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University Interscholastic League Schedules Altered Due to Swine Flu

UPCOMING EVENTS COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

All of these meetings are open to the public.

EARLY VOTING CITY ELECTIONS

Through May 5
 City Hall - Main Entrance
 105 E. Main Street
 Extended Hours 5/4:
 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 Regular Hours 5/1 & 5/5:
 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

EARLY VOTING SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Through May 5
 Post ISD Central Office
 501 So. Avenue K
 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ELECTION DAY CITY & SCHOOL

May 9
 Community Center - East Door
 113 W. Main
 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

City of Post City Council Meeting

May 12
 6 p.m.
 Council Chambers
 City Hall
 105 E. Main Street

City of Post Swearing In of Elected City Officials

May 15
 Noon
 Council Chambers

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Event info available at press time.

"Magdalene"

Ragtown Gospel Theater
 May 1
 7:30 p.m.
 877-RAGTOWN for reservations

Old Mill Trade Day Downtown

Downtown Post
 May 2
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

"Magdalene"

Ragtown Gospel Theater
 May 2
 3:00 p.m.
 877-RAGTOWN for reservations

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center

Game Night
 May 5
 5:30 p.m.
 205 E. 10th

Stitchin' Group

Heritage House
 May 5
 6 p.m.

Call 495-4148 for information

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center

Game Night
 May 7
 5:30 p.m.
 205 E. 10th

"The Seafarer"

Garza Theatre
 May 8
 8 p.m.

"The Seafarer"

Garza Theatre
 May 9
 2:30 & 8 p.m.

AUSTIN — On the recommendation of Dr. David Lakey, Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, and in consultation with Texas Education Agency Commissioner Robert Scott, the University Interscholastic League is altering its schedule of events due to the outbreak of the swine flu in Texas. Effective immediately, all UIL interscholastic competition is suspended until May 11.

"The health and safety of our student activity participants is of the utmost importance," said UIL Executive Director Dr. Charles Breithaupt. "Taking every possible precaution to prevent the further

spreading of this disease is an important contribution to the welfare of our great state, and altering the schedule of our events is a way to keep our participants safe."

As this is a fluid situation, the UIL tentatively releases the following schedule for UIL regional and state events affected by this situation.

Academic State Meet

The UIL Academic State Meet, originally scheduled for May 7-9, will be rescheduled at a later date. The Conference 4A and 5A One-Act Play competition will continue as previously scheduled on May 15-16. All other conferences competing in One-Act Play

will be rescheduled. A schedule of the Academic State Meet, including One-Act Play, will be posted on the UIL web site once finalized.

Texas State Wind Ensemble Festival

The Texas State Wind Ensemble Festival, originally scheduled for May 9, has been cancelled. The UIL staff will consult with the 16 participating schools to determine whether or not to reschedule the event at a later date.

Regional Track Meets

All UIL regional track meets originally scheduled for this weekend, May 1-2, have been cancelled. The state track and field meet will

be extended to a three-day format to include semifinal heats. The meet is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 14-16.

Semifinal qualifiers will be based on the district track meet results. Each region will be represented at the state meet by the top four performances in each event for all conferences. Hand-held times will be converted to fully automatic times as defined by the National Federation of State High School Association rules. A revised track and field state meet schedule will be posted on the UIL web site no later than Friday, May 1. Qual-

ifiers to the UIL state track and field meet will be posted on the UIL web site on Wednesday, May 6.

Golf State Tournament

The UIL golf state tournament will take place at the previously scheduled times beginning May 11.

Tennis State Tournament

The UIL tennis state tournament will take place at the previously scheduled times beginning May 11.

Baseball and Softball

No interschool games will take place until May 11 for either softball or baseball.



Seniors honored at a Post Rotary Club banquet are (from left): Zachary Nava, Chad Miller, Stacy Bocko, Post High School Assistant Principal Dan Boyd, Quinten Davis, Jackie Slauch, Zachary Davis, and Post ISD Superintendent Marlin Marcum. Other Seniors recognized by Rotary, but unable to attend the event were: Jarrett Blevins, Jovanni Garay, and Sabrina Sanchez.

Seniors Honored by Rotary Club

By Rosa Latimer
 News Editor

The Post Rotary Club honored nine Post High School seniors with a banquet earlier this week. Recognized as outstanding members of the senior class, each of the students attended a Rotary meeting during the school year and spoke to the group about school activities and experiences as well as future plans.

