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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY/

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

Garza County Health Care District March 19 6:30 p.m. Citizens Bank Meeting Room 210 N. Broadway

Garza County Commissioners Court March 23

9 a.m. Garza County Courthouse 300 W. Main

OTHER COMMUNITY **EVENTS**

Event info available at press time.

Post ISD Early Release March 13 1:30 p.m.

"Judas the Lost Apostle" Ragtown Gospel Theater March 13 7:30 p.m. 877-RAGTOWN for

"Harvey Girls" Dinner Theater

Heritage House

reservations

March 14 6 p.m. Call 495-4148 for reservations

"Judas the Lost Apostle" Ragtown Gospel Theater March 14 3 p.m. 877-RAGTOWN for

Post ISD Spring Break March 16 - 20

reservations

Trailblazers Senior Citizens

Center Game Night March 17 5:30 p.m. 205 E. 10th

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center Game Night

March 19 5:30 p.m. 205 E. 10th

Stitchin' Group Heritage House March 19 6 p.m. Call 495-4148 for information

Potential Disaster of Drinking and Driving Exposed

By Rosa Latimer **News Editor**

This week the youth of Gar-

za County were shown in vivid

from drinking and driving. A car cooperative effort by school adcrash was staged on a Post street ministration and faculty, the lojust as if the event were real. cal Parent Teacher Organization

emergency organizations. Post students who were involved in the simulated crash were deeply impressed by the events. "This experience was amazing," said Kat Villalon, a Post Junior. "I don't think I'll be the same when I think of drinking and driving after this experience." Some of the mock victims appeared to have sustained

> The Shattered Dreams event held Tuesday and Wednesday this week was treated as a "full blown" auto accident with mock deaths and injuries. The event lope Arena and was observed by and Southland.

serious injuries while others

were pronounced "DOA."

The staged accident was handled as a real emergency and local law enforcement and emergency services used it as a training opportunity. Jaws of Life was used to extract injured passengers from the staged,

terms the potential for disaster Shattered Dreams was a large, and many law enforcement and wrecked vehicles and Southwest MediVac landed a helicopter to

transport one of the "victims." Following a model that has been used for several years, Shattered Dreams in Post included support activities including a visit to a trauma center and a morgue. Parents of the mock victims were also involved in the event. Retreats were held Tuesday night for students and parents to provide further education about the affects of drinking and driving. A memorial service was held for the mock victims of the staged crash Wednesday morning at the Arena.

Over 80 volunteers were intook place in front of the Ante- volved in the Shattered Dreams event and many businesses high school students from Post and individuals helped provide educational tools that will be used locally by law enforcement throughout the year. The Sheriff's Department and Parent Teacher Organization plan to repeat this graphic educational tool again in 2011.



Firefighters work to free the "victims" in a mock accident staged in Post recently to show youth the dangers of drinking and driving

Photo by Jeff Blackmon

Local Election Update

City, School & Health Care District Election - May 9, 2009 Post Community Center Voter's Forum - April 21 Early voting - April 27 through May 5

City Council Wards 1, 2 & Mayor Mayor: Thressa Harp, T. K. Thompson

Candidates filed:

Ward 1: Melba Cimental, Trena Woods Ward 2: Archie Gill, Dick Odom PISD School Board three at-large positions Candidates filed: Alexa Collier, Mike Holly,

Fred Postell, Milton Williams **Health Care District** Precinct 3: Wyvonne Kennedy Precinct 4: Wayne Edwards

Commissioners Approve Agreement to House Crosby County Inmates

By Rosa Latimer **News Editor**

In a regular meeting of the Garza County Commissioner's Court March 9, the Court discussed an Intergovernmental Agreement between Garza County and Crosby County regarding the housing of Crosby County inmates in the Garza County jail. The process of approval for any other such contracts was also discussed. Commissioners approved the agreement between Garza and Crosby Counties as presented. The Court also agreed to accept the contract in form for future agreements with the sheriff setting the inmate per diem on

a case-by-case basis. The court also revisited an issue discussed at the Feb. 23 Commissioner's Court meeting regarding notification of changes in departmental personnel

sion in that meeting centered on whether such proposed changes should come before the Court for approval. Judge Norman stated that he didn't feel the proposed change in policy needed to be "of record" as it had been previously determined that such matters were at the discretion of each department head within the parameters of the established county employee policy.

Regarding the agenda item for the March 9 meeting, Judge Norman proposed an amendment by adding language to item 1 on page 1.02 of the county policy manual, the Policy on Implementation and Administration of Personnel Policies. The judge added that he "took issue" with an office policy presented at the previous meeting. He expressed concern that if such a policy is

policies. The previous discus- written "it becomes policy" and suggested the following be added: "Written policies from any department which involves administrative, managerial or supervisory authority shall require commissioner's court approval before implementation."

Clerk Plummer presented page 1.02 to the members of the court which included item 2 as it is currently worded. The item, Deviation from Policies, states: "If unique or unusual circum-

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Garza County Promotes Wellness

To fight against the growing cost of health care and the downward trend in maintaining good health, Garza County is making an emphasis on healthy habits for employees a priority. The county has partnered with the Texas Association of Counties to offer its employees an innovative wellness program.

Texas obesity rates have risen over the past few years according to a report released by the state comptroller's office. The report identified specific health risks associated with obesity such as diabetes, heart disease, hypertension and asthma. Obesity accounts for decreased productivity in the workplace and is a major factor in health care expenditures.

The report also shows that at least 50 percent of health care expenditures are lifestyle related and potentially prevent-

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Post Notes

4-H Shotgun sports signups

4-H Shotgun sports will begin Monday, March 23rd at 6:00 pm. The location will be Palmer's Gun Club 9 miles west of Post on US Hwy 380. Bring parents to sign forms and listen to rules. This is Mandatory! For more information call Ray Mason @ 781-8022 or Mark Kirkpatrick @ 495-2235.

Rummage Sale

Church of God of Prophey is having a Rummage Sale Saturday March 14th from 8 a.m. -? The location is 602 W. 14th.

Benefit Dinner March 14th

There will be a benefit dinner for Natalia Roman on Saturday March 14th at the Holy Cross Parish Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$6 a plate. The plate includes: Chile Relleno, beans and rice.

Food Drive

Holy Cross Catholic Church will sponsor a food drive for the food pantry, March 1-15. Any church or organization who would like to help feed the hungry of Post, please call Reyes Pequeno, 778-2628.

Taba'na Yuan'e March 22

The traditional Taba'na Yuan'e or Sunrise Wind ceremony will take place in the Post city park Sunday, March 22. The ceremony will begin approximately thirty minutes before sunrise. Sunrise is predicted for 7:47 a.m. the morning of the event. Along with the Taba'na Yuan'e clan, Boy Scout Troup 316 will participate in the event and a free breakfast will be served to all visitors and participants. For more information, call the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, 495-3461.

Post ISD Dinner Theatre presented March 23

The Post High School's annual dinner theatre has been planned for March 23, 2009 at the Post ISD Cafeteria beginning at 6:30 pm. The meal will be catered. Tickets are \$12.50, tickets at the door for the performance only are \$4. Tickets are available from students or through the high school office.

Coaches Meeting

The will be a Little League coaches meeting on Tuesday, March 24th at the Methodist Church. The meeting will start a

My Special Place benefit raffle tickets

My Special Place will be holding a benefit raffle for a Syaah Over/Under 12-Guage Shotgun on March 23, 2009. Tickets are \$2.00 a piece or 6 for \$10.00 and can be picked up at 111 N Ave H. Call 495-3446 for more information.

