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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

All of these meetings are open to the public.

Garza County Commissioners Court
December 22
AgriLife Extension Office
9 a.m.
215 W. Main Street

City of Post City Council Meeting
January 6, 2009
Council Chambers/
City Hall
6 p.m.
105 E. Main Street

Post ISD School Board Meeting
January 13, 2009
Administrative Board Room
7:30 p.m.
501 S. Avenue K

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Retirement Reception
December 15
Honoring Leslie Acker & John Valdez
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Garza County Courthouse

"Joseph the Carpenter"
Ragtown Gospel Theater
December 12
7:30 p.m.
December 13 - 3:00 p.m.

Holiday Classics
Garza Theatre
December 12 - 8:00 p.m.
December 13 - 8:00 p.m.
December 14 - 2:30 p.m.

Middle School Girls Basketball
December 15
At Slaton
5:00/6:15/7:30 p.m.

Middle School Boys Basketball
December 15
At Home
5 p.m. & 6:15 p.m.

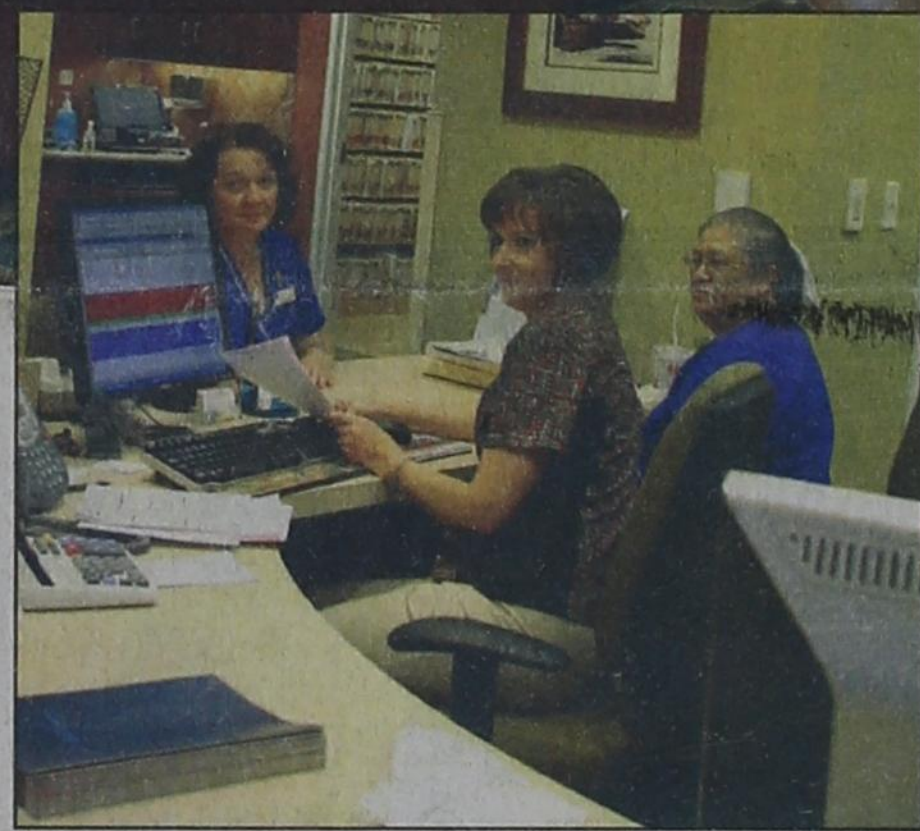
Lady Lopes JV & Varsity vs Abernathy
December 16
At Home
5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Lopes vs Tahoka
December 16
At Tahoka

Lady Lopes JV & Varsity vs Idalou
December 19
At Idalou
5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Lopes vs Idalou
December 19
At Idalou
8 p.m.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS



The Garza County Health Clinic began the week at its new location on Avenue S and Hwy. 84 in Post. At the top is the new nurses station. Above, (from left) Linda Alaniz, Vicki Gray and Sandy Pena check patients in at the new clinic. Photo by Rosa Latimer



Shown is the cast of Garza Theatre's "Holiday Classics." (left to right, back row) Kristi Heinrich, Ian Klotzman, Karen Dolter, and Gerald Dolter. (left to right, front row) Daniel Hogan and Jacob Miller. The production includes the O. Henry Christmas classic, "The Gift of the Magi," dramatized by Mark Bedell followed by a musical adaptation of the children's story, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Gerald Dolter will direct both pieces; musical direction is by Jacob Miller. A special holiday schedule includes 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 at 2:30 p.m. 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. Staff photo

School board hears AEIS report

■ TAKS passing rate up 33-percent in five years

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

At its regular scheduled meeting this week, Post ISD School Board received an extensive report from the Academic Excellence Indicator System that defined student performance as well as the condition of the district financially.

The Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS), developed by the Texas Education Agency, pulls together a wide range of information on the performance of students in each school and district in Texas every year. This information is put into the annual AEIS report.

The complete report is available at www.tea.state.tx.us or www.post.esc17.net. Results for Post ISD include an overall strong campus improvement except for the district's dropout rate.

"This will continue to be the area of major concern due to our high number of at-risk students," explained Post ISD Superintendent Marlin Marcum.

The most promising and greatest gains were in Language Arts. Science and math results also increased although Marcum indicates that "there is some work to do in this area."

The district has more experienced teachers than the state average.

"Twenty percent of our teaching staff has over 20 years experience compared to 19% statewide. Four percent of our teachers are considered beginning teachers compared to 8% statewide," Marcum explained. "Our ACT and SAT scores exceed the state average. This means our college-bound kids are better prepared." The "turn over" rate of Post ISD teachers is 17% compared to the state average of 15%.

Regarding the TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) test results, the 5-year passing rate for Post students has increased 33% at the district level. This number represents all tests on all campuses.

"Our passing standards have increased and we are now required to test special education

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Borden County Football Team "Send-Off"

Borden County Varsity football teams plays for the State Championship Saturday, December 13th in Frenship. The team will come through Post at 9:30 a.m. Let's give them a big send off by lining Hwy. 84 from Holly's all the way through Post. The game against Woodson begins at 2:00 p.m.

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 Bock 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.

Graham ole opry

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday December 20th from 7:00 until 10:00 pm 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; a hat will be passed for donations to help with the upkeep on the center. For more information contact Noel White at 495-3261.

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

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Post City, Texas ...Home of Garza County Historical Museum

New Garza jail sets Dec. 17 open house

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

After over a year of planning and construction, the new Garza County jail facility, at 412 E. 15th Street, is ready for occupancy. The Garza County Sheriff's Office began moving the dispatch center earlier this week and other offices will be moved during the next few weeks. Completion of the construction is well ahead of the original construction deadline of March, 2009.

Garza County Sheriff's Office will host an Open House December 17, 2 to 4 p.m. to give the public an opportunity to tour the facility.

The previous jail facility on the west side of the courthouse was built in 1973 and can house up to 7 prisoners. Prior to that, prisoners were kept on the third floor of the court house. The new building has 12 individual, secure cells; one 4-person pod; and ten 8-person pods making a total of 96 "beds" for prisoners.

The Probation Office will be relocated to the old jail space which will eliminate the rental

expense paid by the county at the office's current location. Other county offices will also move to the space at a later date.

"The Commissioners Court and the Sheriff's Office have worked together on this project since day one," explained County Judge Lee Norman. "The operations are truly the Sheriff's responsibility, but the debt is the Court's. We will all continue to work together. We already have next year's payment set aside."

A study of future needs indicated that over a 10 year period, the county would probably need to accommodate 48 prisoners. Last year the average number of prisoners for the county was 27. With the current jail having a 7 prisoner capacity, the county has had to house the overflow with other counties. The annual cost to Garza County for this service is \$200,000.

The new 28,870 sq. ft. building has office space for the Sheriff's Department, Constables, the Game Warden and the Regional Emergency Management manager as well as kitchen and medical facilities. "Currently we get



Construction at the new Garza County jail facility is almost complete. The Garza County Sheriff's Office will hold an Open House December 17, 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Photo by Rosa Latimer

meals from the detention center," Judge Norman said. "We'll have a full kitchen staff and provide meals on site in the new facility." "As always, the needs of Garza County are our priority.

We used local businesses in the construction as much as possible," explained the Judge. "The paint was purchased here in Post as was the furniture and we used a local painter."

Determining the size of the facility required significant deliberation. Cost was the primary factor. "We had the option to build a 48 bed facility yet, according to projections, in approximately ten years, we would most likely need to expand," Judge Norman continued. "For just over \$1.5 million more, we could build a 96 bed unit now." Total cost for the new building is \$6.8 million. Projections indicated that a 48 bed facility would not produce

enough income. The new jail is large enough to pay its way allowing the county to cover operation costs and generate income.

If marketing efforts go according to plan, many of the additional beds will be filled with inmates from federal and county entities. "A marketing director is already on the job to establish partnerships for Garza County to house prisoners from other counties as well as federal," Judge Norman continued. "We have the advantage of being close to the Federal Court House in Lubbock." In some instances, prisoners who are released from the Dalby Unit but are waiting

extradition will need to be housed for a short time and the county jail can be utilized to meet this need.

"Obviously we'll take care of Garza County needs first, then as space allows we'll take on clients," the Judge said. "I learned a whole lot working with the Bureau of Prisons when we went to Washington. They aren't building any more facilities. So, how do they handle the projected increase in prisoners?"

If all goes according to plans, the county marketing efforts will put the new jail facility at the front of the line to provide services to these other entities as well as meet the current and future needs of Garza County.

Annual Christmas Parade Lights Up Main Street

Rosa Latimer
News Editor

The annual lighted Christmas parade, sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, provided a dazzling introduction to the holiday season in Post. "We had over 30 entries in the parade this year. Janice Plummer and Greg Tidmore along with the other volunteers did a great job soliciting entries and getting the parade organized," said Thressa Harp, Chamber President. "We are also very appreciative of the businesses who donate the money for prizes."

