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City Council Approves Rate Increase

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

In a regular meeting of the Post City Council Jan. 6, 2009, the council voted unanimously to approve new water and sewer rates as recommended by the City Manager. These new water and sewer rates will be reflected on the January, 2009 billing.

Regarding water rates, the minimum rate which includes the first 3000 gallons

used, will not change. That rate is \$29.50 per month. Rates for water usage over the minimum will increase 55-cents per 1,000 gallons. The rate increases will not affect those customers who stay within the minimum usage limits.

Residential sewer rates will increase from a flat rate of \$8.00 per month to a \$16.00 base rate plus \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons of water above the 3000 gallon minimum. The

commercial rate will increase from a flat rate of \$9.50 to \$16.00 base rate plus \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons of water above the 3,000 gallon minimum.

The base rate for motels and prisons will increase from a base rate of \$5.00 plus \$5 per room or bed per month to \$16.00 base rate. The room/bed rate will not change.

The City Council also voted to accept
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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

All of these meetings are open to the public.

Garza County Commissioners Court

January 12
9 a.m.

AgriLife Extension Office
215 W. Main Street

Post ISD

School Board Meeting
January 15
7:30 p.m.

Administrative Board Room
501 S. Avenue K

Garza County Health Care District

January 15
6:30 p.m.

Citizens Bank Meeting Room
210 N. Broadway

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Event info available at press time.

Legacy Five in Concert and Premier of "Judas the Lost Apostle"

Ragtown Gospel Theater
January 9
7 p.m.

"Judas the Lost Apostle"

Ragtown Gospel Theater
January 10
3:30 p.m.

Post Varsity/JV Basketball @ Slaton

January 13
5 p.m.

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center Game Night

January 13
5:30 p.m.

Post ISD Early Release

January 15
1:30 p.m.

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center Game Night

January 15
5:30 p.m.

Post ISD - Staff Workday No school for students

January 16

Garza County Junior Livestock Show

January 15-17

Garza County Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale

January 22
Post ISD Cafeteria

Volunteer Opportunities

If your non-profit organization or church needs volunteers, please email the information to The Post Dispatch, postcitydispatch@yahoo.com or bring the information to the office.

Be sure to include a contact name and telephone number.

Every few weeks, we'll print this information so our community will have the opportunity to respond to these volunteer needs.

Garza County set to complete jail move in

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

Earlier this week, Garza County received a Certificate of Occupancy from Roger Fields, representing the Post City Engineer. This approval from the city put the Sheriff's Department one step closer to occupancy of the new jail facility.

"Completion of the Garza County Law Enforcement Center brings the county's investment within the Post city limits over the past ten years to approximately \$60 million," explained County Judge Lee Norman. "This includes the construction and expansion

of the Dalby Unit, construction and expansion of the Detention Center and now the jail facility."

During a special meeting of the Commissioners Court on January 1, Judge Norman and the commissioners made a thorough visual inspection of the facility and compiled a punch list of items that would need attention prior to the move to the new building. "Now that we have a Certificate of Occupancy from both the county and the city, we can move forward quickly," Judge Norman said. Dispatcher operations were relocated to the new facility in December. Telephone service should be complete this week.

Sheriff Cliff Laws is looking forward to the time when all offices, operations and prisoners are housed at the new location. "Once we have the prisoners here that are currently being held in Spur and Tahoka, we will no longer be paying those entities," Laws said. "We'll also eliminate transportation for trial and medical care.

This will allow for much more efficient use of Garza County personnel."

Late in December the jail facility received a certificate from Texas Jail Standards stating that the Garza County jail meets all of their qualifications. "Actually, TJS requested pictures of our jail and told us that we had a model facility," Sheriff Laws said. Texas Jail Standards will continue to inspect the Garza County facility on an annual basis.

County one step closer to moving in to new facility

In addition to housing offices for the Sheriff and deputies, the building will also have space for constables, the game warden, marketing

director, DPS officers and emergency management. When the jail is at full capacity, the staff will be approximately double what it was at the previous facility.

Garza County has projected an annual savings of approximately \$200,000 by having a jail that will have capacity for all prisoners in one location within Garza County. In addition, the county is forging relationships with other entities such as Immigration Customs Enforcement, so they can utilize available space in the county facility to house their prisoners. Agencies that enter into this type of arrangement with the county will pay a fee for the service.

"Our goal is to have a facility that will benefit Garza County and have the means to pay for it," Sheriff Laws explained. "We have also given consideration to the future needs of the county. The priority of law enforcement isn't to make money for the county; however, when possible it should lessen the burden on the county."

Legacy Five concert Friday night

The popular Southern Gospel group, Legacy Five, will appear in concert at Ragtown Gospel Theater Friday night at 7 p.m. Following the group's performance, the theater will premier "Judas the Lost Apostle."

The Friday night show time is 30 minutes earlier than usual. Ragtown's lobby will open at 6 p.m.; concert will begin at 7; the drama is set to begin at 8:45 p.m.

According to the Ragtown Gospel Theater web site, Legacy Five was created by previous members of the popular Cathedral Quartet.

"The group's music has been received by audiences with the

same enthusiasm and delight that the Cathedrals enjoyed."

The drama, "Judas the Lost Apostle," provides a different perspective of the apostle who betrayed Jesus and is consistent in quality with the theater's previous dramas.

Tickets for this special event are \$35 and all seats are reserved.

A group discount is offered for 12 or more. Individual tickets may be purchased online or by phone at 1-877-RAGTOWN.

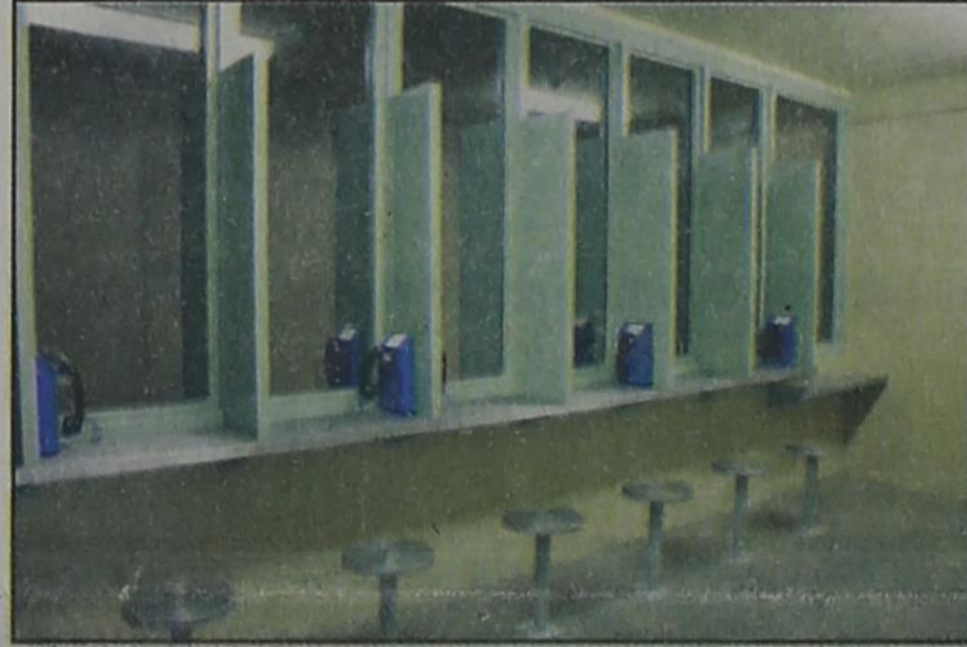
Arrangements for group tickets must be made by phone.

For more information, visit www.ragtown.com.



Above (from left) Melissa Flanigan, Dispatcher and Dana Tanner, Communications Supervisor for the Garza County Sheriff's Department are shown in the dispatch office at the new Garza County Jail facility. Shown below is the interior of a six-person cell at the new jail facility. The cell is complete except for mattress pads. The building also has eight-person cells and individual cells including holding cells for prisoners with medical or other special needs. Pictured in the middle is the prisoner side of the visitation area in the Garza County jail. Those visiting prisoners are seated on the opposite of the glass partitions. A separate, private area is provided for lawyer/prison conferences.