ECA/EMT basic classes scheduled March 23

Interested in becoming an ECA or EMT and run with our Emergency Medical Service In Post? Western Texas College and Borden County EMS are starting an ECA/EMT basic class in Gail on Monday, March 23 at 6 PM at the school. The class will be held on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6pm-10pm. All the basic knowledge to become either an Emergency Care Attendant or Emergency Medical Technician-Basic will be taught. Financial assistance to attend the class is limited, but available. For more information contact Rodney Tidwell at 495-1813.

PHS Class of '98 Reunion

The Post High School Class of 1998 is looking for a few classmates to contact for our upcoming reunion. If you have information regarding the following please contact us at phs class98@yahoo.com or call Macee at 719-260-8312. We are

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Post Area Chamber of Commerce representatives, clinic staff and members of the Garza County Health Care District look on as Dr. Ben Edwards "cuts" the ribbon signifying the opening of the new Garza County Health Clinic. A large crowd gathered last week to celebrate the Open House at the 4,776 sq. ft. clinic.

Photo by Jeff Blackmon

Inmates ...

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nel policies, the elected official existing policy; and c. A statepartment involved shall see that in the best interest of the County Personnel Policy Manual. the following written documenta- and other parties involved."

tails of the action taken which de- to the court that the wording in viated from the existing policy; b. the proposed clause that would be

added to item 1 would cancel out

Clerk Plummer pointed out Judge Norman explained that the county will continue funding however, the City of Post has proposed that the city office take The Court approved.

being assessed. There was noth- Judge Lee Norman. ing more to report at this time.

Wellness ...

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able. Statistically, employers who offer wellness programs see a decrease in absenteeism, fewer workers' compensation claims, higher productivity, increased morale and a reduction of health care claims.

County employees will be In other business, the Court rewarded for taking control of

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item 2. Judge Norman and Commissioner McDaniel agreed that item 2 should remain in the pol-A description of the circumstanc- icy. The Court voted to approve deviate from any of these person- es requiring a deviation from the the proposed change to item 1 as presented and to keep item 2 as is responsible for overseeing the de- ment of why the deviation was on page 1.02 of the Garza County

Regarding the Post Airport,

approved a Proclamation in sup- their health through participaport of 2009 Colorectal Cancer tion rewards and special incen-Prevention and Awareness Year. tives such as gift cards and prizes The minutes from the Feb. 23, funded by the Texas Association 2009 regular meeting were ap- of Counties Health and Employproved as amended and depart- ee Benefits Pool. In addition, ment reports were accepted by the employees who enroll in condicourt as presented. Judge Norman tion management will receive readded that there is a Dalby unit duced co-pays on certain medicabond reserve fund of \$650,000 tions for chronic conditions. that may be better served by retiring some funds rather than leav- to workplace wellness, Garza ing it in that account. That pro- County hopes to ensure a stable, cess is in progress. Precinct and happy and healthy workforce for countywide accounts payable for its community. Feb. 24, 2009 through March 9, 2009 were approved. The court also approved one line item trans-

Through this wellness pro-

its share of airport operations; gram Garza County is encouraging all its employees to take advantage of resources to creover the accounting for the airport ate a personal package of welland pay the bills. The operations ness options. The Garza County of the facility will continue as is. Commissioner's Court supports the Healthy County Program for Regarding the renovation of all employees. "Any preventive the old jail and sheriff's office programs are encouraged for space, Judge Norman reported good health and the reduction of that the air conditioning system is health care costs," said County



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Congratulations Band Students!



Nine members of the Pride of Post band advanced to the Texas State solo and ensemble contest. The state competition is Memorial Day weekend in San Marcos.(back row from left) Ale Rodriguez and Courtney Basquez. (front row from left) Amanda Duran, Darlene Arraiza, Crystal Sanchez and Taylor Joy. Others who advanced to State, but are not pictured are: Amber Wilson, Kambry Mason and Evette Rodriguez.

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missing home and email addresses for the following people: Willie Bell, Slade Bevers, Danny Bilbo, Shad Bradford, Richard Cade, Trey Conner, Luke Cooper, Michelle Cotter, Bobbie Jo Davis, Joseph Delosreyes, Patricia Deluna, Micaela Eagle, Sarah Escobar, Johnny Espitia, Anthony Flores, Jodi Foreman, Creselda Garcia, Troy Gilbert, Homer Gomez, Anthony Gomez, Imelda Gonzales, Jerry Graham, David Graves, Chris Guerrero, Aaron Hanna, Jamie Hernandez, Sharlene Hymes, Ronda Jefferson, Clay Johnson, Chris Kagey, Erick Lopez, Amanda Martinez, Kayla Moore, Emillio Moreno, Bryan Navarro, Brandon Patschke, John Perez, Amanda Pierce, Javier Ramos, Katrina Reed, Brian Reidel, Christy Reiter, Leonard Rodela, Michael Sanchez, Brenda Simental, and Sam Woods. Methodist Church planning celebration

Anyone who has any information regarding former pastors, members, or who may have a connection to the First United Methodist Church of Post, please contact either the church office at 495-2942 or JoAnn Miller at 748-3812. FUMC Post is planning a 100 year celebration for Labor Day weekend, 2009, and would like to include all who have or have had a special connection or memory of the church.

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Garza County Tax Office needs updated information

If you have recently changed your name or address, please contact The Garza County Tax A/C Office. We need to update your information so you will be able to vote in the upcoming city elections and Post ISD School board election.

Little League Tryouts scheduled March 28th

Post Little League baseball tryouts will be on Saturday, March 28th at 10 am at the Post Little League field. There will be makeup tryouts on March 30th at 5pm for those who did not make it to the tryouts on March 28th. Anyone who is interested in volunteering, please contact Terry Morris 474-8153 or Liza Taylor 778-5449.

PHS Class of '79 Reunion

The Post High School Class of 1979 is looking for contact information for all classmates that attended Post High School with this class. Please contact Danny Gunn at dgunn@idalouisd.net or call 806-201-1475.

Post Book Club Changes Meeting Date/Location

In March the Post Book Club will begin meeting the third Tuesday of each month at the Heritage House, 109 No. Avenue N. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 17th at 6 p.m. The book selection is "The Guernesey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Annie Fiery Barrows and Mary Ann Fiery Shaffer. Set in London, 1946: "writer Juliet Ashton receives a letter from a stranger, a founding member of The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. And so begins a remarkable tale of Guernsey during the German occupation, and about a society as extraordinary as its name." For more information, call the Heritage House, 495-4148 or Ruby Lane Books, 495-2665.

Holy Cross Catholic church fish fry

Holy Cross Catholic Church will be having a fish fry every Friday during lent from 5-7 p.m. The cost is \$7 a plate and the plate includes fish, beans, potato salad, slaw, drink.

"Reflections of Spring"

OS Museum invites you to view "Reflections of Spring" from 10 am to 12 and from 1 pm to 5 pm Monday thru Saturday. The location is 201 East Main Street and Ave I upstairs. Elevators for your convenience. For more information call 495-3570.

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Debra Sue McQuerry-Odessa hospital.

Visitation was Saturday, 4 to 6 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Memorial services were 2 p.m. Sunday at Ellis Funeral Home officiating.

and raising and showing Sheltie Home. dogs.

Christian. Debra will be greatly 1964 in Mexico. missed by all.

death by her mother, Patricia Mexico; his mother, Maria Juarez Jones, an infant daughter, Angel of Rio Verde, Mexico; three Dawn Henderson and brother-in- sons: Jose Luis Gonzalez and law Donnie Blacklock.

Aiden Keller.

Memorials may be made to Mexico. the American Cancer Society, 2304 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas 79701 (432)683-5555. Online condolences may be directed to www.mem.com.

Mary Ann Stamps



Graveside services for Mary Ann Elizabeth Witt Stamps were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 9, 2009 at Terrace Cemetery in Post, Texas under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home. She passed away March 7 in Lubbock.

