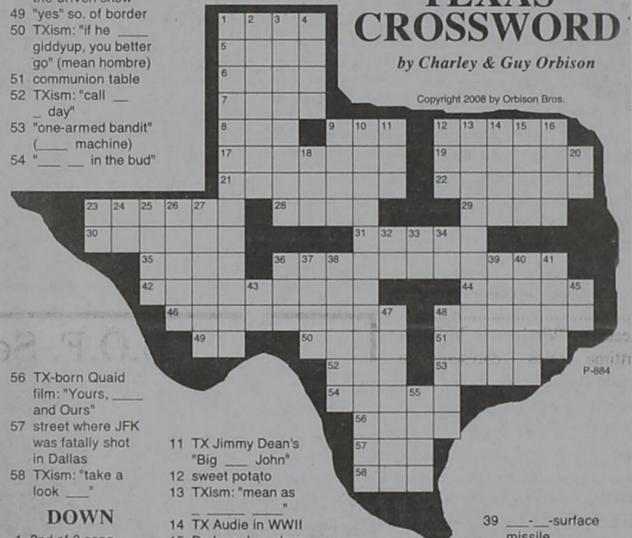
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- Cowboy CB Jenkins (#31)
- TXism: "he _____ me dry"
- MGM's lion
- TXism: "rough as a corn _____"
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- TX Charley Pride tune: "_____ Me"
- "he's got _____ of the situation"
- in Van Zandt Co. on FM 279 & 314
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- this Peace was 5th & 13th gov.
- _____ Lake, TX
- Fort Worth decor retailer: "_____ 1 Imports"
- seen on many TX city lakes (2 wds.)
- someone from Virginia, e.g.
- Myrtle gave _____ to Willie on 4/30/33 in Abbott, TX
- TXism: "he couldn't drive a _____ snow bank"
- TXism: "_____ the driven snow"
- "yes" so. of border
- TXism: "if he giddyup, you better go" (mean hombre)
- communion table
- TXism: "call _____ day"
- "one-armed bandit" (_____ machine)
- "_____ in the bud"
- TX-born Quaid film: "Yours, _____ and Ours"
- street where JFK was fatally shot in Dallas
- TXism: "take a look _____"

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- TX Audie in WWII
- De Leon h.s. class
- TXism: "feeling his _____" (frisky)
- "get _____ of it"
- TX Strait's "You Look _____ Good in Love"
- Mr. Einstein (init.)
- Mr. Lombardo (init.)
- 25 hollow watermelon thump means this oriental person
- TXism: "_____ pretty as a picture"
- TX Jimmy Dean's "Big _____ John"
- sweet potato
- TXism: "mean as _____"
- Rangers league (abbr.)
- NBC parent corp.
- Cowboy James Bradie position (abbr.)
- a political party south of the border (abbr.)
- TX gov. Richards & TX-born Miller place in custody
- _____ surface missile
- TXism: "_____ it with kid gloves"
- Cowboys logo
- Lago, TX
- "Down at the Alamo" artist: _____ McArdle
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- glue
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Perfectly Penguin

Birds that swim, but do not fly? Now, there is a fascinating feathered friend! Penguins spend 75% of the time in the water. These flightless seabirds are built like a torpedo, able to glide through water 4x's faster than humans. Penguins were first sighted by the explorer Ferdinand Magellan, off the southern tip of South America. The penguin's black and white tuxedo pattern has delighted us ever since.

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Penguin Parts

Penguins are excellent parents. Each year penguins return to a nesting area called a rookery. As many as 1,000,000 penguins may gather to mate and nest. Nests are built of stones, twigs and seaweed. Penguin parents take turns keeping the egg warm. During the incubation period the parent protecting the egg will not eat for weeks. Instead of a nest, the penguin may hold the egg on top of its feet. Baby penguins, called chicks, are born with soft gray down. They make chirping sounds similar to the robin. The chick will not leave the nest or safety of mom and dad's brood patch for about 3 weeks. During this period the chick eats regurgitated food from the parents. After 3 weeks the baby begins to molt and grow feathers. It is now called a fledgling. It will learn to swim and soon be on its own.