Photos by Rosa Latimer



Fannon new health care district administrator

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

Brandy Fannon has been named the Administrator of Garza County Health Care District. She replaces Shirley Taylor who retired after over 30 years in the position.

Fannon was Benefits Coordinator for the District for 6 years. In that capacity she was responsible for Indigent Coordination for the county and Pharmacy Assistance. She has almost 15 years experience in health care.

As Administrator, Fannon will be responsible for the day-to-day

operations of the Garza County Health Care District. She will continue to oversee Indigent Health Care Coordination and manage Pharmacy Assistance. Both of these programs provide assistance with health care for Garza County residents who meet the qualifications.

Garza County Health Care District owns the clinic and contracts with Physicians Network Services in Lubbock to staff and operate the clinic. All of the current staff of eight lives in Post except one. A portion of county
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Sunday accident kills one

A former Post resident was killed in a one-car accident on FM 669 just south of Post early Sunday morning, January 4.

Although a sheriff deputy was first on the scene, according to the Garza County Sheriff Department, the investigation of the accident is being conducted by the Department of Public Safety.

Inquiries to the DPS officer regarding details of the accident had not been answered at press time.

the information to The Post Dispatch, postcitydispatch@yahoo.com or bring the information to the office. Be sure to include a contact name and telephone number. Every few weeks, we'll print this information so our community will have the opportunity to respond to these volunteer needs.

Weekly GED classes

GED Classes are held at the Post High School on Tuesday nights, 5-8 pm. Use the Southwest entrance. These classes are free to the public, ages 17 and up and are available to anyone who wants to obtain a GED certification. You will need your social security card to enroll. Call 495-3343 for more information.

Post Book Club to Meet

The Post Book Club will begin meeting again Saturday, February 21, 11 am at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main. The book selection is "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. "This astonishing, uplifting story of a real-life Indiana Jones and his humanitarian campaign to use education to combat terrorism in the Taliban's backyard." Anyone interested in reading is invited to join the book club. There are no membership dues. If you need a copy of the current book selection, please place your order at the bookstore by January 15. Price of the book is \$12.00 plus tax. For more information, call 495-2665.

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.

Benefit for Jesus Lara

A benefit for Jesus Lara will be held on Saturday January 10th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Catholic Church located on Main Street. We will be selling Chiles Reyenos, rice & beans, and tortillas. The cost is \$6 per plate. The benefit is to help with medical expenses.

Sabado 10 de Enero

Se vendera chiles Teyenos arroz frijoles tortilla y sodas en la iglesia catolica de 11:00 a.m a 2:00 p.m. costo \$6:00 para veneficio de Jesus Lara (para una cirugia)

VFW Post 6797 scheduled to meet January 12th

VFW Post 6797 Men and Ladies Auxiliary will meet on Monday January 12th. The ladies will meet at 6:00 pm and the men will meet at 7:00 pm. All members are urged to attend the meeting. All members must have a 2009 membership card as dues were due by December 31, 2008.

Donations for Rangel family

Sonic Drive-In and Nothing Butt Smokes are taking donations to help with funeral expenses for Christopher Rangel. Anyone interested in helping may drop off their donation at Sonic or Nothing Butt Smokes.

Benefit for Romero family

A benefit for Margaret Romero is being planned to help with funeral, medical and other bills. Anyone that would be interested in helping, please contact Starlet Freeman at (806) 294-5311 please leave a message.

Volunteer Opportunities

If your non-profit organization or church needs volunteers, please email

Post Notes



Garza County officials were sworn in for a new term of office during a ceremony held Jan. 1 at the Garza County Courthouse. Those taking the oath of office were (from left) County Attorney Mike Munk, Sheriff Cliff Laws, Tax Assessor/Collector Judy M. Bush, Pct. 1 Commissioner Gary L. McDaniel, County Judge Lee Norman, Constable-2 Daniel A. Yarbro, Pct. 3 Commissioner Ted A. Brannon and Constable-1 Eric D. Cravy.



Brandy Fannon, recently named Administrator of the Garza County Health Care District, is shown in her office located in the new Garza County Health Clinic.

Fannon ... (Continued from Page 1)

tax money (approximately .07%) is used to fund the Health Care District.

"Garza County is lucky to have this place and we're really, really lucky to have a doctor like Dr. Edwards," Fannon said. "I want people to use this clinic. This is a place working for Garza County. Our tax dollars made this happen and we're fortunate to have it."

A long-time Post resident, Brandy and her husband, James, have five children.

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The Garza County Health Care District Board of Directors meets the third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. in the Citizens Bank meeting room. The Garza County Health Care District Administrator's office is located in the Garza County Health Clinic, Hwy. 84 & Avenue S, telephone 495-2828.

authorize City Attorney, Slater Elza, to write a letter for Sen. Robert Duncan's signature requesting an opinion from the Attorney General concerning single member districts.

During time allotted for communications from citizens of Post to the City Council, no one came forward to speak.

This time is set aside for citizens to comment on any subject matter whether or not the item is on the agenda for the meeting although no action can be taken on an item not specified on the current agenda.

The Council also voted to

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City ...

City Manager Ric Walton's retirement schedule and approved the content for the posting of requirements for a replacement. Walton plans to continue with his responsibilities with the city until May 31, 2009 to allow the opportunity for a smooth transition to the next City Manager.

In other business, the Council approved minutes from the Dec. 9 regular meeting and called meetings on Dec. 16 and Dec. 19.

Invoices for the month of January 2009 were approved for payment.



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Post Junior High Basketball Scores

Post vs. Littlefield
1-5-09

Post 7th grade had a good game loosing a close one to Littlefield 23-18. High scorers were Taylor Soto and Alan Alaniz with 6 points each. The 7th grade boys have worked hard this year and have improved greatly. They each had a good game and we will continue to get better.

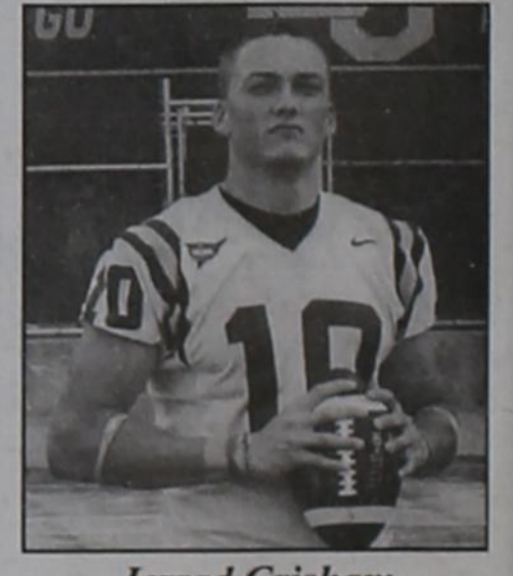
Post vs. Littlefield
1-5-09

Aaron Macy and Vance Blair led the scoring Monday night. Dalton Holly, Justin Hodge, and McLayne Hall all added 2 points. The boys played well for being on Christmas break for 2 weeks.

Grisham to play for Ruff Riders

NCAA final recognitions were announced in early December, with Hardin-Simmons student, Jerrad Grisham receiving 2nd Team All-South Region, tight end and also All-American Honorable Mention. Also announced during a press conference on December 17th, 2008, The Abilene Ruff Riders I.F.L. football league have signed several players to the club for the 2009 season. Over 70 young men attended the December 7th try-outs, with 16 being offered contracts.

Among the 16 signed is Post native Jerrad Grisham. "there was a great turnout for the tryouts back on Dec. 7, and today we have followed that up with another big step in signing who we felt were the best prospects. Many of the players that we have signed today have solid experience and they should make an impact on the field this season," stated head coach Gerald Dockery.



Jerrad Grisham



Clay Miller

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Lady Lopes play in Caprock Tournament, teams fall to Shallowater

The Post Lady Lopes were very busy over the Christmas holiday. On Friday December 19th they traveled to Idalou for a district game.