Mary was born on July 6, 1937 in Dimmitt, Texas to Marvin and Melvina Witt. She was an all-state guard for the 3-time

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State Championship winning Dimmitt Bobbies and remained an avid sports fan. She married Dee Stamps in Dimmitt on April 8, 1955. Dee and Mary lived in several West Texas communities before settling in Post.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and by her brother, Melvin Witt.

Survivors include her husband; two sons: Rick and wife Jody of Lubbock, Jerry and wife Debbie of Fort Worth and one daughter: Deann Ulm of Midland; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family Malone, 51 of Midland, died requests desired donations be Wednesday, March 4, 2009 in an made to VistaCare Hospice, 1717 Norfolk Ave., #A, 4th Floor, Lubbock, TX 79416.

Fidel Gonzalez

Services for Fidel Gonzalez, with Reverend Bob Porterfield 60, of Post were held at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 12 in the Debra was born August 19, Hudman Funeral Home Chapel 1957 to J.R. and Patricia Stewart with Rev. Vicente Villalon Jones in Snyder, TX. She was officiating. Burial will be in raised in Snyder where she Jardines de la Paz Cemetery married Michael McQuerry in in Rio Verde, Mexico. Local 1988 and soon moved to Midland. arrangements were under the Debra enjoyed cooking, fishing direction of Hudman Funeral

He died Saturday, March 7, Michael preceded her in 2009 at his home in Post. He death in 2000. Debra married was born April 24, 1948 in Rio Randy Malone on June 16, 2006 Verde, Mexico. He worked in the in Snyder. Debra was a devoted oilfield for 30 years. He married wife and mother and was a Maria Juarez Dias on May 16,

Survivors include his wife, Debra is also preceded in Maria Juarez of Rio Verde, Horacio Gonzalez of Rio Verde, Survivors include her Mexico and Fidel Gonzalez, Jr. husband, Randy Malone of of Tennessee Colony, Texas; Midland; father, J. R. Jones of three daughters: Juana Maria Snyder; daughters, Alishia Brook Gonzalez of Rio Verde Mexico; Henderson of Dallas, Kimberly Monica Gonzalez of Denton, Suzanne McQuerry of Midland; Texas and Olga Gonzalez of brother, Wayne Jones and wife Decatur, Alabama; one brother: Cynthia of Snyder; sisters, Vicki Antonio Gonzalez of Queretaro, Blacklock of Post, Shelby Merket Mexico and three sisters: Lucas of Loraine; and a grandson, Seth Gonzalez, Rosa Gonzalez and Puebla Gonzalez all of Queretaro,

> Thanks For Reading The Post Dispatch!

Elementary/Junior High Little made available. Dribblers teams for their wins this weekend. 1st/2nd grade lost a close game, but 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade combined girls/ boys team won. Congratulations to these kids on great wins and

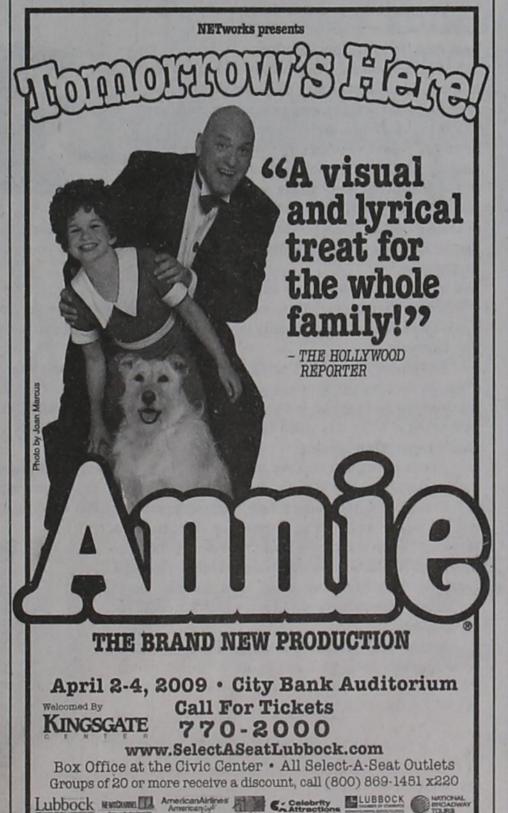
Congratulations to our FFA Judging teams that faired very well at Sul Ross this past week. Horse team 3rd

Live Stock Team- 2nd Kelcee Lewis, Devin Blanton, Laken Johnson, Colton Schoonover, Daegan Moore, Bianca Michael Estrada, Abraham

Congratulations to our Track Teams who competed very well this past weekend at Spur. Results

> New Deadlines Monday at 5:00p.m.

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Ashley Brown and Terrell Green of Post announce the birth of their baby boy, Zaidyn Raye Green. Zaidyn was born Tues., March 3, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. at Covenant Lakeside. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19 1/4 in. long. Proud grandparents are Rosemary and Archie Brown of Post and Dale and Janice Stone of Lubbock. Zaidyn is also welcomed home by 4 uncles: Jordan Smith of Dallas; Roosevelt Brown of Killeen; Nathan Stone and Bodrick Green of Lubbock and an aunt: Valsha Green also of Lubbock.

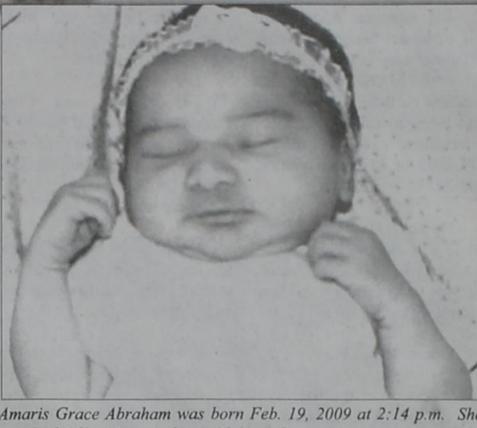
Congratulations to our will be sent as soon as they are

Events for This Week:

High School Track at Klondike on Friday.

Events for Next Week:

Spring Break all Week.



Amaris Grace Abraham was born Feb. 19, 2009 at 2:14 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs 15 oz and was 20 1/4 in. long. Her parents are Abby Ayala and Solomon Abraham. Grandparents are Anita Ayala and the late Pat Ayala; Ollie and Irene Abraham.

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EXTENSION EXTRAS

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It is MANDATORY that a parent be there to sign forms and listen to rules. For more information call Ray Mason, 781-8022 or Mark Kirkpatrick, 495-2235.

Photography Project Juniors and Intermediates - Photography entries will be due to Jaquita Blevins or the Extension office Monday, March 23rd.

Entomology Project will meet every Tuesday, 4:00-5:00 and 5:00-6:00 at the Extension office; Clover Kids welcome.

Rabbit Project will meet every Thursday after school at the GCJLA show barn.

4-H Projects and Club Meetings open to all youth, 9 years old or in the 3rd grade and older. For more information contact the Extension office 495-4400.

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

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

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Are other exemptions available?

Do I have to apply each year?

When and where should I file?



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Texas law allows farmers, ranchers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the "production value" of their land rather than on market value, This "productivity appraisal" means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber—not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

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When is the application deadline? If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2009 properly taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually? If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so, if a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

For more information, call or come by: Garza Central Appraisal District 124 E. Main, P.O. Drawer F Post, Texas 79356 (806) 495-3518

We'll be happy to answer your questions and provide you a free copy of

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities" Texas Comptroller Susan Combs Property Tax Assistance Division P.O. Box 13528 Austin, Texas 78711-3528

or call: (800) 252-9121 or on the Web at:

Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 15.

A "rendition" is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year.