The Zina Martinez family won the Xcel Energy Best of Show award, earning a \$200 cash prize. Winners were determined by a panel of judges. Others receiving prizes were:

Post High School Band - Citizen's Bank Winter Wonderland Award - \$100

Garza County 4-H - Wells Fargo Christmas Spirit Award - \$100

The Dalby Unit - United Supermarket Holiday Imagination Award - \$100

DruAnn Verkamp and Shelby Meeks' Lighted Mini-Buck Board - OS Museum Heritage Award - \$100

Holy Cross Catholic Church Altar Servers - Brady's Christmas Whimsy Prize - \$50

Holy Cross Catholic Church Youth Group - Sonic Christmas Fantasy Prize - \$50

Chase Odum Lighted Car - Xcel Energy Good Tidings Prize - \$50

Post Middle School Cheerleaders - Post Auto Parts Silver Bells Prize - \$50

The Menjares Sisters Lighted 4-Wheeler - Hudman Furniture Frosty the Snowman Prize - \$25

Jacky Harp '48 Ford Pick Up - Twins Fashions White Christmas Prize - \$25

Santa led the parade from atop a bright red fire truck and music was a noteworthy part of this year's celebration. Recorded Christmas music transmitted from the Chamber office added to the holiday spirit on Main Street all day and the lively music by the Pride of Post band was the hit of the parade. Parade commentary was provided by Jim Plummer.

Commissioners Canvass Recount Votes

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

During a regularly scheduled meeting, Monday, December 8, the Garza County Commissioners and Judge conducted a canvass of the Supervisor's Report of Recount of the Garza County Sheriff and County Attorney races in the November 4 general election.

The canvass was approved as presented and the winners in the Sheriff and County Attorney races remain unchanged.

In the Sheriff's race original totals showed Cliff Laws winning over Phil Matthews by a vote of 896 to 836. After the recount, the results were 894 for Laws, 839 for Matthews. In the race for County Attorney, original election results were Mike Munk 672 votes to Arimya Gradine Beasley's 638. After the recount in this race, the results were 671 for Munk and 640 for Beasley.

Judge Norman noted that all candidates had representatives present to observe the recount of the votes and he commended the County Clerk's staff and the County Clerk who served as Election Supervisor in their joint efforts to have a smooth election process.

The Judge also noted the efficiency with which the election and recount was handled. County Attorney Leslie Acker also commended the County

Clerk and his office "for the hard work they have done."

Routine matters before the Court included approval of minutes from the November 17 regular meeting. Reports were approved and are on file at the Clerk's office. Precinct and countywide accounts payable were approved for November 18 through December 8, 2008.

The Court approved a letter to Texas Department of Transportation regarding Rider 33, Senate Bill 1 requesting state surplus road material. In the letter the Judge requests \$10,449 of available state surplus road material.

The next Commissioners Court meeting will be December 22 at 9 a.m. at the AgriLife Extension office, 215 W. Main Street.

In other county news this week, the Garza County Clerk, Jim Plummer, received a letter from the governor recognizing him "for the integral role" he had "in running a fair, credible election this November." The governor also recognized "the time, effort and sacrifices" Plummer made during the months leading up to the November election.

The Clerk's office also received the Election Inspector's report of the General Election. The Election Inspector observed in five Garza County precincts throughout election day. The report was overall positive noting that the county was in compliance and there were no violations.

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students," Marcum continued. "Most challenged students are included in these numbers. In virtually every category Post exceeds the state averages."

The breakdown of revenue sources for the Post district by the AEIS indicates the following: 6.4% from business; 6.3% from residential; 7% ag land; 70% oil & gas; and .3% other areas such as rolling stock.

Approximately one-half of the 6.4% from business is from the wind energy industry, the remainder of that percentage is from local businesses.

In other business, the sale of two properties was approved;

minutes, monthly bills, financial and appraisal district reports were approved; and mid-management campus and programs reports received.

The Property and Casualty insurance bid was awarded to TASB, the current provider. At the request of the trustees, the superintendent presented some options for construction of a bus barn. Currently the school buses are not secure, leaving them vulnerable to vandalism and theft. No action was taken.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 13, 2009, 7:30 p.m. at the Administrative Offices.

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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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Ariel (L.) and Rosa Saturday, Baby Javier Mendoza

Youth
The Garza County Stock Association December 3, plans for the County Stock Show. A workday to ready is set for January 3, 2009 are requested to Entries are due by 5:00 p.m. The 45th Annual Junior Livestock off Thursday, with the weight exhibited by G Post FFA members in this will be betw

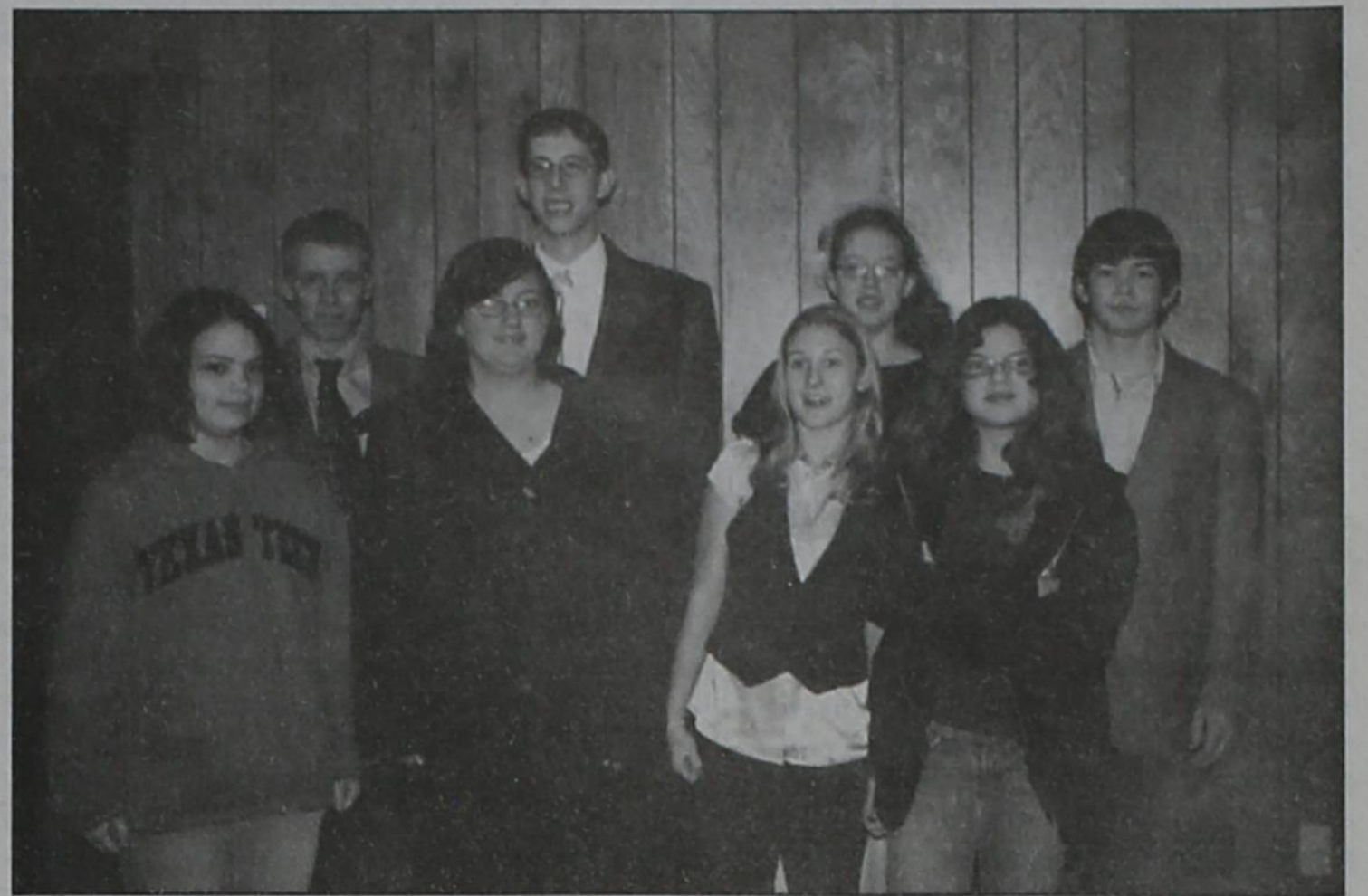
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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Service (AMS) will conduct an endum Dec. 8, 2009, among eligible importers of hog pork products. This process producers want Pork Promotion, summer information known as the Pork Participation is individuals who on the Pork Check submit a request. USDA will on the order of the total number producers and importers. The total and importers in the Request approximately 6 least 10,417 eligible importers must If necessary, the conducted with results of the Request are announced Request for Referendum would no Producers and engaged in pork

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Ariel (l.) and Rayven Soto (r.) visited with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus at the Heritage House Open House Saturday. Baby sister Avery is tucked into Santa's arm. The girls are the daughters of Amanda Soto and Javier Mendoza of Post.

Photo by Rosa Latimer



Eight Garza County 4-H members competed in the District Consumer Decision Making contest in Tahoka Saturday, December 6th. Front Row: Brittany Lewis, Jackie Milton, Kelbie Oden, and Rebecca Taylor Back Row: Ja D. Young, Reed Williams, Audree Williams, and Dakota McDonald. Janecee Williams, adult leader, is not pictured.



Southland ISD students of the month are (back row) Kyle Voigt, Lauren Arguello, Mr. Chris Howard, (middle row), Ms. Lucy Hernandez, Jasmine Aguayo, (front row) Billy Woelfle, Kelson Lee and Kaylei Schoonover.

Youth to Exhibit at Livestock Show

The Garza County Junior Livestock Association members met December 3, 2008 to finalize plans for the Garza Co. Jr. Livestock Show.

A workday to get the show barn ready is set for the morning of January 3, 2009. All participants are requested to come and help. Entries are due January 8, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.

The 45th Annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show will kick off Thursday, January 15, 2009 with the weighing of animals to be exhibited by Garza County 4-H, Post FFA and Southland FFA members in the county. Weigh-in will be between 3:00 and 6:00

p.m. at the show barn.

The Swine show will begin at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, January 17th, 2009. Swine Superintendent is Ronnie Dunn. The Steer show will begin at 11:00 a.m., with Milton Williams serving as Beef Superintendent. Judging both shows will be Denny Belew of Tahoka. The Rabbit Show is at 1:00 p.m., followed by the Pee-wee rabbit show. Superintendents are Barbara and Robbie Palmer.

The Rabbits will be judged by Rebecca Noggler of Hereford. The Lamb show will be at 2:30 p.m., and the Goat show at 3:30 p.m. followed by the Pee-wee Goat Show around 4:30 p.m.

Rusty Morris will be serving as Goat and Lamb Superintendent. Judging Goats and Lambs will be Dave Clevenger of Levelland. All animals will be released after the Pee-wee Goat Show.