The girls played hard but lost by 7 points, 55-63. Leading scorers for the Lady Lopes were Branda Stevens with 17 and Alex Miller with 13 points.

After a week of rest the Lady Lopes traveled to Lubbock to compete in the 50th annual Caprock Tournament. The Caprock Tournament is a highly competitive tournament with over 87 teams from across the state and surrounding states competing. The tournament is divided into 2 brackets; Green Division-4A and 5-A schools and Red Division 1A-3A schools.

The Lady Lopes played in the Red Division and opened the tournament with a 52-27 win against Hollis, Okla. Leading the way

for the Lady Lopes was Branda Stevens with 22 and Alex Miller with 12 points. The next team the Lady Lopes faced was a challenging team from Ballinger.

The Lady Lopes started off well but stumbled in the 3rd quarter and ended up losing 45-53. Leading scorer was Branda Stevens with 23 points.

The Lady Lopes then took on the Lady Buff's from Petersburg. This game was a close one throughout, and at the end of regulation play the score was 48-48. The Lady Lopes came out fighting in overtime to overtake Petersburg by a score of 60-53. This win put the Lady Lopes in the position to play for Consolation against Floydada.

This was the third time Post and Floydada have played each other. Emotions were high and the game was set to be an exciting one. The Lady Lopes played well and went into

half time down by 9 points.

The Lady Lopes came out strong in the 3rd but could never push through to narrow Floydada's lead. The Lady Lopes ended up losing 48-59.

Leading scorer was Alex Miller with 17 points. Branda Stevens was named to the All-Tournament team. According to Caprock Tournament records she is the first female Post athlete to receive this prestigious honor. Overall, Coach Edwards was very proud of how the girls played.

Tuesday night, both teams faced Shallowater at home but fell in district play in both both contests. The girls squad lost 87-51 and the Lopes were handed a 90-51 defeat.

The boys and girls squads continue district play Friday when they travel to Denver City. Games begin at 4 p.m.

Obituaries



**William Michael
'Mike' Hewitt**

Family visitation was held for Mike Hewitt from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 4, 2009, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home. Services were at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2009, at Hubbard-Kelly Chapel. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

William Michael "Mike" Hewitt was born April 14, 1947, in San Diego, CA. He was the only son of Margaret Louise "Lou" Hurst Hewitt and William Frasier "Bill" Hewitt. He grew up in Odessa, TX, and attended both Odessa and Permian High Schools.

Mike had three sons, Nicky Lee, William "Little Bill" Jr, and Brent Hewitt, and a daughter, Jennifer Barton.

He worked over 35 years in the oilfield and related industries finishing his career as a driller and a tool pusher. In later years, he was a small business owner. Mike was a hard worker with a talent for turning a buck; a jack of all trades.

He was the favorite brother of three loving sisters, an affectionate father to his children. The last fifteen years of his life were spent with his soul mate, Susan, a woman he loved, cherished and adored until his last breath.

Mike had a great zest for life; a brilliant man who found joy in simple things. He had a clever sense of humor, always good for a laugh. He was an extrovert who never met a stranger. A plain spoken man who said what he meant and meant what he said; one we love dearly and shall never forget.

Mike passed from this world on January 2, 2009, surrounded by those gifted with the honor of sharing with him this life journey. He will be missed by us all. Together, we have loved, laughed, cried, sacrificed, and endured. We would not change a thing. See ya soon, Mike!

He is survived by his wife, Susan Hewitt of Odessa; son, Nicky Hewitt of Post, TX; daughter, Jennifer M. Barton of Odessa; three sisters, Karen Allen of Slidell, LA; Pat Hatchell of Plano, TX; and Julie Compton and her husband, David of Ft Worth, TX; nephews, Chantz and Collin Compton; daughter-in-law, Jan Hewitt; two granddaughters, Brandi and Kali Hewitt; a son by marriage, J. Wayne Graves, Sr., and a grandson, J. Wayne Graves Jr. of Tampa, FL.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, his sons, "Little Bill" and Brent; and the mother of his sons, Glenda.

In lieu of flowers, please make donation in Mike's memory to the American Lung Association.



Fannie Ballentine

Services for Fannie Ballentine, 95, of Post were held at 2 PM Thursday, Jan. 8, at the First United Methodist with Rev. Jon Foster and Rev. John Bill Hedrick officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery will be under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Monday, Jan. 5, 2009 at University Medical Center. She was born Dec. 11, 1913 in Tallassee, Alabama to Walter and Minnie Cottle. She married Jack Ballentine on May 4, 1932 in Tallassee, AL. He preceded her in death on Oct. 15, 1970. They moved to Post in October of 1951. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church. She worked for Maxines Dress Shop for 25 years. Her main goal in life was to do things for other people. She was well known for her pound cakes.

Survivors include her children: Jack and June Ballentine of Rotan, Jane and Mack Terry of Post and Judy and Ricky Bush of Leveland, 14 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandson.

She was also preceded in death by an infant son and daughter, by one daughter, Kay Horner and by a great grandson, Caden Nowlain.

Pallbearers will be Mark Ballentine, Tommy Ballentine, Kevin Crispin, Kelly Davis, Jibber Hertridge, Ray Don Underwood, Robbie Dean and Randy Melton.

Ima Lou Miller

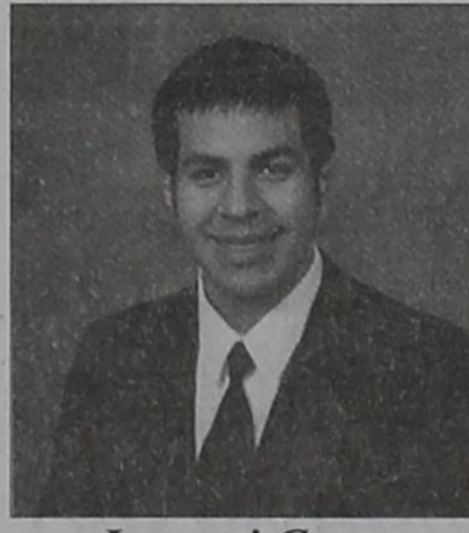
Services were held for Ima Lou Miller in the Post Church of Christ with Travis Sweet officiating and Charles McCook assisting. Burial was held at the Fluvanna Cemetery Dec. 28, 2008. She died in Lubbock Covenant Hospital Dec. 26, 2008. She was born in Erik, Oklahoma, August 29, 1928. She was preceded in death by husband, Clyde Smith, parents, Horace and Lela Carmichael and a great-granddaughter. Survivors include, a son, Tommy Smith of Midland; a daughter, Kathy Patten and husband Don of Hermaleigh. Two step-children Martha Baker of Lubbock and Wiley and Karen Miller of Odessa; 4 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren; 4 step grandchildren and 5 step great grandchildren. She left behind a loving husband, George W. Miller of Post. They were married March 29, 1998 in Fluvanna, Texas and were residing in Post. Memorials may be sent to Post Church of Christ or Fluvanna, Texas Cemetery

Rotary Students of the Month



Jackie Slaugh

The Post Rotary Club recognized Post High School student Jackie Slaugh. Jackie, daughter of Edie Lester participates in literary criticism, editorial writing, one act play, National Honor Society, and Student Council. Her special interests include reading, playing golf, watching movies, and acting in plays. She also enjoys her job at the local Hometown Pharmacy. She plans to attend The University of North Texas in Denton, Texas and to pursue a degree in History or Business, but is not quite sure yet.



Jovanni Garay

The Post Rotary Club recognized Post High School student Jovanni Garay. Jovanni, the son of John and Elizebeth Armendariz participates in football, basketball, and baseball. His special interests include attending college sporting events such as Texas Tech football games or basketball games. He plans to get a degree in Engineering or become a coach at the collegiate level. He is unsure where he plans to attend college at this point.



Matt and Holly Hardin Hoel of Houghton, Louisiana are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter, Hailey Hope. Hailey was born November 25, 2008 in Shreveport weighing 6lb. 4 oz. and was 18 inches long. She was welcomed home by her three year old brother, Parker. Grandparents are Charles and Barbara Hardin of Post and Mack and Darlene Hoel of Gruver. Great-grandparents are Everett and Frances Martin of Spur, Eugene and Winnell Hardin of McAdoo, and George and Margaret Odom of Gruver.