Students received a certificate recognizing their scholastic achievement. The Rotary Club will choose two students from the group to receive a \$500 scholarship each. These scholarships will

be awarded at the Post ISD Awards Assembly later this month.

The guest speaker for the event was Paul R. Beane, Lubbock city councilman and radio personality.

Beane was elected to the Lubbock City Council last year and has been in the radio and television broadcast industry for over 50 years. He was nominated to the Texas Radio Hall of Fame and awarded the "Big Ed" Wilkes Media Pioneer Award. Beane has also been recognized as Businessman of the Year by the National Republican Congressional Committee's Business Advisory Council

and named Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Elk's Club in 2006.

Beane used the example of one of Post's best-known residents, Norm Cash, to illustrate the importance of "never forgetting where you come from or who you are."

The former broadcaster closed with advice to the seniors influenced by the words of William Travis in a letter he wrote before the fall of the Alamo: "Never surrender your principles. Never retreat from your dreams."

The Post Rotary Club meets at noon every Tuesday at the Heritage House.

Tony-Nominated 'The Seafarer' to Headline at the Garza Theatre

Beginning May 8, the Garza Theatre in Post will present the West Texas Premier of "The Seafarer," a new, multiple Tony Award-nominated play by Irish playwright, Conor McPherson.

"This will be only the second run of the play in the state of Texas," said John Davis, director

of the show. Because of the theater's geographic location, the Garza has been granted copyright permission to perform the piece, which is on restriction for almost all of the United States. The theater has teamed up with the Hotel Garza to celebrate in real Irish style

with dinner and "staycation" package deals.

"Having the opportunity to perform 'The Seafarer' here in Post is a combination of happenstance and a lot of hard work behind the scenes," Davis said. "To go along with the incredibly well-written script, luck or divine intervention allowed me to find the right cast to perform it. I find myself sitting back in awe as I watch a theater phenomenon unfold before me. I truly believe the audience will talk about it days after they see it."

The story has James "Sharky" Harkin, an alcoholic Irishman with a checkered past, returning home for Christmas to care for his recently blinded brother, Richard. As Sharky attempts sobriety, he contends with the hard-drinking, irascible Richard and his own conscience. Sharky's past comes back to haunt him when the Devil comes back for his due in a game of crooked poker. In the meantime,



The cast of "The Seafarer" (from left): Bill Gilber as Mr. Lockhart; C. D. Adamson as Nicky Giblin; Justin Duncan as "Sharky" Harkin; Josh Peterson as Ivan Curry; and Mitchell Britton as Richard Harkin enjoy a crooked poker game on Christmas Eve in the Tony-nominated play by Irish playwright, Conor McPherson. John Davis directs this Texas premier of the Tony-nominated play at the Garza Theatre.

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Dr. Edwards Offers Advice about Swine Flu

By Rosa Latimer
 News Editor

Dr. Ben Edwards, Primary Care Physician at Garza County Health Clinic, stressed these points for Garza County residents regarding the current Swine flu outbreak:

Don't panic. "The strain of this flu that we're seeing in the United States and in Texas is mild," Dr. Edwards said. "Many are recovering without medication."

Take fever and a cough seriously. Edwards explained that this flu is spread person-to-person through coughs and sneezes. If you have these symptoms, stay home.

Wash your hands. Edwards

suggested using soap and water when available to thoroughly clean your hands. "You should also keep hand sanitizer in your car and use it after being in public places such as the grocery store," Edwards said.

Edwards emphasized that this is a "very fluid situation" and new information is available on a daily basis. He is included in constant updates from agencies such as Homeland Security, FEMA and the State Health Director. Garza County and Post ISD officials were also involved in a conference call earlier this week with the U. S. Department of Homeland Security to discuss the outbreak of Swine home.

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Shopping, Food and Fun Downtown This Saturday

Over 20 vendors, including five food vendors, have committed to set up on East Main Street for Old Mill Trade Day this Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Main Street shops will also be open for the event. Sponsors, Post City Merchants and the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, hope to attract visitors and locals to the downtown area to shop and enjoy good food.

Vendor set up fee is \$25 for outdoor space. For more information or to reserve vendor space, contact Darla Frazier, President of the Post City Merchants at 806-495-0609 or the Chamber office, 806-495-3461. The event will take place the first Saturday of every month.