Syd Conner will serve as announcer at the shows, Jennifer Henderson will serve as Photographer. A concession stand run by 4-H and FFA members and parents will be open Thursday through Saturday afternoon.

The Buyers Appreciation Dinner, Awards Ceremony and Sale will be Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Post ISD cafeteria. The meal is being catered by Ruthell Stanley. Serving as Auctioneer for the sale will be Ronnie Thornton of Plainview.

The Garza County Junior Livestock Association, a non-profit organization formed in 1964, conducted its first stock show in 1965. Currently there are 60 members with the following serving as officers: President - Jimmy Blanton; Vice-President - Milton Williams,

and Recording Secretary - Royce Hart. Jaquita Blevins serves as Corresponding Secretary.

Everyone is invited to the shows and sale. We encourage you to participate as either a premium purchaser or jackpot donor in support of our youth for their hard work and dedication to their animal projects. Project supervisors include Perry Smith and Lance Dunn for Post FFA, Nick McCollister for Southland FFA, and Greg Jones, County Extension Agent-Agriculture, for Garza County 4-H.

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USDA conducts request for referendum on pork checkoff

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announced today that it will conduct a Request for Referendum Dec. 8, 2008, through Jan. 2, 2009, among eligible producers and importers of hogs, pigs, pork, and pork products.

This process will determine if producers want a referendum on the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order, commonly known as the Pork Checkoff Program. Participation is voluntary, and only individuals who desire a referendum on the Pork Checkoff Program should submit a request.

USDA will only conduct a referendum on the order if at least 15 percent of the total number of eligible pork producers and importers request a referendum. The total number of producers and importers eligible to participate in the Request for Referendum is approximately 69,446; therefore, at least 10,417 eligible producers and importers must request a referendum. If necessary, the referendum will be conducted within one year after the results of the Request for Referendum are announced. If results of the Request for Referendum indicate that a referendum is not supported, a referendum would not be conducted.

Producers and importers who were engaged in pork production or in the

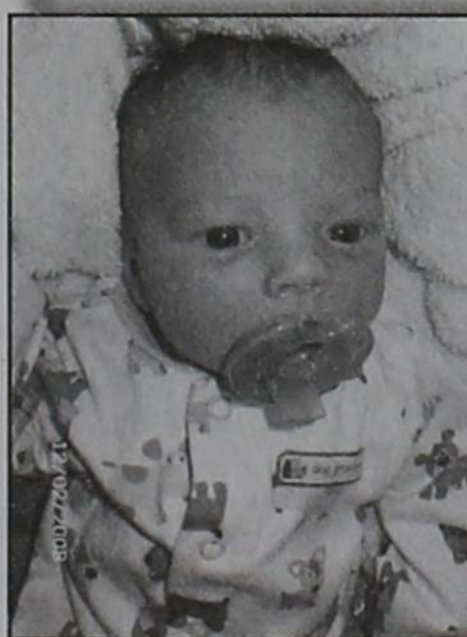
importation of hogs, pigs, pork, or pork products between Jan. 1, 2007, and Dec. 31, 2007, and were at least 18 years of age on or before Dec. 31, 2007, are eligible to participate.

For producers, the Request for Referendum will be conducted at the USDA County Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices where their administrative farm records are maintained. For producers not participating in FSA programs, opportunity to participate will be provided at the County FSA office where the person owns or rents land. Forms may be obtained at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketingPrograms>.

In order to vote, Form LS-54-1 and supporting documentation, where applicable, such as a sales receipt, veterinary bill, feed bill, copies of grower contracts, cancelled check or proof of payment must be returned in person, by mail, or by facsimile to the appropriate county FSA office by the close of business Jan. 2, 2009. Form LS-54-1 and supporting documentation returned by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight on Jan. 2, 2009, and received by Jan. 9, 2009.

LS-54-1 and accompanying documentation, such as Customs Form 7501, can be returned in person, by mail or by facsimile. Forms returned by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight on Jan. 2, 2009.

Birth



Kyle Tillman Meredith

Adam and Amber Meredith are proud to announce the birth of their son, Kyle Tillman Meredith. Kyle was born November 24, 2008. He weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 inches long. Kyle Tillman was welcomed home by his parents, and big brother, Damian, age 3.

Grandparents are Robert and Belinda Brown of Post, David and Shannon Meredith of Comfort, TX, Denise Trombatore & Rudy Dennis of Conroe, TX and Jimmy & Margaret Kelly of Conroe, TX.

Great Grandparents are Delwin & Kathy Fluitt of Post, HJ & Sara Meredith of Tyler, TX, Jim & Caroline Kelly of Willis, TX and David & Mardy Boiles of Willis, TX

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By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

In case you haven't been keeping up with current events, President-elect Barack Obama continues to fill his cabinet positions. I'd say the review by those in "the know" have been favorable.

For those fearing Obama would line his cabinet with liberals, that has not been the case. The appointment of Secretary of Defense Robert Gates should speak volumes to conservatives.

Gates, a Republican and the former Director of the CIA, was fine in his position as President of Texas A&M University. To many Aggies, he is the best president in the school's history. While there, he declined the nomination to serve as the first Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security when it was created following the September 11, 2001 attacks. He also declined the position as Director of National Intelligence in 2005.

However, following the exit of then Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld in 2006, Gates accepted the appointment to lead the defense department.

I think what has happened in Iraq since Gates took over speaks for itself. Simply put, we've gone from losing the war to nearing its completion. To those that know him, Gates is considered a soft-spoken genius.

Time Magazine named Gates one of the year's most influential people in 2007 and he was named one of America's Best Leaders by U.S. News & World Report in 2008.

Without a doubt, Obama was very wise to let Gates continue in his position and will probably leave him there as long as he will stay. He will be one of the few men to serve a president from each party in this position.

When all of the dust settles on this piece

of history, Gates will go down as one of the very best Secretaries of Defense we've ever had.

Back to Obama's Cabinet: Other members, Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State and Bill Richardson as Secretary of Commerce, are viewed as centrist.

So far, Obama seems to be siding with experience in his picks.

The authority to appoint Cabinet members is grounded in Article II of the Constitution which stipulates that the President "may require the opinion, in writing, of the principal officer in each of the executive departments."

The first Cabinet, appointed by President George Washington, had just four members, but take a look at the four: Secretary of State, Thomas Jefferson; Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton; Secretary of War, Henry Knox; and Attorney General, Edmund Randolph.

If you're not a history buff, you'll have to trust me that those four individuals would make any president a hand.

Over time, the Cabinet expanded to its current membership of 15 officials plus the Vice President. Additionally, each President may give "Cabinet level rank" to other members of the administration. All appointees are submitted to the Senate for consideration where they must receive a simple majority vote for confirmation.

The list of President-Elect Obama's Cabinet members, those either announced or under serious consideration based on recent reporting, is as follows:

Secretary of Treasury - Timothy Geithner

Secretary of State - Hillary Clinton
Secretary of Defense - Robert Gates
Attorney General - Eric Holder

Secretary of Homeland Security - Janet Napolitano

Secretary of Health & Human Services - Tom Daschle

Secretary of Commerce - Bill Richardson

Ambassador to the United Nations - Susan Rice

Secretary of Agriculture - ?

Secretary of Education - ?

Secretary of Energy - ?

Secretary of Housing & Urban Development - ?

Secretary of Interior - ?

Secretary of Labor - ?

Secretary of Transportation - ?

Secretary of Veteran's Affairs - ?

With the exception of Eric Holder and Tom Daschle, I'd say Obama would get high grades from most with his appointments. Holder and Daschle are another matter entirely.

It will be interesting to follow the remaining appointments. Conservatives are saying the rest will be liberal. The liberals are a little ticked claiming the ones already appointed are no where near liberal enough. My bet is that he will continue to side with experience and pick mostly good ones with a couple of duds.

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White River Weekly Report Dec. 6, 2008

Gauge Reading	2352.25	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

From the library ... by Preston Poole

New Books in the Post Public Library include "A TIME TO FIGHT" with a sub-title of Reclaiming a Fair and Just America by Jim Webb, a United States Senator from Virginia.

If the author's name sounds familiar you might remember this name for a number of reasons:

- The Secretary of Navy in the Regan Administration who resigned over a matter of principle.

- A naval Academy Graduate who became a Marine Officer and fought in the Vietnam War, and a graduate of Georgetown Law Center.

- A journalist and author of several books.

Are you a person who reads to have your ideas, bias and prejudices challenged. Then you will enjoy this book for the simple reason it will not only inform you of facts and statements that you

did not know but may inspire you to become better informed on the issues that confront our society on the world slate.

The author is the son of a Military Officer who flew in WWII and whose Mom is a daughter of Arkansas and a product of that great American Migration of the Scotch-Irish from Pennsylvania, to Virginia and then on to North Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, whose sons and daughters did not recover economically from the War of Secession until the advent of WWII.

This book would be a good read for a high school student as well as a retired student and all folks in between.

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Kay Bailey Hutchison UNITED STATES SENATOR, TEXAS

On November 26, the world's largest democracy, India, fell victim to the senseless horrors of terrorism. Armed terrorists descended on Mumbai, a tourist hotspot and a hub of the Indian economy, with the goal of destroying innocent human life and crippling the nation's economy. Focusing on "soft targets," including luxury hotels, a popular café, transit stations, a Jewish cultural center, and even a hospital, the aggressors targeted Westerners and held siege over the city, brutally murdering nearly 200 innocent people, including six Americans. The attacks in India must remind us that terrorism has not been eradicated. And Islamic extremists' disdain for liberty and democracy continues to motivate them to destroy those who cherish freedom.

America has not been attacked on U.S. soil since September 11, 2001. But the domestic security we have enjoyed has not merely been good fortune. According to a Washington D.C. think tank, we have prevented at least 19 planned attacks against the United States since 9/11. However, it is unrealistic to think that our homeland security efforts will thwart every violent plot against America. A bipartisan commission appointed by Congress to examine the greatest threats to our national security reported on December 3 that nuclear or biological weapons will likely be used in a terrorist attack somewhere in the world by 2013. Therefore, if America is to remain safe,

we must remain vigilant and guard against slipping into a state of complacency that will lure terrorists to attack us again.

First, we must enhance security along our borders and at our nation's ports. Indian officials reported that many of the weapons used in the Mumbai attacks were smuggled in by sea months in advance. Texas boasts 28 seaports, and three of them are among the busiest in the country. Our ports must not become a gateway for terrorists. In 2006, I helped pass the SAFE Port Act, which authorizes random inspections of containers, establishes minimum standards and procedures for security containers in transit to the U.S., and implements an improved container targeting system. I also offered legislation to add hundreds more Customs and Border Protection officers to inspect incoming shipments. These efforts have helped keep our coast secure.