2008 in review ...

April

The Garza County Hospital District's Board of Directors renewed its contract with Physicians Network Services March 20. PNS's Paul Acreman met with the board to explain that the contract price would increase for the first time since they assumed management responsibilities for the clinic.

Recent surges in fuel costs combined with an increase in the number of fires in and around Garza County may force the Post City Council to shovel more money into the fire department's fuel fund.

Several local businesses and individuals have provided key assistance to the firefighting efforts waged this month by Post Fire Department volunteers.

May

Local voters returned the incumbents to the Post City Council, but opted to usher in a pair of fresh faces to round out the Post ISD board of trustees. In the municipal election, Tommy Basquez earned 46 votes to retain his Ward 3 council Post, defeating Janet Dean, who had 35 votes, and former council member Josh Whiteley, who received 16 votes, according to reports from City Hall.

The family of a woman killed in 2005 is reeling this week after receiving the news that the man found guilty of her murder has been released early from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice system.

Post City Council members authorized the purchase of a new pumper truck and related equipment during their May 20 meeting at City Hall. The council OKed the \$300,000 expenditures to provide a second pumper for use by Post Fire Department firefighters.

A Post man who was serving a 30-year sentence before he was released 2 1/2 years early has been re-arrested and returned to the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

June

During their May 28 meeting, Garza County Commissioners failed to approve the reimbursement of funds to the City of Post for a joint project authorized by the county two years ago.

Trustees for the Post Independent School District discussed budget development during their May 20 meeting. Revenues, projected revenues and expenses based on payroll projections were the primary topics discussed, according to Superintendent Marlin Marcum. A portion of the discussion focused on what plans trustees have for payroll for the coming year, he said.

Members of the Post city Council and the Garza County commissioners Court met in joint session to discuss the coming fiscal year. County Judge Lee Norman asked Post City Council members to pay 50 percent of the law enforcement budget and urged the entities to enter into an inter local agreement concerning law enforcement efforts within the city and the county.

The Post Dispatch was purchased by Blackburn Media Group, Inc. Blackburn, who lives in Childress, said there were several reasons Post stood out to him as a market. "It's a clean, well-kept town both good schools and hard-working people."

July

Jim Plummer, Rotary president for the coming year, receives the gavel from outgoing president Marlin Marcum. Other Post Rotary officers are; President-Elect, Trent Hendrick; Secretary, Linda Puckett; and Treasurer, Jerry Hays. Directors are Sid Conner, Leslie Acker and Bob Zivic.

The Texas association of Activity Professionals awarded Golden Plains Care Center's very own Christy Rutherford Activity Director of the Year honors at their 2008 convention in Waxahachie, Texas on Saturday, July 12th.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6797 and Ladies Auxiliary hosted "We Support our Troops" dinner in honor of area National Guardsman deploying to Iraq.

August

The Post Dispatch and Blackburn Media Group are pleased to announce the addition of Jeff Blackmon as associate publisher. Blackmon recently served as owner and publisher of the Wellington Leader newspaper for the past two years.

Nora Bryant, Post Elementary School Counselor, and Leroy Deanda, Parent Liaison for Post ISK, recently distributed school information at the Health Street Fair in Post. Deanda also works closely with the Garza Instructional Foundation of Teachers to provide support and education to parents of Post students.

The Commissioners Court of Garza County met in a special meeting. Judge Lee Norman, Commissioners Gary McDaniel, Charles Morris, John Valdez and Mike Sanchez; Jim Plummer, Clerk; Leslie Acker, Attorney; Judy Bush, Tax Collector/Assessor; and Ruth Ann Young, Treasurer were present.

It's been a long time (if ever) since we had a teal & pink bus on Main Street in Post. However, recently, the bright Community Health Center of Lubbock mobile unit was a colorful reminder of the Health Street Fair at Main & Avenue I. Over 100 children attended the event sponsored by Rural community Organizing of Post.

September

A third printing of Zoe Kirkpatrick's field guide, Wildflowers of the Western Plains has just been released by the University of Nebraska Press.

Graham Chapel Church of Christ celebrates 100 years.

The City of Post has proposed a tax rate that could potentially save homeowners 15-percent in city taxes. The proposed rate is 051189-cents per \$100 valuation of property. Last year the rate was .59792-cents per \$100 valuation. Ric Walton, City of Post manager, said those homeowners whose appraisal values are the same as last year would pay about 15-percent less in city taxes.

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

Dr. Ben Edwards, Family Practice Physician at the Garza County Health Clinic in Post was featured in "The Working Issue" article in the September issue of Texas Monthly. The article provided a glimpse of a day in the life of a small town family doctor and provided an opportunity for Dr. Edwards to express his concerns for the future of healthcare in rural communities.

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October

The J. M. Boren home, 504 W. 12th St. in Post received a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark designation in 1967. It is one of 16 historical markers located within Post's city limits.

Shawnette Hinkle has been named Manager of the Heritage House, a conference center and family history library in Post.

Post High School Marching Band receives Division I rating in Lubbock marching competition.

Among the new business before the Post ISD Board of Trustees during a regular meeting was the concern about traffic safety at the elementary school. The Board voted to erect signs at the elementary school on Avenue K to prompt parents to use the student Drop-off and Pick-up zone at the back of the school building.

Garza County residents Frank and Carol Tobias put in a wind turbine at their home. The project is supposed to be completed soon and the two invite anyone to come look at their wind turbine and encourage locals to invest in wind turbine technology.

Recently, long-time Post resident Doylene Shumard was hired to fill the position of Center Director. She replaced former director, Lana McGee, who left the job because of health problems. Shumard came to the Center after working at the Fina Gas Station in Post for 22 years.

November

Randal Terry of Terry & King, CPA presented an audit report to the Post ISD School Board during their regularly scheduled meeting. Terry commended the board members and PISD staff, "You do a great job with your budget and you watch it during the year. I'd put you at the top of Region 17"

The Post Dispatch is pleased to announce the addition of Rosa Latimer to its staff. Latimer will serve in the capacity as news editor for the weekly newspaper.

Ian and Ruth Torrens are the new owners of Hotel Garza and Torrens a the Garza restaurant in Post. Ruth, a Pos native, met Northern Ireland native through the internet almost a year ago.

Merika Strivens has assumed the responsibilities of Administrative Director of the Community Recovery Center in Post.

A group from Amarillo and Canyon visited the OS Museum in Post, joining approximately 5,000 visitors who have toured the museum this year.

December

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. She is well known for her diversity in using a variety of techniques to create paintings, jewelry, Old World Santos and angels made from "found" materials.

The Garza County Health Clinic began the week at its new location on Avenue S and Hwy. 84 in Post.

Post High has seven named to 3-2A All-district Football Team, they were first team, Jarrett Blevins, Senior, Trent Babb, Junior, and Giles Dalby Jr., Junior. Antelopes named to the second team were Jesse Vera, Senior, Clint Windham, Junior, Josh Rodriguez, Junior, and Joe Menjares, Junior.

The Paperboy

By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

Why do we spoil our children/grandchildren?

We know it's really not a good idea then we go and do it anyhow.

My wife and I are guilty as charged for doing so this Christmas and I'm sure a large percentage of you are as well.

My parents and grandparents were guilty of this crime as well. Hey, I'm grateful, Christmas was a blast for me growing up. But the reality is, we are too materialistic and in a way, we create little monsters who think they can get what they want.

A few generations ago, there were very few spoiled children. When you think about the World War II generation and before, money was very hard to come by. Most didn't earn much and there were no credit cards handed out like today.

Somewhere along the way, the toy market exploded and it continues today. My theory

is television exacerbated the problem. As soon as toy commercials hit the air, kids started making mental notes of the toys they wanted. Today, with eight or so children's channels broadcasting 24-hours a day, our children are absolutely overloaded with the sights and sounds of the latest toys on the market.

I have literally seen my 5-year-old son turn his head to me after a toy commercial and say, "How about that for Christmas Dad?"