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Are there any advantages to you? The advantages of filing a rendition are:

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The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

I'm involved in a number of small towns and I'm asked on occasion about the Texas or Oklahoma Open Meetings Act(s) and laws governing how entities receiving tax dollars are to operate their meetings. In a nutshell, these governmental bodies must follow the law or face serious consequences.

Every once in awhile, I hear a complaint about this board or that board ... "they're not playing by the rules." I did some research and came up with the following regarding these rules. Now everyone has the opportunity to understand the information and use it as a guideline as this is a simple summation.

The information:

Under the Open Meetings Act (the Act), the general rule is that every regular, special, or called meeting of a governmental body, including a city council and most boards and commissions (depending on membership and authority), must be open to the public and comply with all the requirements of the Act. The Act does not apply to purely social gatherings or conventions and workshops, as long as any discussion of city business is incidental to the purpose of the gathering.

There are seven exceptions that generally authorize closed meetings, also known as "executive sessions." The exceptions include discussions involving: (1) purchase or lease of real property; (2) security measures; (3) receipt of gifts; (4) consultation with attorney; (5) personnel matters; (6) economic development; and (7) certain homeland security matters. The governing body must first convene in open session, identify which issues will be discussed in executive session, and cite the time and applicable exception. All final actions, decisions, or votes must be made in an open meet-

A governmental body must post an agenda that includes the date, hour, place, and subject of each meeting. The agenda must be posted at city hall in a place readily accessible to the public at all times for at least 72 hours before the meeting. In addition, for cities that have an Internet Web site: (1) a city under 48,000 population must post meeting notices on the site; and (2) a city over 48,000 population must post the entire agenda on the site. Emergency meetings to address imminent threats to public health and safety or urgent public necessity may be called with two hours notice that identifies the nature of the emergency. If, at a meeting, someone inquires about a subject not on the agenda, any deliberation or decision about the subject must be limited to: (1) a proposal to place the subject on a future agenda; (2) a statement of factual information; or (3) a recitation of existing policy.

Cities must keep written minutes (or a "certified agenda" for executive sessions) or recordings of all meetings, except for closed consultations with an attorney. The minutes must state the subject and indicate each vote, decision, or other action taken. Minutes do not have to be a verbatim transcript. Minutes of open meetings must be kept forever. Executive session certified agendas or tapes must be kept for at least two years, and longer if litigation is pending.

Penalties for violating the Act range from having the action voided to the imposition of fines and incarceration. Any action taken in violation is voidable and may be reversed in a civil lawsuit. There are four criminal provisions under the Act, including: (1) knowingly conspiring to circumvent the Act by meeting in numbers less than a quorum for the purpose of secret deliberations; (2) calling or participating in a closed meeting; (3) participating in an executive session without a certified agenda or tape recording; and (4) disclosure of a certified agenda or tape recording to a member of the public. Upon conviction, fines may be up to \$2,000, and incarceration may be up to six months.

An official can be convicted for participating in an illegal closed meeting, even if unaware of the illegality of the meeting. It is an affirmative defense that the member or the official acted in reasonable reliance on a: (1) court order; (2) written opinion of a court of record; (3) written attorney general's opinion; or (4) written opinion of the attorney for the governing body.

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White River Weekly Report March 9, 2009

Rainfall for 2004 43.58"

Rainfall for 2005 15.57" Rainfall for 2006

28.85" Rainfall for 2007 Rainfall Past Week

24.19"

Rainfall for 2008 Rain to Date 33.16"

White River Lake has 2,806,554,663 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 27% capacity or 8,613 acre feet. Subtract 19,551,059 MG for evaporation this week in February that leaves 2,787,003,604 MG available as of today. White River's daily average demand for 2008 was 1.23 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 Contigency Plan.

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

-Mickey Rogers-GM White River

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Russell Graves Outdoors **Capturing Life on Video**

By Russell A. Graves

Over the past year or so, I've became somewhat enamored with video. At the time, it seemed like a natural extension to photography and vice versa so I was eager to pick up my wife's video camera and give it a try. Once I took the time to learn about videography, I realized that many of the tools and techniques available to only professionals just a few years prior are now within the reach of everyday consumers like you and

Camera brand doesn't matter so much

I am often asked, "What is the best brand of camera I can buy?"

Let me tell you that camera brand really doesn't matter all that much. Sony, Panasonic, Canon, and JVC are common brands with varying features but they ultimately accomplish the same purpose with excellent results.

With consumer grade video cameras, one of the biggest differences from model to model are the means by which the video is recorded. Mini-DV, internal hard drives, secure digital media, and mini-DVD's are some of the various medias by which video is stored and transferred to the computer

I own cameras that record on both mini-DV tape and memory cards and actually prefer the drag and drop conveniences of moving video files around on my computer as opposed to connecting my camera to the computer and having to play the mini-DV tape in order to capture the video.

Ultimately, try to match the type of storage media to what matches your workflow best. Low cost (free) editing solutions

Whether you use PC or Mac, you don't have to spend a bunch of money to own powerful editing tools. Shooting video is great but making videos, editing them, and then producing DVD's or on-line videos is addicting. With the democratization of video technology, you have all kinds of tools available for making your creative vision come to life. Windows Movie Maker (PC)

or iMovie (Mac) offers powerful editing solutions so you can create the movie or your dreams. The best part is that these software programs come already installed on your new computer and they are free (and

Use a tripod (or some other support)

Most video that isn't up to snuff can be fixed with a simple solution - use a tripod. Nothing ruins great video more than a shaky, visually incoherent presentation. The great news is that a tripod fixes most all of the shakiness.

The problem with NOT using a tripod is that most of us can't hold a camera very steady for very long. Zoom in on a person or object and the shakiness is magnified. Granted, you may not notice the shake at the time you film a scene, but your viewers definitely will. Therefore, do yourself and your viewers a favor by helping to solve this video-age dilemma and use a tripod to steady your camera. Don't zoom while filming

Another common mistake made while filming is zooming in and out. Well, not just zooming in and out but doing it really fast. From a viewer's standpoint, those fast zooms are hard to watch.

If you watch big-budget motion pictures you'll see that the directors incorporate zooms ocassionally but not nearly as much as us amateur videographers. However, when pro movie makers do zoom, they employ ultra-sophisticated, camera equipment with the capability of performing slow, even zooms. Most consumer video cameras don't have such a smooth (or

My advice? Frame your image before you start recording and keep your finger off the zoom button. The viewers will thank you and your high-quality videos will make you a hero.

Any questions or comments? Contact Russell at russell@russellgraves.com or visit his website at www.russellgraves.com

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Weather

As of Wednesday afternoon it is really cold out and I think it is suppose to stay that way for a few days. Maybe by the time you are reading this we will have had some rain out of it. Keep moisture in your daily prayers.

Visiting with Lois Childs this past weekend was her brother-in-law, Harold Childs from San Angelo. Three of his daughters brought him up here; Cindy Geron, and Lynn Fine from San Angelo and Mandy Childs from Aledo. They had

with Harold were GB Wilke & Robbie Wilke both of Close City; Tad, Rhianna, TJ and Emilee Ellis of Lubbock. Harold and his daughters also visited with his sister-in-law, LaGayluah McReynolds.