Next, Congress must work to support a robust defense budget. Over the past several years the Senate has been able to pass supplemental funding along with regular defense spending bills. This funding has kept our troops equipped on the battlefield and has enabled our military to fight terrorism abroad. As we transition into the next administration, we must make sure that our defense remains strong enough to win the War on Terror. It is also important that Congress support modernization and capitalization projects to outfit our military forces

with the resources and equipment to meet the challenges of next generation terrorists. And finally, we must honor those who have served in our military by assuring veterans' health care and G.I. benefits.

Finally, we must continue to fight terrorism abroad by identifying security threats before they result in attacks on our homeland. Our defense and intelligence agencies must continue to work together and with allied nations, such as India and Pakistan, to track and disrupt terrorists' plots. In order to do this, U.S. officials must have the means to gather information on our enemies. The modern and relevant tools established under the Patriot Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Amendments Act of 2008 must be maintained and enforced in the next administration.

On December 1, the world was watching as President-elect Barack Obama unveiled his national security team. In particular, Mr. Obama's decision to keep Defense Secretary Robert Gates in his cabinet and to name General James Jones National Security Advisor puts our allies and adversaries on notice that vigilance will continue to guide our national security policy. It is critical that the next administration and Congress work together to avoid complacency, and we must remain committed to the defeat of global terrorism.

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



JOHN CORNYN UNITED STATES SENATOR, TEXAS TEXAS ★ TIMES

Across America, "Season's Greetings" from Texas often means the arrival of the incomparable Ruby Red grapefruit grown in the Rio Grande Valley. This time of year gift boxes of these beauties appear on doorsteps and mounds of them begin filling grocery store displays and farmers markets.

They are labeled with trademarked names like Ruby-Sweet or Rio Star. There are other names as well, but most people simply call them Texas Ruby Reds. No other brand can duplicate the fresh, sweet flavor and juiciness of this seedless grapefruit with deep red color inside.

Citrus agriculture and South Texas were meant for one another. The Valley's subtropical climate with hot days and warm nights, along with well-drained loamy soil, makes it perfect for growing grapefruit and oranges.

But the future of the industry didn't seem so bright at first. In 1904, a respected Florida botanist

predicted that citrus growing would never prosper in South Texas because of freezes. That was before the arrival of such citrus pioneers as John H. Shary, who became known as "The Father of the Texas Citrus Industry."

Shary is credited with planting the first large-scale citrus orchard in the Valley in 1915. His irrigation systems turned brush land into viable citrus orchards. He studied citrus packing and marketing, built the first citrus packing plant in the area, and organized the Texas Citrus Fruit Growers Exchange.

The vision of Shary found its destiny with the sharp eye of A. E. Henninger of McAllen. He spotted something new in 1929—a limb of red grapefruit growing on a pink grapefruit tree. Before then, grapefruit in Texas and elsewhere were either white or pink inside. Five years later, his "Ruby Red" received the first U.S. patent awarded to a grapefruit.

Ruby Reds would revolutionize the citrus industry and put Texas

squarely in the middle of it. They became a national success. Today, Texas grows about 200 tons of red grapefruit annually, 15 percent of America's crop. Most of this comes from three counties in the Lower Rio Grande Valley at the southern tip of Texas—Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy counties.

As the popularity of Ruby Reds skyrocketed, Texas growers and horticulturists continued to perfect the Ruby Red and introduced improved and redder varieties. They also turned to cutting-edge research to help develop hardier trees, thwart pests and tree diseases, and modernize operations. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Citrus Center. It operates in Weslaco, alongside the Texas AgriLIFE Research facility and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Kika de la Garza Research Center.

Prime time for harvesting Texas grapefruit extends from October to May. The Texas Citrus Festival

comes at the end of January in Mission. February is National Grapefruit Month.

Grapefruit represent about 70 percent of Texas's citrus crop, most of the rest coming from oranges. Grapefruit juice is an important part of the picture. The economic impact of the citrus industry on the Texas economy totals as high as \$150 million to \$200 million a year.

The Florida botanist was not completely wrong. South Texas occasionally gets a freeze, plus hurricanes, including Hurricane Dolly earlier this year, but none could end this Texas success story.

Rich color, exceptional flavor, and important health benefits are the hallmarks of Texas red grapefruit. That is why it was officially declared the State Fruit of Texas in 1993. But long before that, everyone who had eaten a Ruby Red already had the "people's choice"—a taste of Texas to enjoy time and time again.



It's official. We're in a recession. Has anyone told the colleges?

Texas flunked a college affordability test.

So did 48 other states. California got a C. Shall we grade on the curve? Better still, let's cut college costs.

Back in 1965, I enrolled at a private church-affiliated school in Arkansas. Tuition was \$12 an hour. Gasoline was 30 cents a gallon. Based on college tuition increases, we should now be paying from \$30 to \$50 a gallon for gasoline.

When I tried to find my alma mater's current per-hour cost, Web site info was vague (like maybe they're trying to hide something). I did discover part-time tuition is \$375 an hour. Where I live now, tuition at a comparable university is \$596 an hour.

Sure, most students get aid. But instead of expecting the government, deep-pocketed alumni and private enterprise to fund grants, loans and scholarships to fill the ever-widening gap between what's affordable and what's out-of-sight, why not reduce costs?

Have you been on a college campus lately? They're all really nice.

The last time I set foot in a college library, the students were sitting around with laptops and sipping lattes from the library Starbucks. It's not that I don't think that's a good way to study. Even as we speak, I'm at Hastings's Hardback Coffee Café nursing my own latte. But I've earned it.

In my college days, lattes didn't exist. Cokes were a 25-cent luxury. None of us could have afforded expensive drinks in the library even if they'd been selling them—which they

weren't. Enough nostalgia. What about now? The future?

My suggestion: No Frills University.

Round up noble retired professors who'll teach for rock-bottom salaries that won't affect their Social Security. Forget fancy campuses. Rent space instead from churches—sanctuaries for large classes and classrooms for smaller classes.

As for textbooks, a student studying at the next table has one that cost \$200. Too much. Bibles used to be chained to pulpits. Expensive textbooks could be handled the same way and shared by all.

As for lodging, the lack of a real campus means NFU could move, following temperate weather. Students could stay in tents and profs in RVs. It would be like camping.

As for labs, biology students would have the great outdoors. They could dissect and serve supper. Art students would decorate tables. Musicians and thespians would entertain.

Déjà vu! I'm suddenly remembering 1970 and a summer French study tour in Europe. We students slept in tents. Our professors had a VW camper. We didn't hunt wild game, but neither did we dine out. We fixed wonderful green salads in our dishpan. We learned to slice crusty bread. We boiled artichokes on the outskirts of Paris and concocted cassoulet in Provence. Michelin paperback guidebooks were our textbooks. In some campgrounds, toilet paper was black and white and legible.

French clicked for me that summer.

So, I didn't invent no-frills learning after all. I did it!

I think maybe that calls for another latte.

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Basketball Round-up



The Borden County football squad remains in the state playoffs and face Woodson Saturday at 2 p.m. in Frenship. Team members include (Back row, from left) Michael Froman, David Rodriguez, Derek Tatum, Flynn Chapman, Clay Harding, John Hensley, Brendan Tarleton, Zach Telchik, Miles Valentine, Austin Tyler, Austin Fields, Tony Soto, (front row, from left) Kobie Benham, Collin Telchik, Jake Cooley, Carlos Hernandez, Chance Taylor, Michael Cooley, Karl Lamming and Skylar Williamson.



LADY LOPES JV TAKE 1ST IN TAHOKA TOURNAMENT

The Lady Lopes JV took first place this weekend in the Tahoka JV Tournament. They won their first game against Whitharral 50-29.

The team won the second game against Tahoka 35-32 and finished by winning the championship game against Cohoma 40-39.

The team started the tournament with eight girls and finished with seven ... everyone played a great three games.



The Post 7th grade girls were 2nd in the Post Jr. High Basketball Tournament 11/22/08. They are coached by Traci Heflin. (Back row, from left) Katie Dunn, Sara Greer, Taylor Osborn, Matti Smith (front row, from left) Jaycee Johnson, Taylor Graves, Bethany Curtis and Miranda Solorzano.

LADY LOPES OPEN UP DISTRICT PLAY AGAINST ROOSEVELT

The Post Lady Lopes opened up district play against Roosevelt Tuesday at Roosevelt. Sabrina Sanchez scored nine points to lead the Lady Antelopes, while Alex Miller and Cheyenne

Miller chipped in with eight a piece.