On the positive side of this mass spoilage is the fact that it certainly pumps them up when they get their hands on what they wanted. There is nothing like seeing pure joy in the eyes of a child.

While on the topic of toys, can you believe what cool stuff there is to play with? Without a doubt, the neatest toys ever made are available now. However, you better have some batteries to power these gizmos up.

My children now possess toys someone could witness me playing with if I weren't careful. And I don't mean playing with the toys while the boys are, but rather when they aren't. For instance, when my wife takes the boys to their grandmother's in a moment, I may be inclined to get out the MegaRig and fly around a little bit.

Maybe that's the real genius behind these toy and game producers. Maybe they realize if they can get us adults interested in the toys and video games, their work is done. If that's the case, not only am I guilty of spoiling my children, I've been duped myself.

Oh well, I can't wait until next Christmas. Copyright Christopher Blackburn 2008. Christopher Blackburn is the president of Blackburn Media Group, owner of this publication. Feel free to comment on The Paperboy at <http://thenewbastion.blogspot.com/>.

White River Weekly Report Jan. 9, 2009

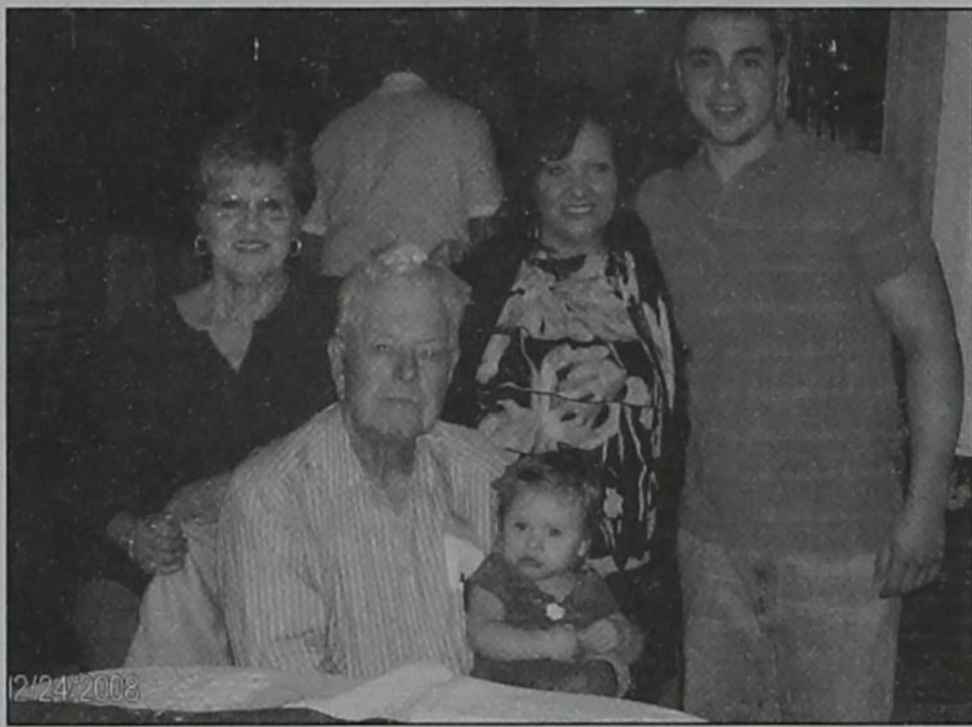
Gauge Reading	2352.00	Rainfall for 2004	43.58"
Feet below spillway	20'6"	Rainfall for 2005	15.57"
Rise	0"	Rainfall for 2006	28.85"
Rainfall Past Week	0"	Rainfall for 2007	24.19"
Rain to Date	33.61"		

White River Lake has 2,880,552,840 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 27% capacity or 8,840 acre feet. Subtract 11,772,681 MG for evaporation this week in December that leaves 2,868,750,159 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, WRWMD

Five generations recently were together to celebrate important dates. (Seated) Chester Morris holding great granddaughter Aubree Raymundo. (from left) Judy Guy, Jada Guy and Justin Raymundo. The family gathered to celebrate Christmas and Chester's upcoming 93rd birthday on Jan. 7, 2009. His granddaughter, Jada, shares his birthday.



Southland News

Welcome back to everyone. I trust that each of you had a peaceful, relaxing holiday season. If it wasn't relaxing I hope that it was at least a good time off for each of you. I hope that each of us has come back eager to teach, learn and get more involved in our children's education. As we took time over the holidays to reflect on the things that are most important to us and as we took time to mourn the loss of one of our own, Mr. Mike Jackson, I hope that we realized that the most important things in life are not the things that we have, but the relationships that we have and the time that we take to cultivate those relationships. We do send our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Mr. Mike Jackson and are thankful for the time that we had with him.

Congratulations to our Girls Varsity team and coaches on winning the consolation of the Grady/Klondike Tournament with a convincing win over Plains.

Congratulations to our Boys team for being very competitive and competing very hard during the course of their tournament as well.

Events for This Week:
Varsity Girls-Varsity Boys at Wilson on Friday night beginning at 6:30

Southland FFA local Stock Show will be Saturday at the Ag. Farm beginning at 1 pm. There will be a meal provided to those in attendance. There will also be a Pee-Wee show after the students have shown their animals.

Events for Next Week:
Junior High Basketball games

at Wilson at 6 pm

School Board Meeting beginning at 7 pm.

JVB, VG/VB games, here, versus O'Donnell beginning at 5 pm. The All-Star Dance/Gymnastics team from Slaton will perform at half-time of the VG game.

Animal Preparation will begin on Thursday for the Garza County Livestock show.

JVB, VG/VB basketball here on Friday versus Wellman-Union beginning at 5:00 pm.

Students of the Month
High School: Travis Arguello, Kelcee Lewis; Junior High: Joe Rodriguez, Linda Gonzales; Elementary-Karlie Steffens and Timothy Guerrero; Staff Members: Kaci Brown; 2nd Grade-Mary Ann Cardona-School Secretary

Waldrips celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Waldrip of Post celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a family trip to Mt. Magazine Resort near Paris, Arkansas. Their two sons and their families joined the couple to celebrate the Christmas holidays and commemorate the anniversary.

Larry and the former Linda Moreland were married June 18, 1958 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They are the parents of Mike Waldrip who resides in Frisco, TX with his wife, Lisa; and Bruce Waldrip, who resides in Plainview, TX with his wife, La Tressa.

The Waldrips have five grandchildren: John Waldrip, Frisco; James Waldrip, San Marcos; Melissa Short, Lubbock; Te Ada Short, Temple; Lara Short of Levelland.

Extension Extras

Hometown Holiday
Cookbooks may be picked up at the Extension office! Recipes and craft ideas. \$8.00 Each.

GCJLA Stock Show Information
Stock Show January 15-17, 2009.

Weight-In - Thursday, January 15, 2009 - 3 pm
Show Order - Saturday, January 17, 2009 *

9 am - Hogs
11 am - Steers
1 pm - Rabbits
2:30 pm - Lambs
3:30 pm - Goats
Pee Wee Goat Show - Following Goat Show

GCJLA Stock Show Concession Stand

All participants are asked to work in the Concession Stand. Proceeds go to GCJLA. To sign up please contact Barbara Palmer, Traci Blanton, or Shellee Odom.

Premium Sale
Thursday, January 22, 2009 - 6:30 pm Post ISD Cafeteria.

*No Trailer parking on the GCJLA show grounds

*All livestock released at the completion of the Pee Wee Goat Show

*Pen clean-up at completion of the Pee Wee Goat Show

Ag Conference - Lamesa
Southern Mesa Ag Conference, Tuesday, January 20, 2009, Mov-

ieland Theater, 604 North Austin Avenue, Lamesa. Registration forms are available at the Extension office.

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This week in Post City

By Rosa Latimer

Because we hear so much about millions & billions of dollars these days (even trillions!), we tend to think that only those large amounts of money can make a difference in the economy or in our personal lives.

A Lubbock television station is airing a commercial with the General Manager of the station asking viewers to shop in Lubbock and on the South Plains if you're going to buy a car. He says this will "keep the South Plains rolling." In other words: shop locally. I agree with his philosophy.