Clean Up Event This Weekend

Post residents are encouraged to use this weekend to clean up trash, weeds and other debris around their homes and property.

Large items should be placed beside the dumpster in the alley.

Early in the week of May 4-8 City trucks will make extra runs to pick up items not contained in dumpsters.

This service will only be provided during this week and the trucks will only pick up items stacked near the dumpster during

this designated time.

The City Manager has advised not to stack items against a dumpster or block a dumpster in any way as this would prevent the trash trucks from making regular trash pick ups.

Churches and other community groups are encouraged to use this weekend to help the elderly and disabled in our community clean up around their homes.

For more information, call the Chamber office, 495-3461.

Post Notes

Post Antelope Athletic Banquet

The Post High School Athletic Banquet will be held at the Post Cafeteria on Monday, May 11th at 6:00 p.m. All high school athletes, parents and fans are encouraged to attend. Tickets can be purchased at the High School office or from an Antelope Booster Club member. Come support your Antelopes and Lady Lopes!

Girl Scouts sell tickets for Mother's Day Baskets

Post Girl Scouts will be selling tickets for a chance on gift baskets for Mother's Day. Each basket will have a variety of assorted items from local merchants. The tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held on May 2nd at the Girl Scout Banquet. To purchase tickets, contact any Post Girl Scout or call on

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Opinions

Diversity and Multiculturalism: The New Racism

By Michael S. Berliner, Ph.D., and Gary Hull, Ph.D.

Is ethnic diversity an "absolute essential" of a college education? UCLA's Chancellor Charles Young thinks so. Ethnic diversity is clearly the purpose of affirmative action, which Young is defending against a long-overdue assault. But far from being essential to a college education, such diversity is a sure road to its destruction.

"Ethnic diversity" is merely racism in a politically correct disguise.

Many people have a very superficial view of racism. They see it as merely the belief that one race is superior to another. It is much more than that. It is a fundamental (and fundamentally wrong) view of human nature. Racism is the notion that one's race determines one's identity. It is the belief that one's convictions,

values and character are determined not by the judgment of one's mind but by one's anatomy or "blood."

This view causes people to be condemned (or praised) based on their racial membership. In turn, it leads them to condemn or praise others on the same basis. In fact, one can gain an authentic sense of pride only from one's own achievements, not from inherited characteristics.

The spread of racism requires the destruction of an individual's confidence in his own mind. Such an individual then anxiously seeks a sense of identity by clinging to some group, abandoning his autonomy and his rights, allowing his ethnic group to tell him what to believe. Because he thinks of himself as a racial entity, he feels "himself" only among others of the same race. He becomes a separatist, choosing his friends - and enemies - based on ethnicity. This separatism has resulted in the spectacle of student-segregated dormitories and segregated graduations.

The diversity movement claims that its goal is to extinguish racism and build tolerance of differences. This is a complete sham. One cannot teach students that their identity is determined by skin color and expect them to become colorblind. One cannot espouse multiculturalism and expect students to see each other as individual human beings. One cannot preach the need for self-esteem while destroying the faculty which makes it possible: reason. One cannot teach collective identity and expect students to have self-esteem.

Advocates of "diversity" are true racists in the basic meaning of that term: they see the world through colored lenses, colored by race and gender. To the multiculturalist, race is what counts - for values, for thinking, for human identity in general. No wonder racism is increasing: colorblindness is now considered evil, if not impossible. No wonder people don't treat each other as individuals: to the multiculturalist, they aren't.

Advocates of "diversity" claim it will teach students to tolerate and celebrate their differences. But the "differences" they have in mind are racial differences, which means we're being urged to glorify race, which means we're being asked to institutionalize separatism. "Racial identity" erects an unbridgeable gulf between people, as though they were different species, with nothing fundamental in common. If that were true - if "racial identity" determined one's values and thinking methods - there would



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Be On The Lookout!

Nearly two years ago, a tragedy nearly occurred in my small family when my wife, Sharon, backed over our then 4-year-old son Jackson after a family reunion downtown.

Jack was supposed to be in a different car and Sharon was already in the process of backing out and never saw him.

By the grace of God, Jack suffered only minor injuries - mainly to his ear and head. In fact, he still has an area on his scalp where his hair refuses to grow. It serves as a reminder, though none is needed.

Sharon suffered from the incident. It weighed heavily on her soul and the slightest sound or bump in an automobile was nearly too much for her to handle. It terrified her.