Lois had a busy weekend, she went to Lubbock to watch her great granddaughter, Abby Guerrero Volleyball Tournament. Jim and Nedra also

Rylan Morris celebrated his 2nd birthday with a hamburger cookout. Helping him to celebrate

a wonderful visit. Others who dropped by to visit were his parents and brother, Chuck, Kristi and Joyce Herridge of Gail. Dylan Morris of Close City; Charles and Sharron Morris also of Close City; Barry, Amy and Brooke Morris of Post; Kayla Morris of San Angelo; Tim and Diane Morris of Midland; Donnie and Barbra

Cody Nowlain celebrated his birthday with of Amarillo participate in the Texas Tumbleweed a family dinner. They all met in Post at Georges since it is the central location for everyone. Those attending were, Cody and Emily Nowlain of Lubbock; Jibber and Cindy Herridge of Gail; Mack and Jane Terry of Close City; Frank and

Travis Lancaster stopped in to visit; Jake Morris came in with his aunt, Nancy and brought me some cotton to "gin"; Robbie Williams and Tim James stopped in for a little bit of info.....we all know there's plenty of that out here!

Get Wells

All of us out here want to send a big get well to Barbra Ethridge. She has been in the hospital in Lubbock, last we talked to Daymon she was

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Weekly Inspirations

A BRIDGE OF OUR OWN

By: Michael F. Taylor

Most of us are probably familiar with the infamous "Bridge Over the River Kwai" story in which a group of British, American, Australian and Scottish Prisoners of War were forced by the Japanese to build that bridge over the river Kwai during World War II. Many, however, are not as familiar with another story of that same group of prisoners. The camp had descended into a terrible "every man for himself" mentality. Survival of the fittest and the most willing to steal from his fellow ally and P.O.W. became the rule! Save one man, Angus McGillivray. Angus was a large, beefy Scottish soldier (commonly called Argylls) who believed in the old Scottish buddy system. It seems that the buddy of a Scottish soldier was referred to as a "Mucker." Angus took this buddy system quite seriously. And his buddy was in bad shape! In fact all the other P.O.W.'s had given up on Angus's mucker and believed that he would die within a few days. Someone had even gone so far as to steal his blanket. Angus, knowing the high fever and malaria with which his buddy was battling, gave up his blanket to comfort his friend. When rations were handed out, Angus would give his portion to his buddy. This went on for several days and slowly, Angus's friend began to recover. But sadly, the next day, Angus collapsed, fell over, and died! It seems that Angus had died of starvation and exposure because he had been giving all to his mucker and sacrificed of himself. The act of Angus's love for his friend had an astounding impact upon the prison camp. As the word of what Angus had done spread, things in the camp began to change. Allies began to focus upon each other instead of themselves. It was learned that one prisoner was an orchestra leader; and another a violin maker; and yet another, a carpenter. Before long the prison camp had its own orchestra filled with crudely constructed instruments and a "Church without Walls" sprung up. It is said that the church was so compelling and the power of the Holy Spirit so strong that Japanese guards even attended. A hospital and a library were also constructed and the love which is given by God took root. And a horrible Prisoner of War Concentration Camp was transformed. For hundreds of these men, the transformation meant life. Angus' friend recovered fully due to the love of one man. I am inclined to believe that Angus McGillivray was the true bridge builder over the River Kwai.

We are told in John 15:9-13, "9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." NIV What a wonderful picture Angus McGillivray gave each of us in the fulfilling of this scripture. His love and sacrifice led to the salvation of many men in that P.O.W. camp. Much like the sacrifice our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ made for mankind on the cross of Calvary! And, as we remain in His love this week, His joy then is within us and is made complete. And if His love is made complete in you, the world around you just may become transformed! God bless each of you and remember that this week -There is a Bridge of your Own to build.

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Lady Lopes finishing up non-district season

The Post Lady Lopes improved to 13-1 for the season beating Abernathy Tuesday night and by winning the Ralls Tournament.

Post beat Abernathy 9-2 and won all three of its games last weekend against Lubbock Christian 14-4, Ralls JV 15-0 and Muleshoe 9-8 in the championship game.

This weekend the Lady Lopes are set to square off in the Slaton Tournament, with all games being moved to Saturday to avoid bad weather.

Next week, the team is off to enjoy spring break, and will host Idalou Saturday, March 21 to begin the district season. The game begins at noon.

Lady Lope Softball Stats

Tuesday, Mar. 10

Post 9 Abernathy 2

Stats: Offense/Defense:

Alex Miller: scored 2 runs and 1 RBI off of 3 singles/ 5 assists at 2nd base

Bethany Berry: scored 2 runs and 1 RBI off of 3 singles

Sabrina Sanchez: scored 1 run off of a single, a double and a homerun/8 put outs at 1st base

Miranda Hair: scored 1 run off of a single and a triple/ 2 put outs and 1 assist at pitcher

Kelsey Overton: hit 1 single/2 assists at catcher

Brooke Morris: 2 put outs at short stop

Sydney Jones: scored 1 run off of 2 singles/1 assist at 3rd base

Danica Williams: scored 1 run off of 1 single/1 put out at left field Sierra Hodge: scored 1 run off of 2 singles

Friday, Mar. 6 Ralls Tournament

1st Game: Post 14 Lubbock Christian HS 4 Stats:

Offense/Defense:

Alex Miller: scored 3 runs and 2 RBIs off of 3 singles and 1 triple Sydney Jones: scored 1 run and 1 RBI off of a SAC and a walk/1 put out and 4 assists at short stop

Sabrina Sanchez: scored 1 run and 5 RBIs off of a double and a homerun/6 put outs at 1st base

Kelsey Overton: scored 3 runs off of a single

Brooke Morris: scored 2 runs and 1 RBI off of 2 singles and a double/ 2 assists at pitcher

Kari Dunn: scored 1 run and 1 RBI off of a SAC and a walk/ 1 put

Dani Williams: scored 1 run and 1 RBI off of a single/1 put out at left field

Bethany Berry: scored 2 runs off of a single and a walk Winning pitcher was Brooke Morris with 4 strike outs

2nd Game: Post 15 Ralls JV 0

Stats:

Alex Miller: scored 4 runs and 2 RBIs off of 1 homerun and 3 walks

Sydney Jones: scored 2 runs and 1 RBI off of 1 single/ 1 assist at short stop

Sabrina Sanchez: scored 2 runs and 1 RBI off of 1 single and 1 double/ 5 put outs at 1st base

Miranda Hair: scored 1 run and 1 RBI off of 1 single/1 put out and

3 assists at pitcher Kelsey Overton: scored 1 run and 2 RBIs off of 2 singles

Brooke Morris: scored 1 run and 1 RBI off of 2 singles and 1 triple

Kari Dunn: scored 1 run off of a walk Marina Cabrera: scored 1 unearned run

Bethany Berry: scored 1 run and 1 RBI off of 1 single

Winning pitcher was Miranda Hair with 9 strike outs

Championship Game

Sat. Mar. 7

Post 9 Muleshoe 8 Stats:

Alex Miller: scored 2 RBIs off of 1 single/2 put outs at 2nd base Bethany Berry: scored 2 runs off of 3 singles/ 1 assist at center field

Sabrina Sanchez: scored 2 runs and 1 RBI off of 1 single and 1 double/4 put outs and 1 assist at 1st base

Miranda Hair: scored 1 run and 3 RBIs off of a double and a triple/5

put outs and 1 assist Kelsey Overton: scored 1 run off of 2 singles/2 assists at catcher

Brooke Morris: scored 1 run off of 1 single/2 put outs Sydney Jones: hit for 1 single/1 assist

Danica Williams: scored 1 run off of 1 single

Kari Dunn: scored 1 run and 1 RBI off of 1 single

Miranda Hair pitched the first 5 innings and recorded 6 strike outs Brooke Morris came in during the 6th inning to finish up the game.