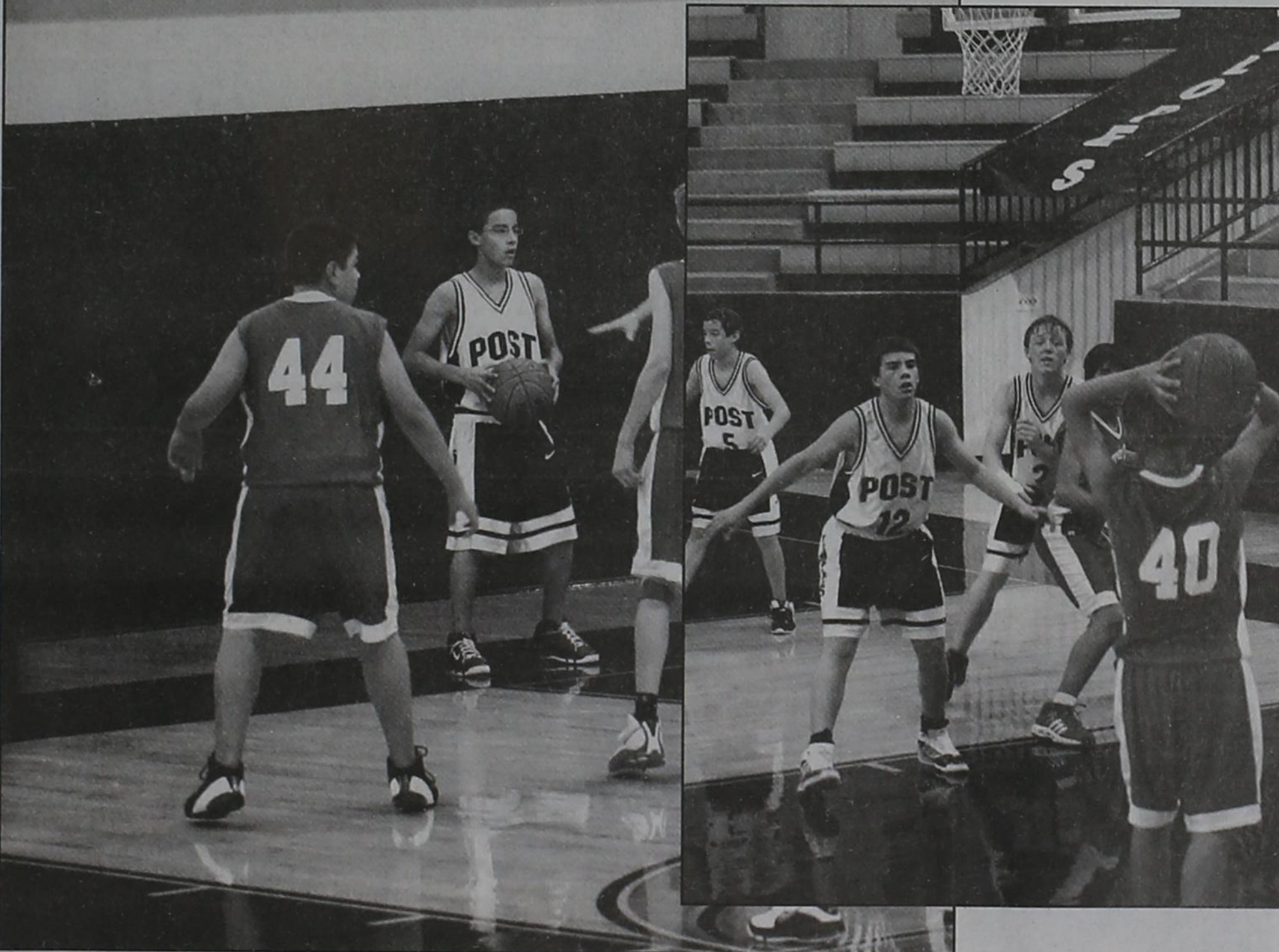
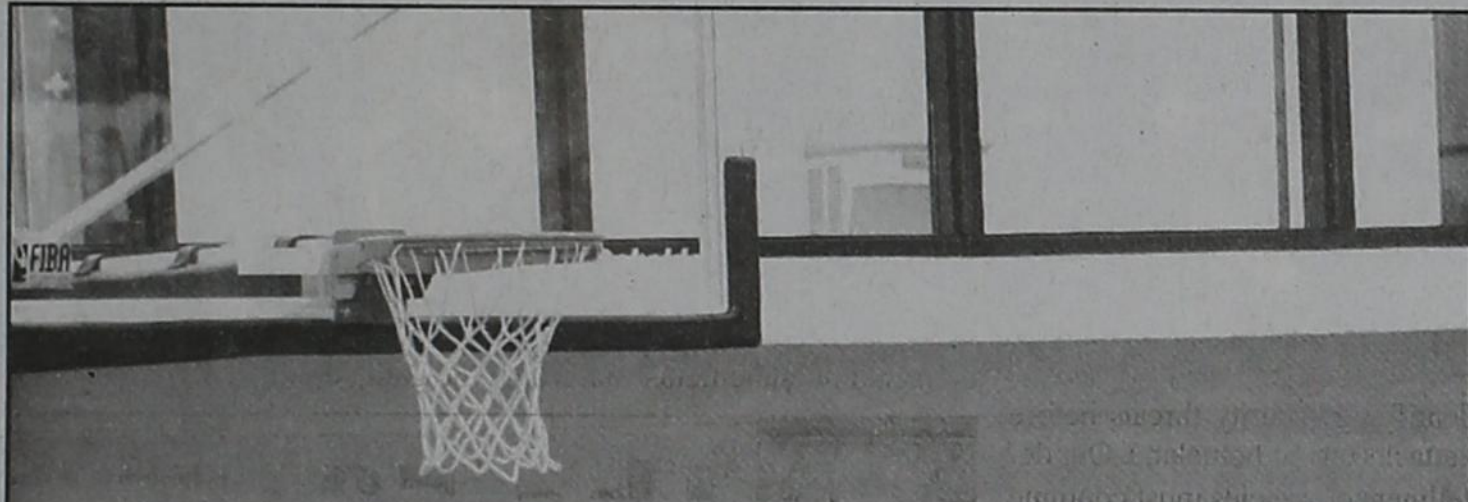
The Lady Lopes fought hard but came up short in the end.

They play their next district game Tuesday December 16th against Abernathy in the Antelope Arena. JV game will begin at 5:00. Roosevelt 48, Post 34.



The Post Junior High squad was in action against Denver City this week losing 39-28.

Photos by Mitch Holly



The Family of Fannie Balletine invites you to help her celebrate her 95th Birthday at Golden Plains Care Center from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13th *No gifts please*

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Obituaries

The Holidays are Here



Jackie Glenn Hair

Services for Jackie Glenn Hair, 57, of Post were 2:00 P.M. Monday at the Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Gregory M. White, Rev. Kent Campbell and Dr. Ben Edwards officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Jackie died Wednesday December 4, 2008 at University Medical Center, Lubbock.

Born to Jack Allison and Marcella Laverne (Ammons) Hair December 27, 1950 here in Post. Jackie attended Post schools and worked for his Dad at H&M Construction. He married Brenda Kimbrell June 1, 1998 here in Post. Jackie loved building, inventing and fixing things. He enjoyed aggravating Brenda and playing with his grandchildren. Jackie especially loved pulling them in the trailer behind his tractor. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include his wife: Brenda of Post. Two sons: Richard Scott Hair of Ralls and William Eric Hair of Post. Three stepsons: Stacy Lynn Minyard and Kenneth Dale Minyard both of Andrews and Michael Dean Williams of Lubbock. His parents: Jack and Marcella Hair of Post. Four brothers: Johnny Lynn Hair, Larry Joe Hair, Michael Jay Hair and Steve Allison Hair, all of Post. Eight grandchildren: Justin Hair, Tishia Hair, Brian Hair, Christian Hair, Cairyn Hair, K'lenn Hair, Kevin Hair and Brianna Hair. Five Step-grandchildren: Klynn Minyard, Tyehogan Minyard, Kenneth Minyard, Jr., Haiden Minyard, Wesley Scott Minyard. Special friends: Dr. Benjamin Edwards and Ronnie and Tricia Metsgar of Post.

Pallbearers were: Richard Scott Hair, William Eric Hair, Larry Joe Hair, Michael Jay Hair, Johnny Lynn Hair, Steve Allison Hair and Kenneth Dale Minyard.

Jadene Clark

Jadene Clary, 72, of Post passed away December 7, 2008 at Golden Plains Care Center. She was born June 4, 1936 in Comanche County to Wesley ad Della Horton.

She married Leon Clary on January 23, 1954 in Lovington, New Mexico. He preceded her in death on May 27, 1994.

Jadene was an avid bongo player. She and Leon operated the Fina station and they owned and operated the Phillips station of Post. Jadene worked at Dairy Queen for many years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Wes and Della Horton; 3 brothers, Troy, Alton, and Loyd Horton; and her great granddaughter, Shelby Tunaitis. Jaden is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Lidie Clary of Post; daughter and son-in-law, Terry and JT Reese of Post; sister and brother-in-law, Jean and David Lloyd of Brownwood; sister-in-law and husband, Fay and Therman Maddox of Post Grandson and wife, Dusty and Renee Clary of Post; Granddaughter and husband, Misty and Billy Winkle of Post; Granddaughter, Trevia Tuniatit of Post; and three great grandsons, Briley and Johnny Winkle and Travis Emeyabbi all of Post.

Services were held Tuesday December 9, 2008 at the First Baptist Church with Bo Jackson officiating. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Malachai Mitchell, Jr.

Services for Malachi Mitchell Jr., 69, of Killeen will be at 11 AM Saturday, Dec. 13 at the First Baptist Church in Post with the Rev. Arthur Kelly of Pleasant Home Baptist Church officiating. Burial with military honors will be in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home (of Post).

He died Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Indian Oaks Living center in Harker Heights. He was born May 30, 1939 in Cameron to Mozella and Malachi Mitchell Sr. He moved with his family to Post at an early age. He married Ruby Harper on May 18, 1963 in Post.

He retired from the US Army after serving 27 years and 11 months. He attained the rank of Command Sergeant Major.

Survivors include 2 Daughters: Pamela Mitchell of Post and Alma and husband Hearsey Lassiter of Killeen; 1 Brother: Kenneth and wife Charlene Mitchell of San Leandro, Ca.; 4 Sisters: Doris Stamps of Richmond, Ca., Emma Sparks of Wichita Falls, Willa and husband James Brown of Richmond, Ca and Amanda Mitchell of Chicago, Illinois and 1 Great Granddaughter: Jasmine Mitchell of Post.

The family will receive visitors on Friday, Dec. 12, at the funeral home from 5 until 6:30 PM.

Maggie Lou "Miss Lucy" Stewart Winn

Maggie "Lucy" Winn, 78, of Monahans, left this earth, Wednesday, November 26, 2008. She passed at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, Texas, due to complications from a heart attack.