We can each make a tangible difference in the economy in our community simply by shopping with local businesses whenever possible.

Small amounts put with other small amounts can significantly alter the economic picture in Post. A portion of the sales tax (2%) on your purchases stays right here. That may not seem like a lot of money, but if you consider just how much you spend on taxable items in a year at the grocery store, you soon realize that it can make a difference.

I spoke with City Manager Ric Walton about this and he pointed out that the amount of sales tax collected in Post "has a direct affect on maintaining lower property taxes." At this time, sales tax in our community generates more revenue than property tax. In essence: shop locally, keep property taxes low.

After all, you're going to spend the money anyway and pay the sales tax, why not, whenever possible, be sure 2% of that sales tax stays right here in Post, improving the quality of life in our community. For example, in addition to having an impact on property taxes, the revenue from sales tax helps pay for street maintenance; funds the fire department, the library and the cemetery and maintains parks as well as many other things. The sales tax you pay on your purchases in Lubbock helps repair their streets; maintain their parks and improves the quality of life in their community.

If you think that 2% is too small of an amount to make a difference consider what a group of third graders in Wisconsin accomplished with pennies. The kids decided to help build a school in a small village in Afghanistan. They filled 3 liter plastic bottles with pennies at home. Then the kids combined all of those pennies and funded one-half of the cost to build the school - over \$3,000. Just with pennies.

There's a little sign in the drive up window at Citizen Bank that states: "Thank you for shopping in Post. It's just good business." Shopping locally is not only good business; it is good for our streets, our parks, other city services...and our property taxes. And good for us! Let's do all we can to keep things strong right here at home.

That's it for this week in Post City!

Russell Graves Outdoors

ARE THESE THE GOOD OL' DAYS? - Part 2
How 60 years of game management has enhanced wildlife populations
By Russell A. Graves



Big game

In 1945, Texas big game was already recognized as a significant source of recreation and income for hunters and landowners. Partly due to poor land use practices and screw worm infestations, white-tailed deer were relegated mostly to the Hill Country and South Texas, with pockets of deer in suitable habitats scattered over much of the lower two-thirds of the state. Today, it is no secret that whitetail populations are booming.

"From 1939 until 1990, TPWD was heavily involved in trapping and relocating of whitetails," says Mitch Lockwood, white-tailed deer program leader for TPWD. "In that time, approximately 34,000 deer were moved from the higher density areas of Texas to those areas with very low numbers of deer."

Lockwood explains that the combination of relocation efforts, white-tailed deer research conducted on wildlife management areas such as the Kerr, and working with private landowners has been key to species population growth from 238,000 in 1939 to more than 4 million today.

"The contributions of private landowners to the success of Texas white-tailed deer are huge," emphasizes Lockwood. "Almost all of the management takes place on private lands. Private landowners and hunters are the ones doing habitat and population management on virtually all of the Texas deer range. They are setting prescribed burns, removing noxious brush species, and promoting a healthy habitat through their actions."

Because of landowner interest and involvement, other species with smaller statewide ranges are also showing signs of growth. For example, both the mule deer and the pronghorn antelope ranges have expanded in the time since the book's publication. Mule deer, according to the book, were only found in a single pocket in the Palo Duro Canyon in the Texas Panhandle with the majority of the population found in the Trans-Pecos region. Today, mule deer are still found in abundant numbers in the Trans-Pecos and have expanded their ranges over much of the Caprock Escarpment area of the Panhandle and South Plains, as well as in the Red, Canadian and Pease River basins.

Pronghorn antelope, with a range specific to the wide open country of western Texas, nearly doubled in numbers from 1941 until 1990, when a prolonged drought affected their populations over much of their Trans-Pecos range.

"For desert animals like the mule deer, I would have to say that the good ol' days will come and go with the rain," explains Clayton Wolf, big game program director for TPWD. "Landowners can do things to mitigate circumstances during a drought, but history has shown us that prolonged droughts will have a negative impact on overall numbers. It appears that West Texas is currently in a recovery mode, and mule deer are doing well and have been for several years."

Wolf agrees with Lockwood on the role of private citizens in game animal successes. "The private citizens' role is critical. Most deer were stocked on private lands, and it is private landowners who provided the habitat and the protection during the restoration years. Hunters also played an important role, because without the revenue from the sale of hunting licenses, we wouldn't have had the resources to trap and relocate deer and enforce game laws."

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In and Around Close City

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by Traci Freeman
WEATHER

The weather has been pretty pleasant this past week, the temperatures keep going up and down but I guess that is just West Texas for ya. The ginning is going smooth, we do not have much left and we will have another season behind us. Don't forget to check out our daily bale count and some wonderful recipes on our blog. The address is <http://closecitycoopgin.blogspot.com>.

The precinct 2 guys wanted me to thank the wonderful person who left the couch in the ditch for them. Next time leave your name and number so they can thank you properly. Why do people do that? Is it not just as easy to drive to the dump ground rather than driving 8 miles out in the country, finding a good ditch then watching behind your back to make sure nobody is watching as you push it out of the back of the pick-up? Come on people, have some cooth!

I had the nicest conversation with Elaine Wheatly the other day. She called the gin to tell me how

much she enjoyed reading "In and Around Close City". I have a really good time doing this column and it makes my day when I hear good feed back. Elaine and her husband live in Lubbock. Come see us sometime Elaine!

Glen and Mary Margaret Norman celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on the 1st of January. They celebrated with a family dinner at Cagles in Lubbock on the 2nd. Their kids, Bobby, Nancy, Lee, MaryAnn and their families all attended and helped them to celebrate.

Max Haney called the gin the other day to get some production for some of his customers and caught me up on all of his family. Tye and his family are in Borger, he works for Conoco Phillips; Shelly lives in Midland and works for Midland ISD as an assistant principal and will be getting married sometime in the spring. Max and Rebecca were Close City residents for many years before moving to Spur.

Unfortunately we have a lot of sympathies to send

out this week. Paul Wheatly passed away after a lengthy illness. Paul was in a nursing home in the Houston area. Paul is a brother to Barbara Ethridge. Gene Carpenter also passed away last week. Fannie Ballentine, passed away Monday night, she was a very special lady and everybody's "Nona" and will be greatly missed by many. David and Melinda Quintana also attended the funeral of David's Grandmother in South Texas. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of these families.

VISTORS

We've had plenty of visitors out this week; John Shults brought his wife, Joyce out for a coke; Patty Lopez brought her nieces, Lissette, Lea and Lacy over for a snack; Bill Criswell and Tom Henly also came out; Grant Bright and his wife also stopped in checking on things and bringing us some more of his wonderful fudge, he even shared the recipe with us. I have posted it on our blog for all to enjoy.

GET WELLS

Claudine Tipton had hip surgery after falling and breaking hers last week, she is back in Post at the nursing home and doing well. I missed a birthday last week, Xavier Hernandez celebrated his birthday on January 3rd. Xavier is the son of Manual Hernandez and Cruzbeth Hernandez and the grandson of Robert and Maria Contreras of Close City.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

January 9th - Cristina Lopez
January 11th - Roscoe Moultin

Don't forget our Ragtown Folks in the nursing homes; Doug and Claudine Tipton in Post and Mary Ethridge and Carmen Abraham in Lubbock. Keep our troops in your daily prayers. 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 e-mail me at close.city.coop@pecca.com

Weekly Inspirations

COWBOY LOGIC

BY: Michael F. Taylor

Have you ever noticed how cowboys seem to have pretty good judgment? I would like to give you some good old fashioned cowboy wisdom.

If you're riding ahead of the herd, look around every now and then to make sure it's still there.

When you get to thinking that you are a mighty important person, try ordering someone else's dog around.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.

How about a lesson from the Bob Cat. After feeding on an old bull that he separated from the herd, the Cat felt so good that he stood tall and roared as loud as he could. Until the cowboy rode up and shot him. The cowboy logic; when you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

And finally, when you get really angry and feel like kicking something, be very careful to follow two cowboy rules. Never kick a sleeping dog, and never kick a cow chip, especially on a really hot day.