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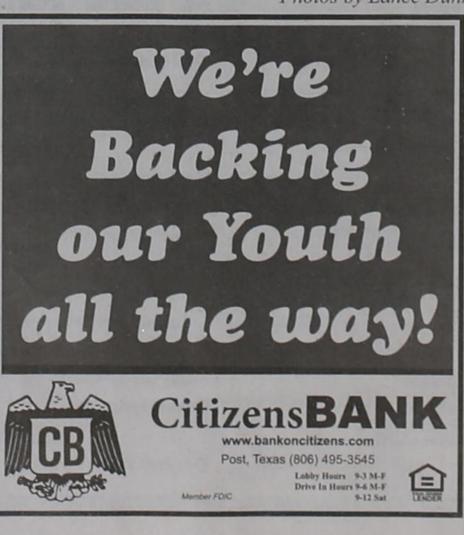
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Top, the Post Lady Lopes celebrate their Ralls Tournament championship after a 9-8 win against Muleshoe. Above, middle, Kelsey Overton works behind the plate for Post and Sabrina Sanchez is all smiles after hitting a grand slam. Above, Brooke Morris sprints to first against Abernathy, and (right) Danica Williams bats against Abernathy.

Photos by Lance Dunn







Lopes go 2-2 at Sweetwater tourney

game series in Sweetwater last weekend.

The team began the tournament Lopes 13-2. with a 3-2 win against Clyde in nine strikeouts in the contest.

team rebounded to behind strong starts at 7 p.m. as well.

The Post Lopes split a four- pitching by Chess Postell to beat Sweetwater 8-6.

In game four, Clyde beat the

Tonight, the Lopes are schedeight innings. Jesse Vera hurled uled to play at Colorado City at 7 p.m. Tuesday, the team hosts In game two, the Lopes fell Shallowater in its second district 12-2 to Hawley, but then the game of the season. That game

Mitchell James (top, right) attempts to put a Clyde player out at first base. Jesse Vera (right) won the first game of the Sweetwater tournament racking up nine strikeouts in the process. Ernie Saldivar (below, right) gets congratulated by head coach Billy Hardin following a triple in the game. Bottom, Ernie Saldivar and Mitchell James try to get a Clyde player out at first.

Photos by Dianne James

Junior high track results

Denver City meet

Seventh grade boys

400-meter relay: first place team of Chris Rivera, Josh Curtis, Christian Pena and Darren Brown, 49.49 seconds. Triple Jump: first place, Darren Brown, 33'2"

200-meter dash: first place, Darren Brown, 25.21. Long Jump: first place, Darren Brown, 16'3" 800-meter relay: fourth place, Alan Alaniz, Pake Jones, Christian Pena and Blaine Osborn, 2.00.

1,600-meter-relay: fourth place team of Darren Brown, Josh Curtis, Tyler Jones, Chris Rivera, 4:22. 400-meter dash: fifth place, Chris Rivera.

110 high hurdles: fifth place, Alan Alaniz, 22.75. Shot put: fifth place, Armando Martinez, 30'7.5" 100-meter dash: sixth place, Josh Curtis, 13.76. Team scored 73 points

Eighth grade boys

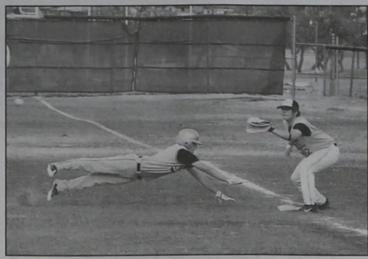
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Hodge, Gilbert Arreguin, 50. 800-meter relay: second place, Dalton Holly, Gilbert Arreguin, Aaron Macy, Justin Hidge, 1:49.49.

100-meter dash: second place, Nathaniel Gill, 12.82. High jump: second place, Nathaniel Gill, 5'01" 2,400-meter: third place, Issac Stern, 9:38. Triple Jump: fourth place, Vance Blair, 31'11.75" 100-meter dash: fifth place, Vance Blair, 13.27. High Jump: fifth place, Aaron Macy, 4'8"

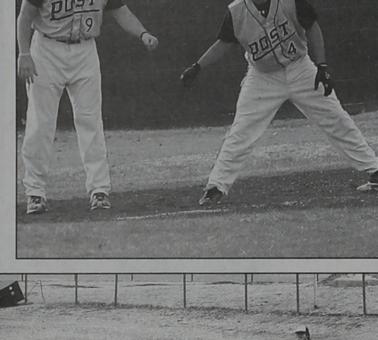
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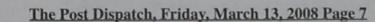












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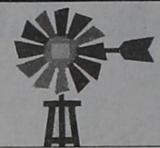
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10 Years Ago March 10, 1999

team honors were Post Lady Lopes Kasey Hardin, Meagan Mills, Christen Webb and Becca Stelzer. Joining in the honors were PHS varsity Antelope players Braden Conner, Clell Knight, Billy Crawford and Daniel Fluitt.

Constable Leroy Deming recommended the appointment Yarbro to serve as a deputy constable during a Garza County Commissioners' Court meeting. Yarbro will draw a \$17,000 per year salary as a deputy constable. Golden Plains Care Center was

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named Business of the Year and Gladys Blair was recognized as Citizen of the Year at the Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau's annual banquet.

Cecil Stolle of Southland as third place trophy in a San Angelo Conservationist of the Year; rodeo parade. Five of the posse's a Junior Rodeo Association Teacher of the Year honors to riders, plus their new queen Joan meeting were Clarky Cowdrey, Post Elementary School's Cathy Minor, participated. Courtney, Post Middle School's Susanna Mercer and Post High Jaycee-ettes were Nell Bailey, School's Delton Moore. The Barbara Crenshaw, Delores McClellan, Delwin Fluitt, Sandee Pioneer Cowboy recognition Smith, Ruth Ann Young and went to John Tom "Red" Sims.

20 Years Ago March 12, 1989

and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Jones, left Post for Washington, D. C. where she will be given the rare opportunity to see her government in action as she joins approximately 350 outstanding high school juniors and seniors from a cross the country at the spring 1989 National Young Leaders Conference.

Airman Dewayne E. Warren was graduated from U. S. Air Force Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas on March 10 and has been assigned to Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi where he will train as flight check engineer. Warren is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chet Warren of Post.

The first baby of 1989 was Gabrielle Ruth Paiz, daughter of Grace and Theodore Paiz. Gabrielle was born Thursday, March 9 at Garza Memorial Hospital.

> 30 Years Ago March 15, 1979

Cooper's Canyon, five miles south of Post, and the Post-Montgomery site, west of Post, had both been officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the Dispatch was notified by the Texas Historical Commission.

A covered dish luncheon was Kenneth Sledge. Earning All-District basketball held by the Grassland Hobby Club to celebrate its 10th anniversary.

A Sunday birthday luncheon Rachelle Jones, Kenda Looney, honored Travis Dale Hair and Sammy Ray Harper in the home of Mrs. Margie Harper.

> Mike Macy and Jimmy Pruitt took fourth place in a field of 56 doubles teams in a Brownfield tennis tournament.

In a game played at the FHA of former Constable Daniel "Fun with Father Night," Jerri Baumann and her father, A. J. and Nita Jo Gunn and her father, Clarence tied for first place. In second place were Patti McClellan and her father, Mason.

Steven J. White of Post earned "Distinguished Student" ranking at Texas A&M University.

> 40 Years Ago March 13, 1969

Quality, not quantity, netted the Other awards went to Garza County Sheriff's Posse the

Allane Ammons.

Travis Thomas replaced the 45-year old lighting fixtures in Janell Jones, a PHS Senior the Garza County courtroom with new fixtures which provided 14 times more light.

The Post Rotarians and the Interact Club, its sponsored teenage civic club of high school boys, will clash in a benefit "girls" basketball game. County Agent Syd Conner is captain of the Rotary team, which is expected to sport some real "charmers" including Bob Collier, Gene

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50 Years Ago March 12, 1959

Scottie Pierce and Jane Maxey were elected president and vice president of the Post High School Student Council for the 1959-60 school year.