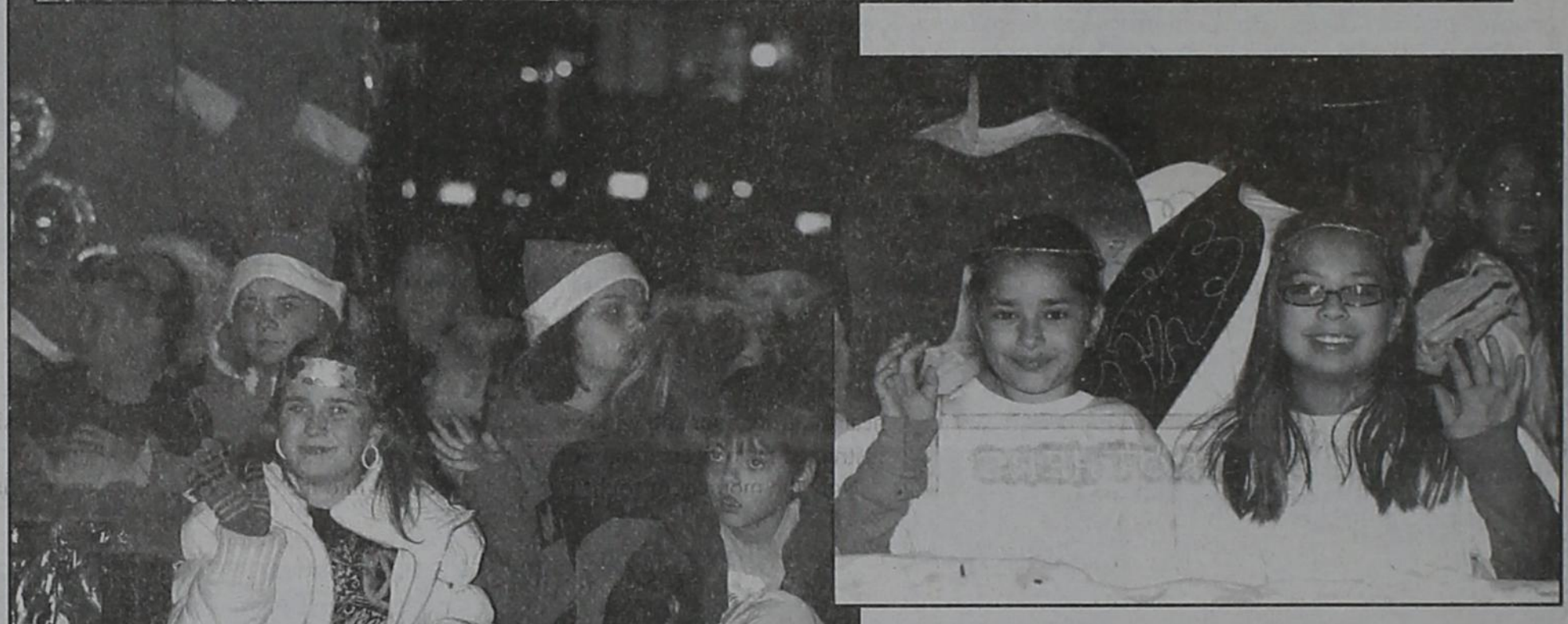
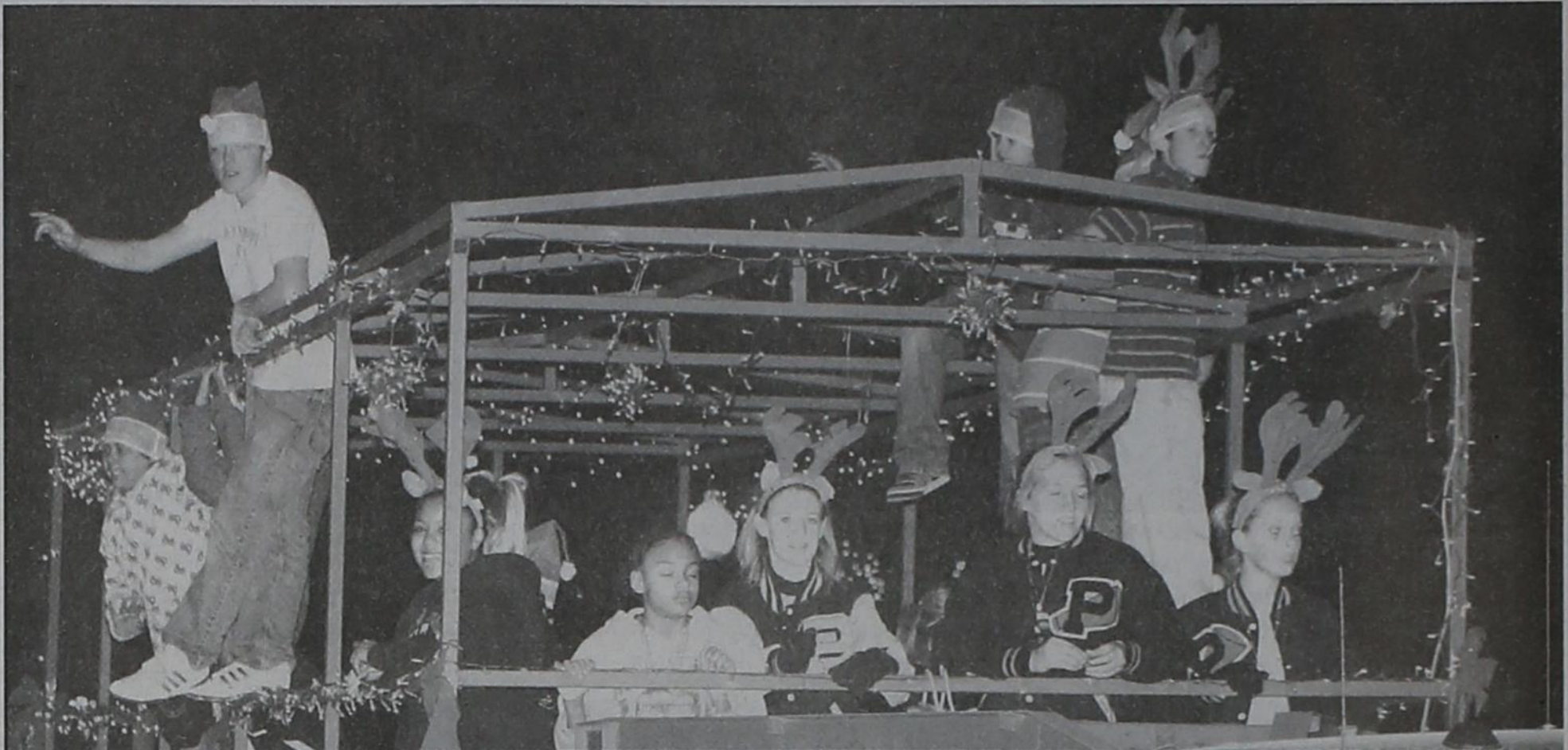
Maggie Lou Stewart, was born into this world, Independence Day, July 4, 1930 in Post, Texas. Her parents Elgie and Cordellia Stewart raised her in Post along with her sisters, Harvella and Nell. Having moved from Post in her late teens, she moved many places including Corpus Christi, Lubbock, Wickett and Monahans. She worked for many years as management in the Food Service Industry. Her job allowed her to meet and befriend many people. Rarely was anyone a stranger for long and everyone walked away with love in their heart for "Miss Lucy". She loved and appreciated everything that God had to offer. She found beauty in all the things in the World around her. She loved arts and crafts and she was full of the most wonderful ideas. She had a true thirst for knowledge and loved to read and discover new and interesting things. She will be missed, but will remain in our hearts forever.

She is survived by her sister, Nell Adams of Athens, TX, her sons, Farron Pyburn of Austin, TX and Kelly Winn of Humble, TX, her granddaughters, Casey Winn of Odessa, TX and Brandy Pyburn of Canyon Lake, TX, her great grandsons, Zyden and Ayven Nichols of Odessa, TX, her great granddaughters, Corey Lyn Rogers and Jaden Nicole Nichols of Canyon Lake, TX, her nieces, Annette Trout and Darla Mason of Athens, TX, her nephews, Mike Adams of Athens, TX and Gary Adams of Houston, TX, her good friends, Bobby and Judy Self of Monahans, Connie Tucker of Monahans, Fran Dugger of Wickett, TX, Angie McKinney of Weatherford, TX, and Dink and Carol "Turtle" Malcom of Waianac, Hawaii.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Cordellia Stewart of Post, TX, her father, Elgie Stewart of Post, TX and her sister, Harvella Mason of Post, TX. Services will be held at a later date.

A very special thank you to Bobby and Judy Self.

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The annual Post Lighted Christmas Parade strolled down Main Street Saturday night. There were 32 entries in the parade this year including nine floats. Tractors, cars and many other participants had lots of fun during the event. Photos by Mitch Holly



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In and Around Close City

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by Traci Freeman

The weather

On Sunday and Monday it was 70 degrees then on Tuesday it was snowing with freezing temperatures, that's west Texas weather for ya!

The farmers were slowed down in the fields a bit but by Wednesday or Thursday they should be going strong.

Ann Teaff spent some time with Billie Jean Cross last week. Billie Jean said they had a great visit, Ann lives in Roscoe.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Shults who were married last Saturday. John married the former Joyce Stewart of Post.

John and his son, Frank are two of our regular coffee drinkers in the mornings. We wish them the best of luck.

Congratulations are also in order for one of our producers who became a new granpappy! Gregory Lane Norman was born on December 8th in Lubbock weighing 8 pounds 10 ounces

and was 23 inches long. Lane's parents are Stace and Kalyn Norman. Kim and Rhonda Norman are the grandparents; Gerald and Laveta Norman and Ronald and Shirley Storie are the proud great grandparents. Laveta tells me he has dark hair like his mom and looks just like a little football player.

The Wilke Bunch went once again to Christmas on the Pecos. This is an event to which they have gone to the past couple of years, I'm sure it is absolutely beautiful.

They have large deck boats that you ride on down the river, the houses are lit up on each side, you can look at one side going down and the other coming back. Those who enjoyed the adventure were; G.B. Wilke, Robbie Wilke, Chris and JoAnn Wright all of Close City; Jerry and Lilly Wright of Lovington; Efrain, Jenny, Lexi and Jake Gonzalez of Breckenridge.

All of us here in Ragtown send our thoughts

and prayers out to Susan Gonzales and her family for the loss of her brother, Tim Troxtell. After a lengthy illness he passed away last weekend. We love you Susan!

Visitors

Rheaden Bland came in Sunday for a few cool drinks. Rylan Morris stopped in with his dad, Chuck and entertained us for a while. Jack Burkett came in for a plat book. Gene King came out and brought us some wonderful strawberry bread. I'm not sure if Gene or Velta made it but I bet I could guess which one! Thanks a lot.

I want to wish one of our ginners a very happy belated birthday. Javier Esparza celebrated his birthday on December 3rd. I also left out Nana's birthday, she turned 95 years young on Thursday.

Birthdays this week

December 11th - Fannie Ballentine
December 12th - Maria Esparza

December 15th - Kari Dunn
December 16th - Angela Graves West
December 17th - Quincey Quintana
December 17th - Stevie Gonzales

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.

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

Weekly Inspirations

RIGHT OUTSIDE THE DOOR

By: Michael F. Taylor

It was a hot, steamy summer night in West Texas and I was assigned Patrol Sergeant duty on the midnight shift.

The town I was working in at that time had extended bar hours and one of the police department's collateral duties was to ensure that all bars closed down and cleared everybody out at the proper time. I was conducting my patrol of the west beat and noticed that one of the clubs seemed to still have a significant number of vehicles in the parking lot.