Penguins have poor eyesight, which may be why they come right up to humans.

Oily, overlapping feathers and a thick layer of blubber keeps the penguin dry and warm.

Wings act like flippers to help the penguin swim.

Brood patch is a flap of skin males and females use to keep eggs and chicks warm.

There are 18 different kinds of penguins. The largest is the 4 ft tall Emperor Penguin found in Antarctica. The smallest is the Blue or Fairy Penguin, weighing in at only 2 pounds.

Feet and tail are used, like the rudder on a boat, for steering.

An oil gland at the base of the tail is used, while preening, to cover beak and feathers with oil.

Geography Seek and Find!

Penguins do not just live in the Antarctic. To find all the continents and countries where penguins can be found turn a globe upside down, (as shown in the diagram). The continents and countries at the bottom of the globe are all penguin habitats. Fill in the blanks with your answers:

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Yard of the Week



Betty Posey, David & Nellie Tyler and Naomi Matsler are shown at the Tyler home, 901 W. Main St. The Tylers were honored as the first Christmas Yard of the Week by the Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Consumer Decision Making

Consumer Decision Making competition will be held in Tahoka on December 6. Good luck!

Community Service

4-H is collecting box tops for PTO and canned foods for Rural Community Services. For your convenience, items can be dropped off at the Extension office.

Horse Show

Sunday, December 7, 2008 at 2 pm at the rodeo grounds. Enter by calling the Extension office at 495-4400. For more information, contact Kim Reiter.

Rabbit Christmas Party

December 11- Santa will visit and you can take a picture with Santa and your bunny. For more information call Barbara Palmer at 470-1295.

4-H Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13th at the Show Barn, 5:00 pm. Please bring a box of ornaments for the tree.

Quality Counts Training

District 2 4-H and FFA Quality Counts Beef, Lamb, Goat & Swine training will be Saturday, December 13 in Lubbock. Complete information and Agenda available at the Extension office.

Mark Your Calendars!

GCJLA Stock Show January 15-15, 2009

GCJLA Sale and Auction, January 22, 2009, PISD Cafeteria

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Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

*Member of the Week - p.m.
 PACC Silver Member Tanner's Appliance, Heating & Air
 * PACC Member's Luncheon, Thursday, December 4 - noon at the Heritage House. We will be having pot roast and the cost is \$8 per person. We will also be drawing for door prizes - don't miss this meeting.
 * CHRISTMAS PARADE - This Saturday at 6:00 p.m. - Main Street. Come early for Rotary Beans and Cornbread Supper beginning at 5:00

This weekend in Post
 *Post City Merchant's Days - Saturday, December 6, 9-5. Shop at home this weekend
 *Ragtown Gospel Theater - "Joseph the Carpenter" -Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:00 p.m.
 *Garza Theater - New Christmas Schedule - Friday and Saturday, December 12, 13, 19 & 20 - 8:00 p.m. Matinees Sunday, December 14 and Saturday, December 20 - 2:30 p.m.

Southland ISD news

Congratulations to our FFA Quiz Teams again for qualifying for the State Contest. Good Luck to them as they travel this week to Huntsville. Congratulations to our Students of the Month for November: High School: Lauren Arguello, Kyle Voigt Junior High: Billy Woelfle, Kaylei Schoonover Elementary: Kelson Lee and Jasmine Aguayo Staff Members: Chris Howard and Lucy Hernandez
 Events for this week:
 Pride Side Trip to watch a Texas Tech Mens Basketball game. The game is at 7:00, we will leave the school at 5:00.

Like last time we will stop at McDonalds on the way to the game and let the kids eat. They will need to bring their own money to eat. The tickets for the game and programs will be provided for the kids. FFA will be leaving on Thursday to attend State Contest. No basketball games on Friday.
 Events for Next Week:
 Junior High Basketball is here vs. Meadow on Monday Dec, 8th beginning at 6:00 pm Varsity Girls and Boys at Spur on Tuesday night beginning at 6:30. Borden County Tournament begins on Thursday.

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