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to discontinue senior trips after this school year. The decision was made after a discussion in which it was pointed out by the superintendent that such trips used to serve an educational purpose, but not any more.

Junior Directors elected at Butch Wilson, Curtis Steel, Carol Newly elected officers of the Davis, Ruth Ann Long, Linda Davis, Linda Wilks, Mason Cross, Royce Hart and Don Richardson.

> 60 Years Ago March 17, 1949

The bridge on the Ralls road was finally authorized by the Texas Highway Department and would be build in the summer of 1949 at a cost of approximately \$125,000, according to County Judge Lee Bowen.

Coach Bing Bingham and his track team, composed of Ronald Joe Babb, Jack Kirkpatrick, W. O. Fluitt, Cordell Custer, Bobby Terry, Norman Cash, Billy G.

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and Jones, Jimmy Smith, Calvin Storie, Pat Stephens and Donald Gossett attended an invitational track meet in O'Donnell.

PHS girls took second place consolation (sixth place in the state) at the state basketball tournament in Hillsboro. Members of the championship team are Cletta Buster, Frances Mayfield announced the birth of Benson, Mary Nell Bowen, Barbara Lusby, Peggy Johnston, March 4 in Methodist Hospital in Marjorie Freeman, Shirley Smidt, Alma Floyd, Alice Ruth Carr, A 20 by 60 foot barn owned by Jeneice Fluitt and Janet and Joy

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dunn of Southland celebrated their Trustees of the Post ISD voted Golden Wedding Anniversary with an open house.



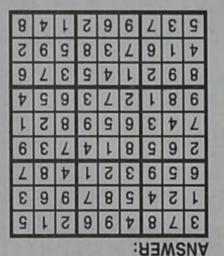


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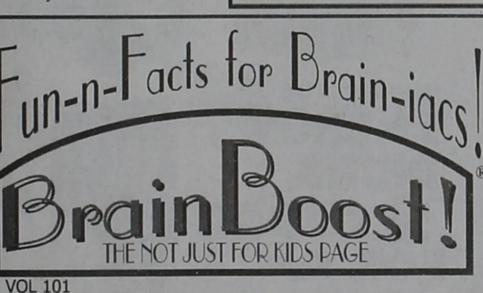
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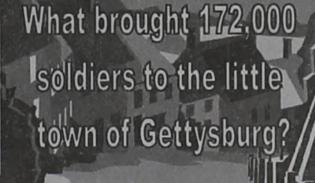
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alf way through America's five year Civil Warbetween the southern Confederate states and the northern Union states, fighting moved above the Mason-Dixon Line (northern soil) for the first time. The three day battle that ensued in a small town in Pennsylvania, called Gettysburg, would become the bloodiest and deadliest days in American history. It would also be a turning point in the war. Although it would be more than two years before General Robert E. Lee (South) would surrender at Appomattox and the brutal Civil War would be over. With the battle of Gettysburg, the United States of American was on its way to once again being unified. After the devastating, but honorable defeat at Gettysburg, no longer would The Confederate army be on the offensive.

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of my sister-in-law, Margaret Bell, I began a dictionary search. I usually depend on my computer to do this kind of work for me; however, on a recent visit with Margaret we discussed the many dictionaries she uses frequently. In her subtle, quiet way Margaret reminded me of the great feeling I have as I turn through the pages

of a dictionary or thesaurus. The term refers to Charles Ponzi, (That's one reason for the pile advantage to using books instead money from a prepaid postage Margaret is dedicated to learning of a computer for this task. I usually find several more words short bio I found of Charles Ponzi that are interesting on my way to the word that originally prompted man."

Following the good example for "ponzi" I also learned that the meaning of "poltroonery" "cowardliness." But, as they say, I digress (which means "stray").

word "ponzi" as: a widely known description of any scam that pays to being a fantastic resource on all early investors returns from the sorts of intellectual subjects, she investments of later investors. is a whiz at crossword puzzles!

stamp scheme in the 1920s. In a it listed his occupation as "con a great example to us all.

During my dictionary search more positive subject - Margaret Bell. I'm sure our book store customers would benefit from a this for many years. In addition

remembered another great a colorful character who made his of dictionaries by her chair.) new things and keeping her mind engaged. In this endeavor she is

Margaret's delicate leadership Now, I'd like to return to a also carries a big impact. She taught school for 29 years and has led the Open Door/Friendship Sunday School class at the First "mean pusillanimity" and visit with this soon to be 82 year Methodist Church in Hereford the meaning of pussilanimity is old woman. I love discussing for "52 years and 2 months." The books with her as she usually Daybreak Prayer group has met at reads the best sellers as soon as her house early every Wednesday The dictionary describes the they are available and has done morning for over 5 years. During all of this "public" service, she, along with her husband Charlie, nurtured four children to productive adulthood.

I have been the benefactor of this lady's hospitality many times and even though she usually wins at Mexican Train, I always have a delightful experience in her home. How fortunate I am, an "only" child, to have the wonderful experience of such energetic, unique "in-laws." (And, there's not a Ponzi or poltroon among them!)

That's it for this week in Post City!



Girls Power Lifting had a "strong" showing at Regionals last week. Yesenia Gomez (left) finished 12th in her weight class and Gaby Gomez finished 3rd in hers. Gaby will represent Post and Region 1-2A at the State Power Lifting meet in Corpus Christi on March 20-21.

Five Post FFA and Jr. FFA members exhibited gilts in the San Angelo Livestock Jr. Breeding Gilt Show



Katie Dunn placed first in class three of the Crossbred CTBR Texas Stars Gilt Show which qualified her for the sale. Fifty-seven animals out of 450 made the sale. Katie's gilt sold for \$1000.00



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Russ Morris placed third in class one of the Duroc Jr. Breeding Gilt Show and third in class one of the Duroc CTBR Texas Stars Gilt Show. He also placed seventh in class five of the show.

Eric Adams placed fourth in class three of the Crossbred CTBR Texas Stars Gilt show which qualified him for the sale as well.

Also exhibiting animals were Chase Odom and Reed Williams.

Making the trip with the members were Lance Dunn-Post FFA advisor, Ronnie Dunn, Dicky and Shellee Odom, Jack, Jean, and Nancy Morris, Rusty Morris, Melanie and Jake Morris, and Keith and Janice Williams.



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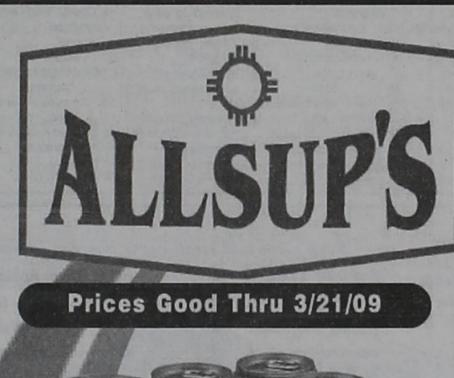
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from left) Harry Record, Thressa Harp, Brandy Fannon, and Greg

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Miller-vice-president; Chad Bethany Berry-secretary; Clint Windham-reporter/student council representative-reiterated the characteristics by which new members were selected: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. During a candlelight ceremony, the inductees recited the pledge of the society and current members presented each with a certificate of membership. Bethany Berry

Gives Light to You." Mrs. Amy Easterling, NHS sponsor, then presented NHS patches to last year's inductees who maintained their standing in NHS: Quinten Davis, Jackie Slaugh, Bethany Berry, Alex Miller, Cheyenne Miller, Branda Stevens, Reed Williams, Clint Windham. Easterling also presented senior certificates to Quinten Davis, Chad Miller, and Jackie Slaugh. Each senior briefly spoke about read the poem "As This Torch his/her after-graduation plans.