Deciding to walk into the bar to encourage the patrons to leave, I parked my patrol car and walked into the place all alone. Now I had been a police officer for several years and didn't expect to see much resistance to "last call," but when I walked into the place, I immediately knew this was going to be a problem.

Everybody in the joint stopped what they were doing and turned their heads to look at me like you see in the movies. Dead silence! And I thought to myself, "OH BOY!" Everyone in the place was glaring at me as if I had just run over their pet monkey. I knew that I was already committed to clearing out the bar and so decided to walk to the back of the building where the bartender was standing.

I took about three steps forward, and suddenly standing directly in front of me (blocking my way) was the biggest, hairiest, jail house tattooed guy I have ever experienced the privilege of bumping into. And he wasn't budging. Looking at my surroundings, I made a quick tactical decision to walk around the hulking person in front of me and quickly spoke with the bartender.

I reminded him of the time and asked him to clear the building. He looked at me with a nervous grin and told me that he would love to get rid of this particular crowd, but had already attempted to do so and been threatened by the rather large friend I had just made. I nodded my understanding and as politely as I could, walked out the front door. I then did what any other sane person would do- I called for a whole lot of backup!

A short time later, about ten patrol cars arrived and I advised the other officers of the tense situation. I instructed every officer on scene to park his patrol car directly in front of the bar, near the front door and windows where everyone would be able to see them from inside. I then instructed the officers to turn off all their lights until I had re-entered the building.

Now the moment of truth! I walked right back into the bar and again was immediately confronted by my large friend.

"You ain't closing down this bar," he growled at me. I keyed up my police band radio and said, "Unit 329 is requesting backup," to the dispatcher. A lone police officer walked in the door and the large gentleman in front of me sneered and said, "Is that your backup? You better call for more, boy!"

The whole bar began laughing at that comment. The young officer looked at me and I pointed at him, signaling him to reveal the real situation. He was still holding the front door open and immediately ten patrol cars lit up like Christmas Trees. The bar was flooded by take down lights and spot lights from ten patrol cars. The next comment I heard from my gargantuan friend was "UHOOH!"

To this day, I have never seen a bar clear out as fast as that one did on this particular evening. After a cursory check, my new friend was found to have outstanding warrants and went to jail without another harsh word. I believe he even thanked me for helping him take care of those warrants.

It's amazing to me how at times reality to us is just as it was to my rather large friend that evening. He perceived things to be one way (his way), but in reality it was totally another. He believed that due to his size and the hostility of the folks around him to the presence of a police officer, that the law could be thwarted. And yet, when reality set in, all he could say was "UH OOH!", duck his head and quietly go to jail. Did you know that is the exact same thing that Satan must do when he comes against you. Because of your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Romans 5:6-11 teaches us, "6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! 11 Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation." This week my encouragement to you is simply this: You have been reconciled to God through the shed blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. And when Satan tries to convince you otherwise, look him right in the eyes and know that your backup is RIGHT OUTSIDE THE DOOR. GOD BLESS!

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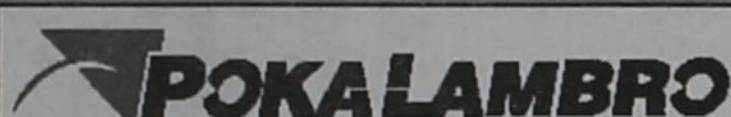


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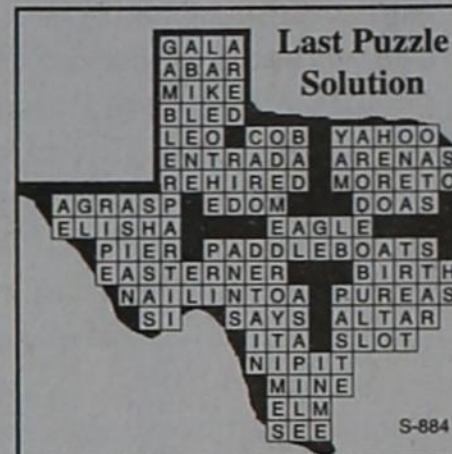
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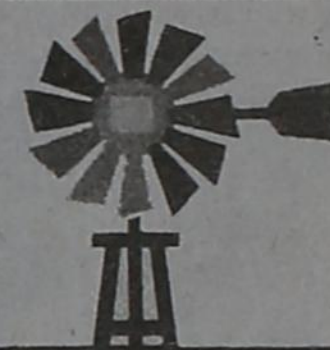
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10 Years Ago December 10, 1998

Lela Huntley was honored on her 90th birthday. Among those celebrating with Mrs. Huntley were her children Charlene Hensley, Melva Barnes, Suzy Thompson and Jim Huntley.

Shawn Henderson was congratulated by his mother Natha Jo Henderson on Shawn's recent selection as "Performer of the Year on Special Teams" for the Southwest Junior College Conference. Shawn is a freshman at Cisco Junior College, majoring in physical education.

Post Founders' Day and Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau combined efforts to provide \$34,000 to the Garza County Historical Museum. Presenting

the donation to museum director Linda Puckett were capital improvement committee chairman Patty Kirkpatrick, Commerce & Tourism's Leslie Acker and Founders' Day director Sherry Dornier.

Christina Benavidez was feted with a baby shower at the Norwest Bank banquet room. Hosting the event were her mother, Lydia Mendoza and sister-in-law, Maribel Mendoza.

20 Years Ago December 14, 1988

Traci Bush, Post FFA sweetheart was crowned District FFA sweetheart in Levelland on December 5. Miss Bush would go on to represent the Mesa District at San Angelo in the Area 2 Convention in the summer.

Bringing home a first place trophy from a basketball tournament in Seagraves were varsity girls Angela Graves, Kim Wulfjen, Shal Sneed, Reshea Hair, Crystal Clay, Dusti Cash, Margaret Wynne, Dana Morris, Kenda Williams and manager Meagan Bush.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Altman observed their 50th wedding anniversary on December 11 in the Smyer school cafeteria. The Altman's children Barry, Bobby and Clark of Smyer; Anthony of Lubbock; Rita White of Plano and Billie Snyder of Lubbock hosted the reception.

Jalena Kitchens of Post was among the graduates of the Western Texas College cosmetology program honored at a reception.

30 Years Ago December 14, 1978

Larry Willard, Chamber president, presented Helen Livingston with a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the Chamber for Mrs. Livingston making and donating a new Santa suit to the chamber.

The Graham Chapel Methodist Church honored Gene, Lorrye and Clay Moore with a service to commemorate their going away to Levelland. The church presented the Moores with a Bible. Mrs. Tommie Williams presided over the ceremony.

Coach John Morrow's Post High Does included Luann Kennedy, Katherine Bullard, Patricia Craig, Lisa Cowdrey, Kerri Pool, Donna Baumann, Julie Davis, Karla Morris, Melinda Tatum, Holly Giddens, Dana Bird, Marinette Hays, Susan Sawyers, Leanna Davis and Dana Babb.

Mrs. Priscilla Williams eighth grade drama class presented five Christmas puppet plays in the Post Public Library. Puppeteers

were Anna Bartlett, Mary Basquez, Tricia Bassinger, Kristi Boulware, Reyes Bustos, Richard Cisneros, Beth Couch, Margarit Gonzales, Larry Jackson, Mark Odom, Christina Saldivar, Norma Samora and Lisa Valdez.

40 Years Ago December 12, 1968

The Post High School choir presented Georg Frederic Handel's "Messiah" in the primary school auditorium with Georgie M. Willson in charge of the production. Herb Gerner directed the choir, with Mr. Willson accompanying on the organ. Piano accompaniment was played by Jan Wilks and Nancy Hart. Mrs. Don Davenport played the flute and David Hamilton the tympani. Soloists for the oratorio were tenor, Jackie Gordon; sopranos, Sharyn Bilberry and Sue Harrison; basses, Don Collier and Elbert Rudd and alto, Karen Lee.

Donald Windham was appointed the new general manager of Scott-Pool, Inc., Post's Ford and Mercury dealer, according to an announcement by Wesley Scott. Windham, who had been employed in the sales department of the auto agency succeeded Earl Burrin in the position.

Coach Billy Hahn's junior high girls' team lost conference games at Idalou. Scoring for Post were Trena Jackson, Anita Criado, and Pat Johnson. Guards included Phyllis Eckols, Pam Feagin, Deborah Hundley, Gaynell King and Jo Beth Gandy.

50 Years Ago December 11, 1958

The Graham Rural School building and grounds were signed over to the Graham Community Center at a meeting of the Post school board. Trustees of the Graham Community Center, as listed on the deed signed by the school board, are J. W. Stone, E. E. Peel, Elmo Bush, G. T. Mason and Ray McClellan. This was the first year that school had not been held at Graham. The district was consolidated with the Post district in 1956.

Thursday to Thursday, by Charles Didway: The General Election, held November 4 cost about \$1.45 a vote, we have learned from records in the county clerk's and county treasurer's offices at the courthouse. One or two political observers we've talked to, say they consider that "a pretty expensive vote."

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hamilton announced the marriage of their daughter, Beth, to John Dickey Beggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Beggs of Lubbock and formerly

of this city. Mrs. Charles Williams, Jr., was named honoree for a surprise coffee at The Dispatch. Mrs. Williams, the former Miss Ruby Montgomery, was present a gift of a pink portable mixer.

60 Years Ago December 4, 1948

Post put on its official Christmas dress when Sherrill Boyd, Chamber of Commerce secretary and personnel of the Southwestern Public Service Company strung up the colored lights across Main Street and Broadway.

Alvin G. Davis and E. P. Wicker, Jr., Garza County 4-H boys, returned home from Chicago where they attended the National 4-H Congress and Alvin was awarded the nation's highest 4-H award for distinguished leadership.

Giles Dalby was crowned Sweetheart by his escort, Mary Nell Bowen, both from the Sophomore class in the Post High School auditorium during the FHA Sweetheart coronation ceremony.

Four generations and their families enjoyed dinner in the Elmer Pettigrew home at Justiceburg Thanksgiving Day. The four generations were Mrs. Sam Bright, Mrs. Elmer Pettigrew, and Mrs. W. C. Caffey, Jr., and daughter, Sammie Kay, of Robert Lee.