Lately, our baby, Sutton, has taken it upon himself to run out in the street. Three times last week.

Sutton, 3, took off for the road during Jack's t-ball practice. I happen to see him and shouted, "SUTTON HAWK STOP NOW!"

He did. And so did everybody else in a two block radius.

Twenty minutes later, he did run out in the street and Sharon quickly reigned him back in.

I punished him that night. Granted, my punishments are, by old-school standards, pretty mild because the boys mind pretty well. They get in the most trouble for endangering themselves and others, rudeness, attitude and lying. Obviously, this was a safety issue.

Anyhow, the very next night, as soon as I walked into the yard, Jackson, whose in the sandbox playing with his brother and cousin, yells to me, "Dad, I have to tell you something!"

Sutton screams out, "Nooooooooooooooooooooo ... don't tell him!"

Then, Sutton precedes to come and tell on himself.

Needless to say, Sutton and I adjourned into privacy and I gave him a strong message. I pray it worked.

You know, when you go through what we went through two years ago, and you have these small children who just run out into traffic it just scares the death out of you. Hopefully mine are learning to slow down and look.

I'm sharing this with you, not so you'll call Child Protective Services on me, but as a reminder. Warn your children to watch out for cars. Tell them to stay out of the street if they're young and if they ride bicycles or scooters, urge them to wear a helmet and watch out for cars. NEVER ASSUME A DRIVER SEES YOU!

Additionally, local children will be taking to the streets for an additional eight hours a day in a few weeks. Please, please be aware of them, especially around the parks and residential areas.

We can't always avoid a tragedy, but we have a fighting chance when we are aware of our surroundings.

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Congratulations Regional Science Fair Participants!

Front row (from left) - Trey Havens, Sebastian Montoya, Brody Kelso, Blaze Smith. Second row - Quincey Quintana, Audree Williams, Patti Lopez, Ashley Collaxo, Jaycee Johnson, Katie Dunn, Daniela Alaniz, Kelsey Griffin, Jaime Marquez. All participants placed in their categories!



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benopportunity for understanding or cooperation among people of different races.

Advocates of "diversity" claim that because the real world is diverse, the campus should reflect that fact. But why should a campus population "reflect" the general population (particularly the ethnic population)? No answer. In fact, the purpose of a university is to impart knowledge and develop reasoning, not to be a demographic mirror of society.

Racism, not any meaningful sense of diversity, guides today's intellectuals. The educationally significant diversity that exists in "the real world" is intellectual diversity, i.e., the diversity of ideas. But such diversity - far from being sought after - is virtually forbidden on campus. The existence of "political correctness" blasts the academics' pretense at valuing real diversity. What they want is abject conformity.

The only way to eradicate racism on campus is to scrap racist programs and the philosophic ideas that feed racism. Racism will become an ugly memory only when universities teach a valid concept of human nature: one based on the tenets that the individual's mind is competent, that the human intellect is efficacious, that we possess free will, that individuals are to be judged as individuals - and that deriving one's identity from one's race is a corruption - a corruption appropriate to Nazi Germany, not to a nation based on freedom and independence.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE AND A SUDDEN RETURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient's own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

Elisabeth's experience caused her to redirect her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know: Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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Rainfall for 2005 15.57"
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Rainfall for 2008 33.16"

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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 Contingency Plan.

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Obituaries



Julio Valdez

Services for Julio Valdez, 89, of Post, were held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at the Post Church of Christ. Travis Sweet, Minister of the Post Church of Christ officiated and Kohon Josey assisted. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Julio died Saturday April 25, 2009 at the home of one of his daughters in Lubbock.

He was born on September 23, 1919 to Juan and Isabel (Sanchez) Valdez at Arabella, New Mexico. His parents came to Post while Julio was still just a baby. Julio was raised here and married Louisa Pantoja in January, 1941, in

Post. Post has been their home since that time. He worked as a mechanic and owned and operated his own gas station and repair shop for many years. He enjoyed playing dominos, fishing, his family and his love of repairing of cars. His parents; a sister, Martina Lucius; a brother, Buddy Valdez; a daughter, Mary Castillo and a grandson, Marlin Valdez preceded Julio in death. He was a member of the Post Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Louisa Pantoja Valdez of Post; two sons: Eddie Valdez and John and his wife Katy Valdez, all of Post; seven daughters: Rosie and her husband Tino Trevino of Post, Diana Valdez, Susan Valdez, Rita Cleveland, Lucy and her husband Glenn Martin, Lesa and her husband Romeo Villegas all of Lubbock, Nora and her husband Luis Arellano of Wolfforth; 20 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Michael Valdez, Paul Valdez, Jimmy Valdez, Danny Valdez, Lance Martin and Rodney Lewis. Honorary Pallbearers were: Tomas Menchaca, Mark Valdez, Felix Valdez II, Israel Castillo and D.J. Biesia.