Several years ago while I was in the United States Navy, I met a young man from New York City. And after learning that I was from Texas and of course that I had grown up in a saddle, he told me of his first experience riding a horse.

The animal was a beautiful black stallion, complete with a silver concho studded black saddle. He said that the ride started out just fine, but after a few minutes of riding the horse sped up and was bouncing him out of control. It got so bad that one foot came out of the stirrup and his other foot was caught in the stirrup.

He then lost his balance and was thrown from the saddle and was being dragged by the horse going full speed.

"I thought it was the end of the line for me, being dragged like that by the horse", he said.

"But finally, the manager of Wal-Mart came out and unplugged it."

You know life sometimes feels like that ride my new found friend experienced that day. Things start out okay, but then the bumps and the bounces of this life seem to begin spinning us out of control. We are thrown from our comfortable seat and feel as if our very lives are in terrible peril. And then God, just like that manager of Wal-Mart comes to our rescue and unplugs the chaos that we are going through.

Psalms 46 1-7 assures us, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though it's waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at the break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress" NIV.

THE LORD ALMIGHTY IS WITH US; THE GOD OF JACOB IS OUR FORTRESS. Those of the words of the psalmist David. Words of encouragement which assure each of us today in this new year of 2009 that God Himself is watching over our daily lives. Even when the mechanical horses of this life bounce and spin out of control.

I would like to think that David was a little bit COWBOY himself.

God bless and have a wonderful week using your new found cowboy logic.

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Our family wishes to say "Thank You", from the bottom of our hearts for the loving kindness you have shown us with the calls, flowers, food, and most of all, your prayers, during this time of grief in the loss of

our loved one, Jackie Hair. A special "Thank You", to Dr. Ben Edwards, who was truly a friend as well as Jackie's doctor.

To Tricia and Ronnie Metsgar for all the loving kind things done for Jackie during his long illness.

May God richly bless each and

every one of you.
The family of Jackie Hair

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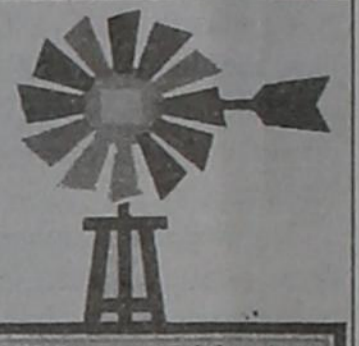
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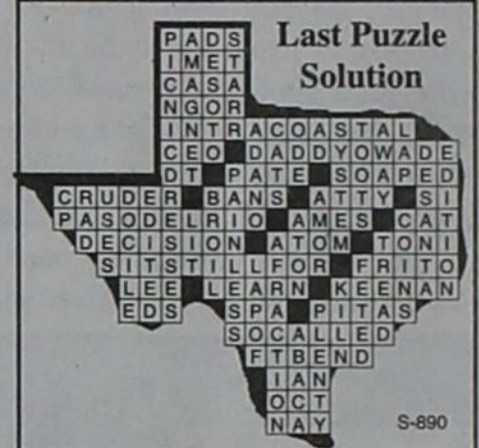
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January 14
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Lunch - Teiyaki chicken, rice pilaf, English peas, pineapple tidbits, hot rolls, milk

January 15
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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago January 11, 1999

The Post Lady Lopes, playing great defense and shooting well, managed a big win over Crosbyton by a score of 60 to 31 in the final game before district competition. Kristen Webb led scorers with 14 followed by Kasey Hardin 9; Becca Stelzer 7; Meagan Mills 7; Vondi Gradine 6; Kelli Moore 5; Manuela Hernandez and Davida Gregory 4; Lauren Webb 3; Erin Gregory 1.

Garza County will get at least 38 housing units from the former Reese AFB to be available for private ownership or rent, according to a report from county administrative assistant Brian Grimes.

Rick Hanna was congratulated by Post City Council members at a special city council meeting in recognition of his service to Post. Hanna had announced his resignation to accept the city manager position at Muleshoe.

Marine Pfc. Timothy S. Martin, son of Charles W. and Elizabeth L. Huffman of Post, reported for duty with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Quantico Va. The 1998 graduate of Post High School joined the Marine Corps in January 1998.

20 Years Ago January 8, 1989

Garza County elected officials accepting their oaths of office were sheriff Freddy Cockrell, constable Mike Harper, commissioner John Valdez, judge E. A. Howard, commissioner Sammy Ellis, tax assessor Laura (Chita) Hataway and attorney Preston Poole.

Debbie Sneed announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Marcie, to Rodney Oden, son of Alfred and Linda Oden.

Curtis Clinesmith received his Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education in graduation exercises at the University of North Texas in Denton. He is a 1983 graduate of Post High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clinesmith.

Trevor Thuet, Post High School senior, was named by Congressman Charles W. Stenholm as a nominee to the United States Service Academies for the classes entering in July of 1989.

30 Years Ago January 10, 1979

Christopher Steve Cruz, Garza County's first baby of 1979 was born January 5 at 4:30 a.m. in Garza Memorial Hospital. Christopher weighed in at 9 lbs., 2 ozs., and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raul Cruz.

Jack Alexander, Post elementary principal for the last 10 years, resigned his school post effective Feb. 1 to join the staff of the First National Bank.

Henry Wheatley was elected president of the Post Rotary Club at the club's luncheon. He would succeed Tom Power. New club directors were Colley Gatlin, Charles McCook, David Newby, Frank Pickett, Bill Pool and Everete Windham.

The Rev. Don Travis succeeded the Rev. Conrad Ryan as pastor of the First United Methodist Church.

Teen Scene: Those at the youth center were truly blessed with the talents of Mike Tatum, Cain Abraham and Pat Mitchell who serenaded those there with selections on their guitars, especially "Country Roads." (Seems that was the only one they knew all the way through.)

40 Years Ago January 9, 1969

Gene Posey, formerly of Sweetwater, had been assigned here as a state highway patrolman and began his new duties December 30, 1968.

Varsity players opening district play for Antelope basketball were Jay Bird, Neff Walker, Dennis Dodson, Larry Johnson, James Pollard, Steve Newby, David Pierce, Boyd Noble, Kenneth Mitchell and Ray Altman. Coaching the 1968-69 boys team was Kenny Poole.

County Judge J. E. Parker received a Certificate of Appreciation, signed by both President Lyndon B. Johnson and Governor John Connally for "twenty years" of service to the nation as an uncompensated member of the Selective Service System. Judge Parker served as chairman of the Garza County board, which would be reactivated in case of a declared war.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Camp, their daughter, Carol, and son, Lt. Roger Camp, attended the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas between Texas University and Tennessee on New Year's Day.

50 Years Ago January 9, 1959

The First National Bank started off its Golden Jubilee year - it was founded in 1909 - with three important announcements for the community. No. 1 - Bank deposits during the year of 1958 jumped a whopping \$1,250,052.04 to an all-time record high of \$7,309,544.22. No. 2 - The bank announced it had doubled its capital stock. No. 3 - Irby G. Metcalf, Jr., bank president, announced that a new bank building would be constructed in 1959 on property just east of the courthouse which was purchased by the bank in 1958.

A holiday motif was carried out in decorations at the City Hall for a New Year's eve dance. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Punk Peel, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Joe Babb, Mr. and Mrs. Rex King, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Josey, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Josey, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hays, and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Terry.

Jimmy Short was way out in front in Antelope scoring with a total of 166 points, an average of 20.7 points per game. Sidney Hart and Scotty Pierce waged a close race for second place. Hart with 71 points, and Pierce with 67. Curtis Didway and Charlie Morris, with 36 points each, were tied for fourth place in the scoring standings.

60 Years Ago January 6, 1949

Miss Mary Margaret Duckworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Duckworth, became the bride of Grady Glenn Norman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Norman in the First Baptist Church. The bride is a graduate of Post High School and Baylor University where she was a member of Pi Alpha Lambda Social Club, the West Texas Club and the Console Club. The bridegroom is a graduate of Post High School and served two and a half years in the Navy.