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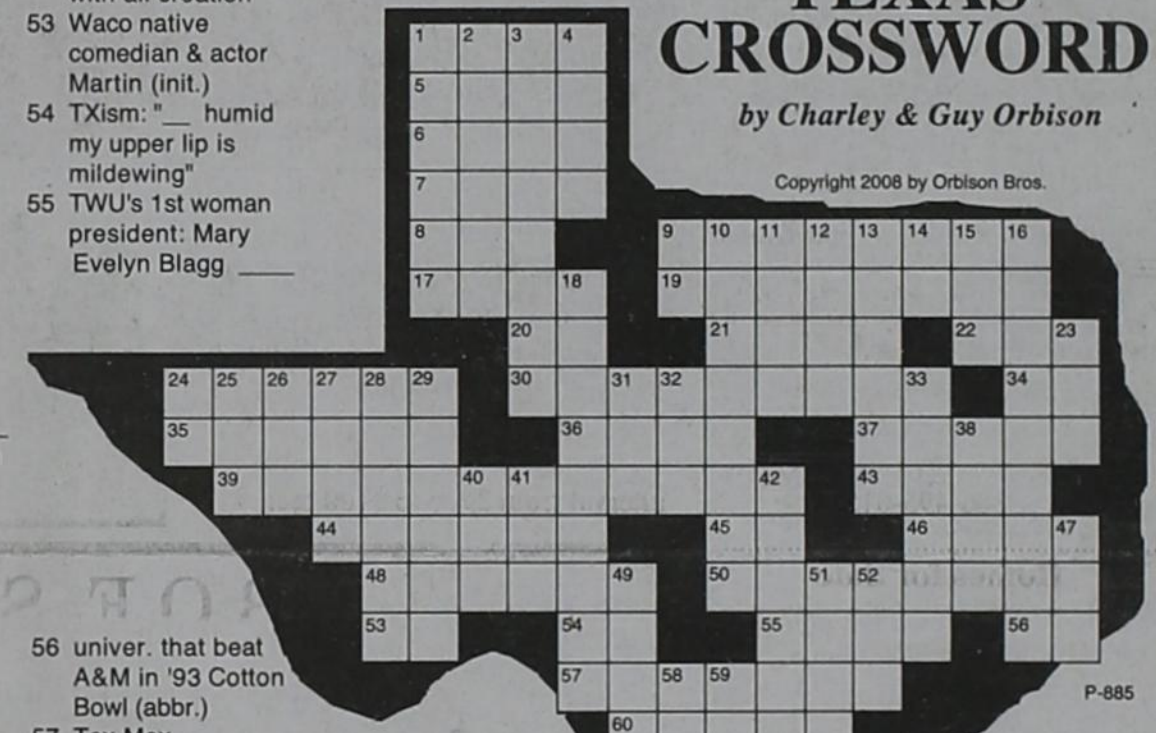
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ANSWER:

The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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ACROSS

- TXism: "___ of bones" (skinny)
- TX Wiley Post was the 1st to fly ___ around the world
- TX Audie film: "To ___ and Back"
- West TX climate
- TXism: "bought a pig ___ poke"
- Switzer coached at this university
- monthly expense
- "Fugitive" TX actor Tommy
- Astros' Drabek won the ___ Young award in '90
- TXism: "beats anything I ___ saw"
- Cowboys league
- laden with salsa
- mountain in Culberson Co.
- Yo ___ Digo Creek
- TXism: "___ white flag" (give up)
- TXism: "I'm all ___" (badly broken)
- TX Kristofferson's "Sunday Mornin' ___ Down"
- "mop lady" actress from San Antonio
- TXs don't duel with this
- tasty pastry
- TXism: "___ two-steps to his own beat"
- TX Larry McMurtry wrote "The ___ Picture Show"
- TX Howard Hughes dated this famous actress Jean

DOWN

- TXism: "content with all creation"
- Waco native comedian & actor Martin (init.)
- TXism: "___ humid my upper lip is mildeewing"
- TWU's 1st woman president: Mary Evelyn Blagg
- univer. that beat A&M in '93 Cotton Bowl (abbr.)
- Tex-Mex restaurant chain
- TXism: "It'll take a faith healer to ___" (badly broken)
- this agcy. sold TX prop. after S & L scandal (abbr.)
- Astro Oswalt stat 63 "King's Salt" lake: El ___ del Rey
- TXism: "thick ___ on a dog's back"
- Cascade Caverns are near this town
- airport between Denton & Ft. Worth
- TX Orbison had several ___ records
- good ___ boy
- TXism: "hard work ___ fences up"

DOWN

- blue jeans Strauss
- what Jerry Jones flies in (2 wds.)
- former TX AFB named for this Carswell
- TXism: "happy as a kid ___ Santa's lap"
- film of 53-across: "Dead ___ Don't Wear Plaid"
- TXism: "thick ___ a garbage dump"
- nickname of Earl Campbell (2 wds.)
- San Antonio street: ___ Chaney
- George H. to George W. (abbr.)
- TX Utilities agency (abbr.)

- "no pass, ___"
- TX singer "Loaf"
- TXism: "beer shed"
- TX high school sports assoc. (abbr.)
- Texas State
- Institute
- Ft. Worth defendant Cullen (init.)
- TX Ranger "Lone ___" (naked)
- McQuade
- TXism: "birthday ___"
- state fair sight: "Big ___"
- in 1839 & 1881, these destroyed the Capitol
- TXism: "to boot"

Fun-n-Facts for Brain-iacs!

Brain Boost!

THE NOT JUST FOR KIDS PAGE

VOL 37 Newspaper Knowledge

Extra! Extra! Read all About It!

The newspaper brings the world into our homes and classrooms. It informs us of events in our town and across the planet. The Bill of Rights, first Amendment to the Constitution, guarantees freedom of the press. In a democracy, the people vote to elect the officials who decide the laws and policies of the government. To make wise decisions citizens must be informed. Reading a newspaper is one way to stay in the know.

America's first daily paper, the Pennsylvania Packet was published in 1784. By 1880 there were 11,314 newspapers in our country. When inexpensive papers, called Penny Press, were introduced in the 1830-1840's the literacy rate in America soared. It has often been said: "Read the New York Times every day for ten years and you will have the equivalent to a college education."

Be Informed: Read the paper!

Newspapers are printed on huge printing presses.

Enormous rolls of paper (Each roll weighs 1,700 pounds and contains 8 miles of paper.) feed into the presses.

In 1436, Johann Gutenberg invented the printing press. The Gutenberg Press made it possible for numerous prints to be made by arranging individual metal letters. Books and newspapers would no longer be hand printed.

One year of *The New York Times* equals 520 pounds of paper. One ton of recycled paper will save 17 trees. Recycle!

Every day 55,000,000 newspapers are printed in America.

A reporter goes out, gets the story, and then writes the lede. The lede is the 5W's: Who, What, When, Where, Why. Read the stories on the front page and highlight the lede.

What do Herbert Hoover, Willie Mays, Walt Disney and Wayne Gretzky all have in common? They were all paperboys!

Teasers across the top/side entice the reader.

Caption or Cut line is the explanation under art or pictures.

Stars indicate if it is the first, second or third edition or printing, of the day.

Index: table of contents in ABC order.

Headline is a box found inside the paper giving the publisher and editors names, address, etc.

Byline: the name of the writer.

Dateline

Jump Line: Tells you the story is continued on a different page.

Wire Service: Associated Press (AP) or UPI means the story was transmitted through a teletype machine where news comes in from around the globe.

The Flag or Nameplate is the name of the paper in bold letters

Ears: top right hand corner. Fold back the ears to easily find the section you want



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Yard of the Week



Lupe Perez, Pat Cruse, JoAnn Stelzer and Rosa Perez (l. to r.) are shown at the Perez home, 409 N. Ave. F. The Perez family was honored by the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce for having the Christmas Yard of the Week.

Staff photo

Extension Extras

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4-H Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13th at the Show Barn, 5:00 pm. Dinner, Scavenger Hunt and lots of fun is planned. Everyone is asked to bring Christmas ornaments.

Community Service Garza County 4-H will be donating a Christmas tree, decorations and sacks of food items to the local Victims Assistance Program. Everyone is asked to bring tree ornaments to the Club meeting on the 13th.

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 15-17, 2009

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

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Southland ISD news

Congratulations to our FFA Quiz team and Mr. McCollister. We are truly proud of you and your efforts in qualifying for the State Meet!!!

Congratulations to our Boys Basketball team for their win last week at Klondike. Good job boys and coaches!!

Canned Food Drive ends this week. Please remember to bring as many cans as you can in order to give to those who are less fortunate. Please see Ms. Roe

Events for Week OF 12/15:

Junior High Boys and Girls here vs. New Home on Monday night beginning at 6:00 pm

Varsity Boys and Girls here vs. Sands on Tuesday night beginning at 6:30 pm

Early Release at 12:00 noon, Thursday and Friday. Students will be taking semester tests on those two days.

Varsity Boys and Girls games here vs. Amherst on Friday game times will be sent at a later date.

Christmas Holidays until Monday, January 5th.

On behalf of the Lord's Acre Committee, we would like to recognize the following contributors for the success of the 10th Annual Lord's Acre:

Claire's Closet • Algerita Accents • Plum Crazy • Main Street Merchantile • Holly's • All About Moi • Carol Williams Mike & Kelli Macy • Filigree • Farm Divas • J. Hoffman Julie Hall • Garza Theatre • Serena Alford • Wayne & Mary Edwards • Jay & Kim Lott • Drew & Tonya Kirkpatrick Jeff Lott • Donnie & Diann Windham • Ray & Earline Bagby • Rex & Terri Cash • Alexa Collier • Lee & Marsha Norman • Patty Kirkpatrick • Debbie Macy • Randy & Jana McCallister • Jane Odom • James & Kelli Egan • Angeline Collier • Kevin & Stephanie James • Melanie Morris Dolores Redman • Mark McCallister • Mitch Holly • Luke Williams • Tonya Graves • Angie Hellums • Jim Jackson Jon Foster • Tim & Leslie Tatum • Mary Short • Jane Mason Thressa Harp • Kay Hayes • Jayta Cravey

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CitizensBANK Post staff includes (back row, from left) Jay Young, Syan Thomas, Christie Curb, Earline Bagby, Kay Wallace, Linda Waldrip, Keith Williams, Shad Sturgeon, Mary Hadderton, Allison Holly, (front row, from left) Staci Bocko, Alex Cruz and Donna Baker

You are invited to attend our Christmas Open House

Wednesday, December 17
210 N. Broadway, Post
From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Come enjoy refreshments & the company of good friends.
Bring the kids for a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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