Cowley/Mayo Engagement Announced

Mrs. Debbie Cowley is proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of her son, Joshua Lee Cowley to Christin Leahann Mayo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Billy and Paula Mayo of Joshua, TX and a 2006 graduate of Joshua High School. She is studying Criminal Investigation at Hill College.

The prospective groom, the son of Debbie Cowley and the late Donnie Cowley of Post, is a 2002 graduate of Post High School. He is employed at Premiere Service Inc.

A June 6 wedding is planned.

EXTENSION EXTRAS

District Roundup

Just a reminder that district roundup will be May 2 in Level-land.

Club Meeting

The next club meeting will be Monday, May 4, 6:30 pm at the Park.

Shooting Sports

Trap practice is every Monday at 6:00 pm at Palmers Gun Club.

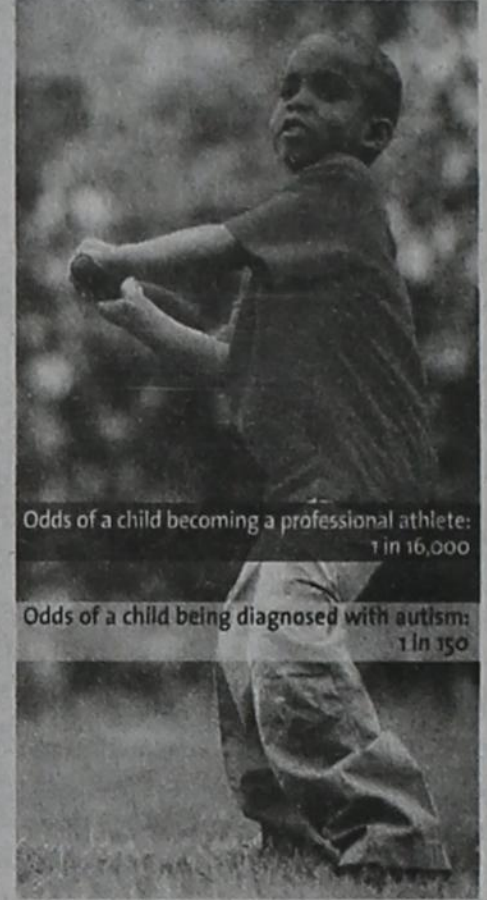
Congratulations!

To all who participated in the district Photography Contest.

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



Garza County 4-H Clothing Project participants recently toured The Family Cleaners where they observed different methods of laundering and were allowed to operate some of the machinery. Youth participating from left to right were Addie Williams, M'Keisen Guerrero, Tori Huckaby, Kara Grace Eagan, and Katie Colvin. Not pictured are Jackie Milton, Audree Williams, Torie Whisenant, Nancy McDonald and Janeece Williams, project leader. Marci and Kelbie Oden were the tour guides.



Odds of a child becoming a professional athlete: 1 in 16,000

Odds of a child being diagnosed with autism: 1 in 150

Some signs to look for:
No big smiles or other joyful expressions by 6 months.
No babbling by 12 months.
No words by 16 months.
To learn more of the signs of autism, visit autismspeaks.org

The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

Recorded books have added another chapter to my life. If only they'd come along sooner — like back when the speed limit was 55 mph. Then all those boring slow-motion highway miles could have been savored rather than so painfully endured.

Ironically, now that the limit is 70 on most open roads, I don't always drive that fast. It depends on what book has me under its spell. Tonight I was listening to a contemplative novel about a woman in Renaissance Italy who was a painter. Three mule deer standing at the edge of the pavement came into view, themselves a painting, my headlights creating the chiaroscuro of a Caravaggio. That's the way it is when you're caught up in a good book. Things blend right into it, especially if you're a little sleepy.

Nothing beats the time I was driving and listening to a book when the phone rang — both in the book and for real. I answered. If the caller on my cell phone had been one of the characters in the book, you'd be questioning my sanity. I'll let you wonder who it was.