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Ronnie Graves (second from right)receives a certificate of election to the Garza-Borden County FSA Committee. Also shown with Mr. Graves are the current members of the committee: (1-r) Jerry Thuett, Chairman; Brian Briley, Vice-chairman; Mr. Graves; and Marsha Norman, Advisor.

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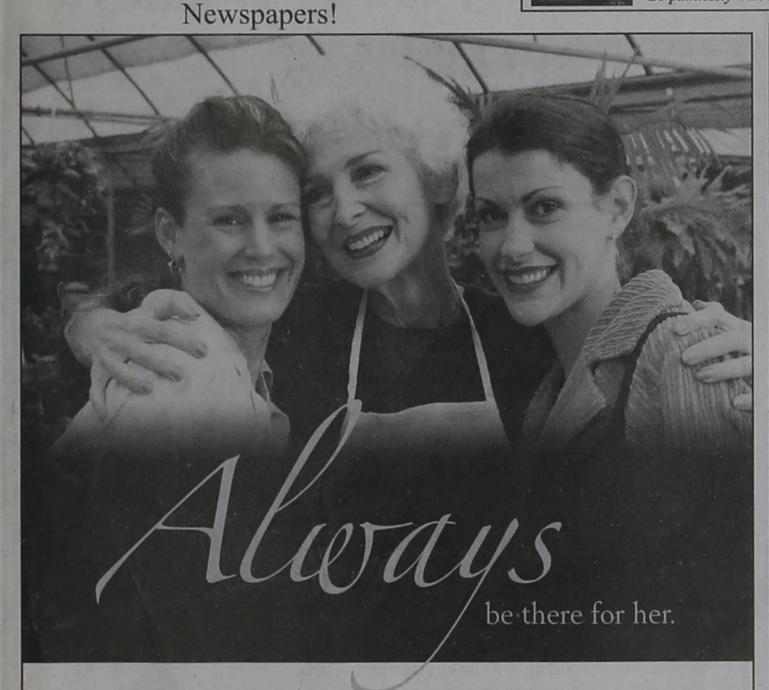
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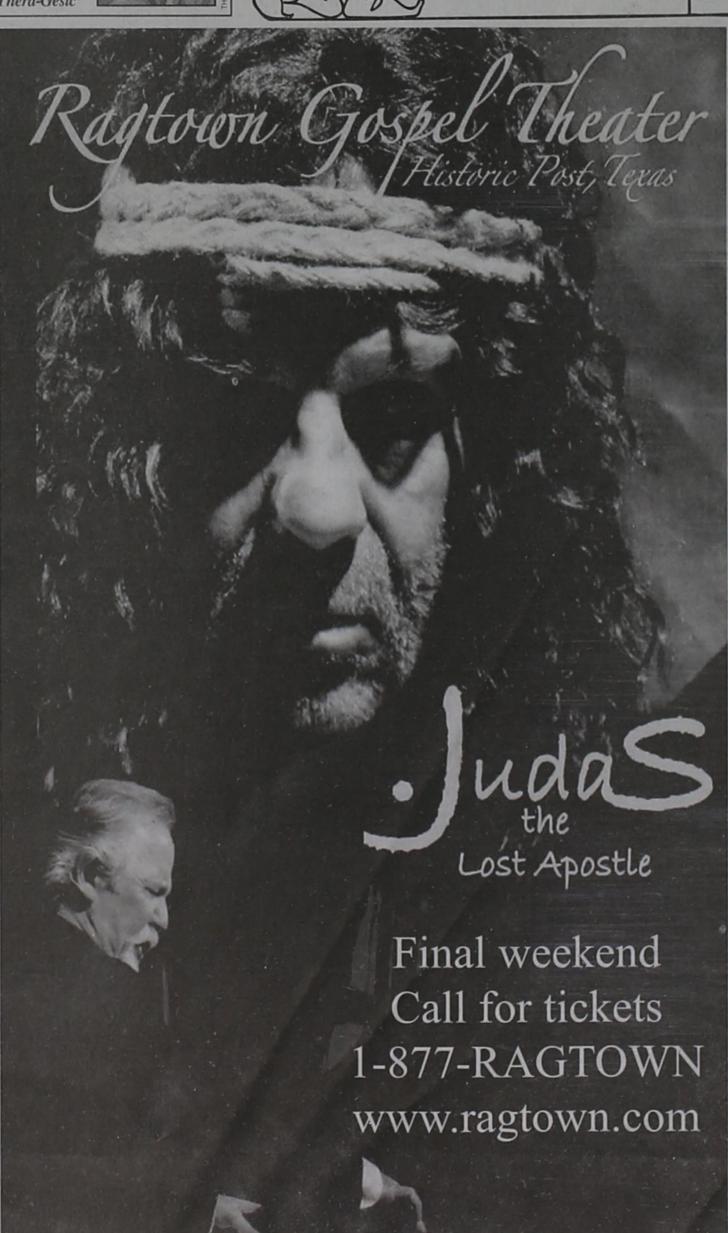
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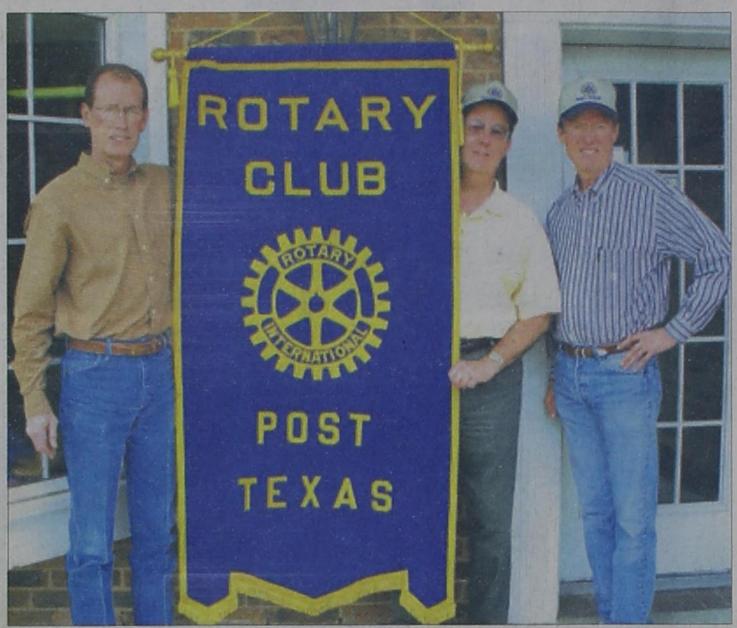
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Members of the Post Rotary Club who helped with the Reading Fair at the Post Library Saturday are: (from left) Victor Ashley, Leslie Acker and Charles Hardin. The Rotary Club provided funding to buy books for children and served refreshments to the Reading Fair participants.

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doing better. Hurry and come home, Barbara!

Birthdays

March 19th - Laura Norman close.city.coop@pcca.com May

Don't forget our Ragtown Folks in the nursing homes; Doug and Claudine Tipton in Post and Carmen Abraham in Lubbock. Keep our troops in your daily prayers and check out our blog at http://closecitycoopgin. blogspot.com don't forget to send me your recipe's so that I

can post them on the blog.

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 March 14th - Rhonda Norman me at the gin or email me at

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Peg Davis, children's author from Abernathy, reads her book "Napoleon and Marigold" to a group of children who attended the Post Library Reading Fair Saturday. Authors Michael Davis and D. Weldon Brantley also participated in the event that was co-sponsored by the Post Rotary Club.



D. Weldon Brantley reads from his mystery, Ghost of Whitehall Hill, to a group of participants in last week's Reading Fair. The event, sponsored by the Post Library and the Post Rotary Club, featured children's authors sharing story time with young children and their parents.

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