Three deputy sheriff and tax assessors-collectors and one deputy district clerk were accepted by the Garza County Commissioners Court. They were J. T. Curb, office deputy for Sheriff Cravy, and Howard Freeman and A. L. Storie, deputy sheriff and tax assessors-collector, and Mrs. Thelma Blevins, who was re-appointed deputy county and district clerk.

J. B. Parrack, formerly of Big Spring, opened a jewelry and watch repair service in the Sorgee Barber Shop building.

The first baby to be born in Garza County in 1949, was a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Johnson of Post at 3:45 a.m. New Year's Day. She was named Evelyn Golden.

SUDOKU

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7	8	7	9	6	2	5	3	1
9	2	4	7	1	4	3	8	5
1	4	3	1	4	3	6	5	7
2	9	2	6	9	2	1	4	8
9	6	5	8	5	7	8	1	7

ANSWER:

ACROSS

- Jack & Jill's bucket
- Valley medicinal plant
- yard
- TXism: "hombre" (mean)
- Astros headwear
- Rockets, Spurs, & Mavs org. (abbr.)
- see 32-down
- historic Episcopal church in Lockhart State Rec. Area
- tracks in TX proved that sauropods traveled
- inaugural processions in TX
- TXism: "restless" in church
- iron deficiency
- Carrizo Springs AM station
- Colorado Indians
- Malaysian skirt
- rodeo riders' bag
- what TXns didn't ask for at Alamo
- TXism: "a fight"
- TXism: "lower" scum
- D' ____ TX
- Ruby's prosecutor
- the "thought"
- Jo, TX (abbr.)
- this Barbara was TX Hagman's "Jeannie"
- TXism: "between" and a hard place
- TX Miller sang "trailers for sale or ..."

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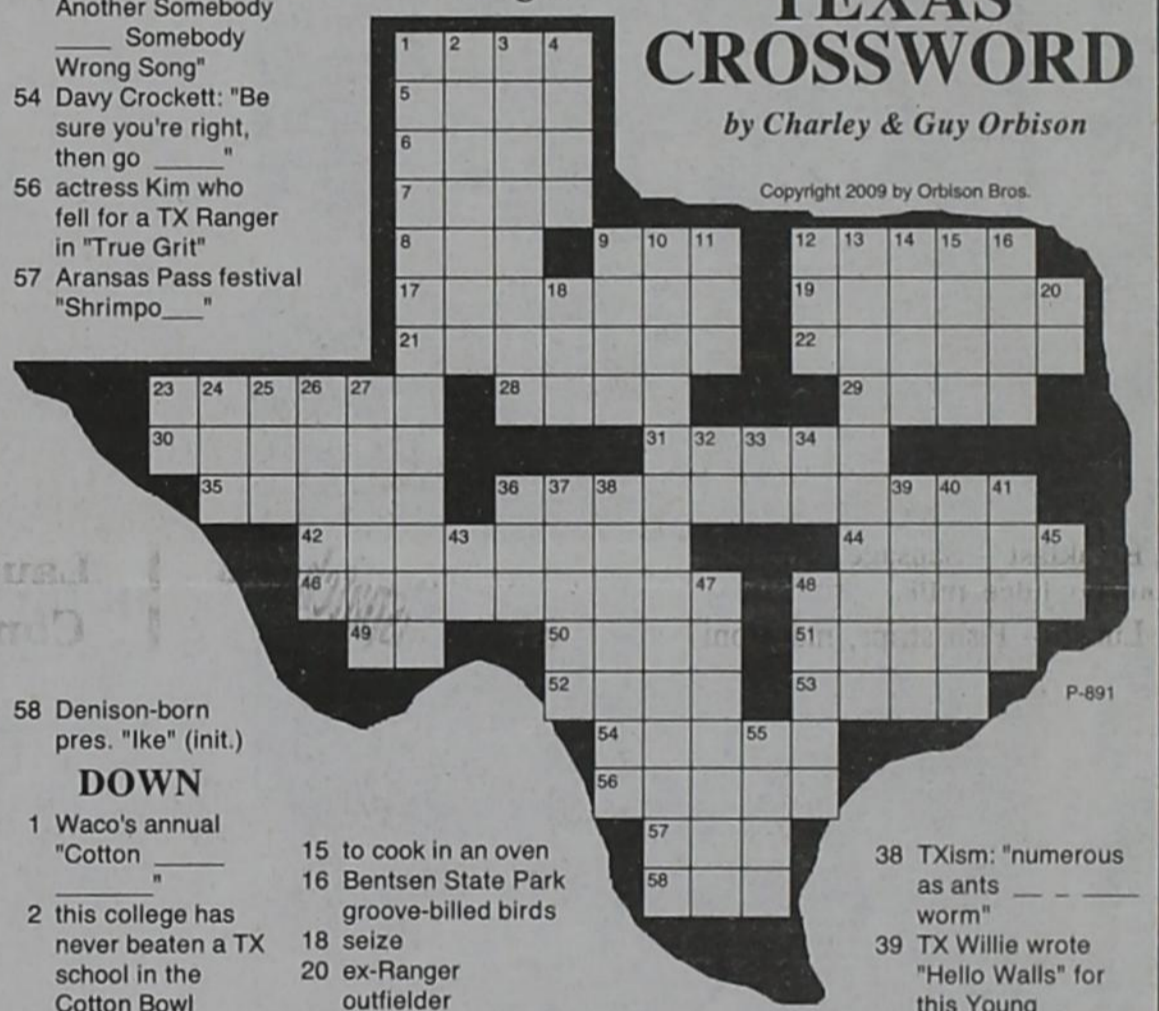
- Waco's annual "Cotton"
- college has never beaten a TX school in the Cotton Bowl
- town in central Wichita Co.
- make a loan
- TXism: "nekkid"
- TXism: "put up wit"
- Capone & Jolson
- snake seen at the Houston Zoo
- uncelebrated but worthy TXn (2 wds.)
- sheep cry

The Original

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- TXism: "numerous as ants" worm
- TX Willie wrote "Hello Walls" for this Young
- TXism: "independent as a dog"
- TXism: "shoot dice over the phone"
- legendary pitcher from Alvin, TX (init.)
- San Jacinto general (init.)
- TX ____ the Union in 1845
- Texas Tech's ____ Murphy
- TXism: "got ____ in her bonnet"

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VOL 112 THE STATUE OF LIBERTY



During the Revolutionary War, only one country came to America's aid fighting the British for Independence. France had been our ally and friend. To celebrate this friendship, a French sculptor, Frederic Bartholdi, came up with the idea to build a massive statue to honor our friendship and freedom. The French would build the statue as a gift to America.

The Americans would build the pedestal and base where the enormous statue would stand. The original plan was to have the gift completed by the 100th anniversary of the signing of The Declaration of Independence. Building the largest man-made structure took longer than anticipated (9 years). Only the torch would be displayed (see picture) by the celebration in 1876. But, by 1884, 214 crates were shipped to America. It took workers 6 months to reassemble the massive lady. On October 28, 1886, fireworks lit up the New York Harbor at the dedication of Liberty Enlightening the World. Today she is known as The Statue of Liberty, recognized around the world as a symbol of liberty, freedom and opportunity.

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning
To breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your
Teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless,
Tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.



At the bottom of the Statue of Liberty you will find the above poem written by Emma Lazarus. The young poet sold the poem to help raise money to build the base. Today her immortal words have come to represent the meaning behind the lady holding the torch of freedom.

"Liberty Enlightening the World"

The Statue of Liberty has been the focus of many major celebrations. In 1976 thousands of boats poured into New York Harbor to surround the statue and celebrate our nation's 200th birthday. In 1986 the nation celebrated the 100th birthday of the statue with the largest fireworks display in United States' history.



FUN FACTS

The designer, Bartholdi, used his mother's face as the model for Lady Liberty's face.

The nose is 4'6" tall—about the height of an average ten-year-old.

Each eye is as wide as a door.

Broken chains at the statues feet symbolize breaking free of British rule.

The seven spikes on the crown symbolize the seven continents of the world.

The outer skin is 100 tons of molded copper plates.

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