As for the book effect on mph, it can work both ways. As for me, when I'm driving and listening to something really action-packed, my tendency is to speed up. The time before the last time an officer stopped me for going too fast, I told him a man was trapped inside a burning building.

Do you ever wonder if highway troopers get together and exchange stories about excuses

people come up with for speeding? Maybe mine was a new one.

If my parents had ever gotten stopped for speeding — which they didn't — they could probably have said they were just trying to get away from me. I was alone in the backseat, a one-child band, playing the guitar and harmonica at the same time, mile after mile.

No, I know you can't really get away from someone in the backseat by driving faster, but that kind of entertainment would make you want to try.

Those were pre-seatbelt days when an imaginary line down the middle of the seat kept Johnny and Suzy on respective sides of the car. I've heard it didn't work as well as Korea's DMZ. Being an only child, I really wouldn't know. I had to share my space only with Daddy's hat, not that easy with a guitar.

Nowadays, kids equate the first click of a seatbelt on a road trip with entertainment. All they have to do is settle in to watch a movie or play an electronic game as the landscape zips by without them. I can't say that I blame them or even that it's an entirely new phenomenon.

Circa 1918, when my grandparents took Sunday drives to the country, my grandmother's famous line was, "Elwood, get your head out of that book and look at the crops!"

Elwood was my mother, age 10 — not interested in crops.

My mother would have liked recorded books.

Don't Miss the Chance...

Hug A Kid Today

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Thank You, **TEACHERS!**

Teacher Appreciation Week is
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"What the teacher is, is more important than what he teaches." Karl Menninger

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H Cogdell Memorial Hospital's annual Health and Information Fair will be held in conjunction with the Senior Center's May Day fund-raiser this year.
Come out to The Coliseum on Saturday, May 2nd to visit with our healthcare vendors. Booths will be open 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm and will be located inside the main front entrance. Information will be available for local healthcare services and products. Also available:
*Free blood pressure checks
*Glucose screenings
*Cholesterol screenings

Theatre...

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Irish humor and storytelling abound in this tragic comedy about good, evil and human imperfection.

The cast includes Justin Duncan, a Texas Tech graduate student, as Sharky Harkin; Garza Theatre veterans Mitchell Britton as Richard Harkin, and Josh Peterson as Ivan Curry; Actor's Equity Association performer C.D. Adamson as Nicky Giblin; and Bill Gelber, renowned Texas Tech theater professor, as Mr. Lockhart.

The show runs at 8 p.m. May 8, 9, 15 and 16. Matinee times are 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 17. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and younger. Students, seniors 60 and older and military personnel tickets are \$10. For standard ticket booking, call (806) 495-4005. This show contains adult themes.

With a Conor McPherson play on the boards, the Hotel Garza is offering patrons a hearty Irish meal prior to their theatre experience. Enjoy homemade Irish stew, fresh wheat bread, a scrumptious dessert and a beverage. The package includes two tickets to "The Seafarer" and two dinners for \$45.98, and is also available for matinees.

Or, leave the kids with a sitter and come experience real Irish hospitality at the Hotel Garza. With this romantic getaway for two, guests receive two tickets to the show, a soul-warming homemade Irish dinner before curtain, and a good night's sleep in this magnificently restored turn-of-the-century inn. Breakfast awaits before the trip back home. Prices are \$115.99,

\$134.99 and \$148.99 for the standard, small suite and large suite packages. Prices do not include motel/hotel tax.

Reservations for the packages requested 24 hours prior to date of stay. Call (806) 495-3962 or e-mail info@hotelgarza.com" v " _blank" info@hotelgarza.com.

Flu...

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flu and its implications in the local community.

Common symptoms of the Swine flu are very similar to those of the common flu: fever, cough, body aches and low energy. "If you experience any of these symptoms, stay home from work or school and see your doctor," Edwards said. "A culture will be taken and sent to the state for evaluation. We usually receive results in a day or two and will know then whether it is Swine flu." Two prescription drugs are effective in treating flu symptoms, Tamiflu and Relenza.

Additional information from the Centers for Disease Control states that swine influenza is not spread by food and an individual cannot get the flu from eating pork or pork products.

"Should the situation change drastically and become a serious health threat in Garza County, we'll get the word out," Edwards said. "Although I really don't foresee this being necessary, if the incidence of Swine flu should escalate locally, the information would be provided through the schools, churches, the Chamber and large employers in the county."

Post Notes

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of the leaders to have a girl come by: Leslie Solis 495-4592, Alicia Graves 495-1029, Courtney Fontenot 239-0086, Jenny Francis 495-2146, or Carol Tobias 495-3057.

Special Account to help Clark Family

A Special account has been setup for Chris Clark who is needing financial assistance to help pay for medical and utility bills. Clark's kidneys have stopped working and he is permanently on dialysis or until a donor is found. He is unable to work at this time, for more information contact Suzie or Carol at Wells Fargo Bank.

Annual Job Fair Planned

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Workforce Solutions of the South Plains will host the 2nd annual Post and Garza County job fair from noon to 3 p.m. May 18th. The event will take place at the Chamber office, 131 E. Main Street.

Businesses will have the opportunity to recruit new employees and showcase themselves to the community. The Chamber will provide a booth (6ft. table and 2 chairs) free to Chamber members; a \$25 fee will be charged to non-chamber members. Space is limited. Call the Chamber office to reserve your space: 495-3461.

Clean Up Post Event Planned

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Post are sponsoring a "Clean up Post" event Saturday, May 2nd and Sunday May 3rd. Residents are encouraged to use this weekend to clean up trash, weeds and other debris around their homes and on vacant lots. Large items should be placed beside the dumpster in the alley, but not stacked against the dumpster or blocking the dumpster. Early the week of May 4-8 City trucks will make extra runs to pick up items stacked near the dumpster during this week. Churches and other community groups are encouraged to use this weekend to help the elderly and disabled in our community clean up around their homes. Contact the Chamber office, 495-3461, for more information.

Photography Exhibition scheduled May 1st

Photography exhibition "A Series of Images from Paris" by Jane

Lindsey will have an opening reception on May 1, 2009 from 6-10 pm. At Rendr located at 2713 26th St. in Lubbock. Gallery hours are Mon-Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 12:00 p.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call 806-771-9553.

VFW Post 6797 Host District 7 Meeting

The local VFW Post will host the district meeting on Sunday May 3rd starting with registration at 8:00 am. A flag raising will be held at 9:00 am. District 7 consists of 6 Posts and 4 Ladies Auxiliaries, all are expected to attend. Past State Commander Danny Henry and his wife Past Ladies Auxiliary President Linda will be special guest. All members are urged to attend this important meeting. Saturday evening starting at 5:00 pm there will be a get together at the Post for all members and their wives. Anyone needing further information or a ride to the meeting, call Chuck at 495-2026.

Blood Drive in Post

United Blood Services has issued an appeal for blood donors in Post. To help with the community blood supply, a blood drive will be held at the Elementary School on Thursday, May 8th, from 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Donors will be entered into a drawing to win a \$100 Visa Gift Card. To schedule an appointment go to www.bloodhero.com and enter sponsor code: postelem. Donors are welcome to walk in. Anyone who is able to donate is encouraged to come by the blood drive, roll up your sleeve, and give from the heart!

Post's Got Talent

Can you sing, dance, play an instrument, read a poem or perform a skit? Or do you just want a chance to show your family and friends your hidden talent? PTO presents "Post's Got Talent" Friday May 15th at 6:00 pm in the Post Elementary Auditorium, pre-k thru 12th grade can perform. Entry forms are located at the Post Elementary Office due back by May 8th, for more information contact Dawn Guerrero 241-1672 or Bunny Lynch 620-0051. Everyone is welcome to come and watch.

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Opening Weekend of "Magdalene" a Success

Ragtown Gospel Theater's newest offering, "Magdalene" met with enthusiastic response last weekend. "We had church buses from every direction," said Glenn Polk, director. "Church groups from Ballinger, Midland, Roswell, Amarillo, Lubbock, and Abilene attend the Saturday afternoon performance. Of course, those attending weren't just church groups, as

the parking lot was well filled with automobiles, as well."

"Magdalene" is the seventh original production at Ragtown. It is one of a series of plays by playwright, Chip Polk. "Every play that I am privileged to write is geared toward our attempt to show the humanity of those people who knew Jesus personally," Chip said. "When my brother, Glenn and his casts bring these characters to life onstage, it is so different from merely reading about them."

No stranger to Post audiences, Amy Sever portrays the title role of Mary Magdalene. Her performance reveals the strength of a woman, totally dedicated to preserving the church that Jesus died to save. Amy's husband, Steve Sever appears in his first major role at Ragtown as John, the apostle. He has appeared in numerous productions at the Garza Theatre in Post.

Post actors, Zoe Kirkpatrick and Christy Morris portray Salome and her daughter, Joanna. "Zoe gives a wonderful performance as Salome," the director said. "She is fun, touching, sensitive, and a myriad of other emotions all rolled into one." Polk added, "Of course, Christy is always a favorite, no matter what role she has or where she is performing."

Jenny Davidson-Stowe is making her first appearance on the Ragtown stage, as Mary, sister of Martha and Lazarus. Others in the cast are Cherry Eckols, Lynelle Glaze, Peggy Morton, and Cindy Bussinger, as friends and relatives of Salome. Kacy Wheeler is Naomi, the servant girl.

Performance times for "Magdalene" are: Fridays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 3 p.m. and the first Sunday of every month, also at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, with all students at 1/2 price.

Groups of 12 or more receive a 25% discount. Reservations can be made online at HYPERLINK "http://www.ragtown.com" www.ragtown.com or by calling 1-877-RAGTOWN.

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review
 (Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

You may call (806) 495-3518 to discuss your protest with a CAD employee & try to come to a settlement.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board
 If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance

of the evidence presented. In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal to the ARB before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

(Insert address.)
 Garza Central Appraisal District
 124 East Main,
 P.O. Drawer F
 Post, Texas 79356

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator
 After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. As an alternative and within the same time period, you may file a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district in certain cases.

Tax Payment
 You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information
 You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at (Insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number.)

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You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline
 On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines
 For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

(You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.)

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

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Weather

Hi everyone, we got some more rain last week, measured almost an inch here at the gin. That helped in settling the dust a little. We've got some more chances coming up so keep those prayers a coming!

Doug Tipton will be celebrating his 90th Birthday today (Friday). To help him celebrate, his family will have a party for him today (Friday) at Golden Plains at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop in and give him a big Happy Birthday.

Sylvia Winder called the gin the other day, she is in Heritage Oaks recovering from knee surgery and doing really well; she said that she ran into

Jewel White, who used to live in Post, and had a really nice visit. Jewell's farm is ginned here at Close City.

I have to send a belated birthday wish to Mike Bland and a belated anniversary wish to Mike and Tammy. Mike had a birthday on April 10 and they celebrated their anniversary on April 12. To celebrate they took a trip to Ruidoso and spent last weekend since the dates fell on Easter this year.

Congratulations to some of our kiddos out here. D'Nae Johnson competed at Regionals in golf, representing Borden County held Lubbock last week. Their one act play also went to Regionals this weekend in Levelland where they came home with alter-

nate to state, competing in that from Ragtown are Raegan Belongia and D'Nae Johnson.

Baseball season is in full swing and we have several kids from out here playing, those that I know of are; Andrew Quintana, Will Yarbro, Jake Morris, Russ Morris, Aaron Lopez, Rhaeden Bland, Kale Yarbro & Pacey Blevins. If I have left anyone with Ragtown ties out please let me know.

Visitors

Mike Johnson brought one of his grandson's, Cutter by to visit. Cutter is quite a character and entertained us some; he is the son of Clay and Bobbie Jo Johnson. Joby Long stopped in and visited for a while, he was just passing thru he said. Jake

Morris came by and had a cool drink with Pawpaw. Delwin Fluitt also came by for a while.

Get Wells

I guess everyone is pretty healthy out here this week. As always lets remember those in the nursing home; Doug and Claudine Tipton and Carman Abraham; Jewel White in Lubbock. If I am missing anyone from this list please let me know.

Since I missed last week, I'm going to put 2 weeks of Birthdays this time.....

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April 27 - Lois Childs

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Weekly Inspirations

DWELLING IN HIS SAFETY

By: Michael F. Taylor

In the 1960's, Kenya experienced the Mau Mau uprising which led to the slaughter of many Kenyans and missionaries who were attempting to minister to that troubled area. One particular night, missionaries Matthew and Lora Higgins were returning to Nairobi and had to travel through the very heart of Mau Mau territory. Unfortunately, their Land Rover broke down just 20 miles from Nairobi and try as they may in the darkness, the vehicle would not start. They did the only thing that they could do and spent the night in the Land Rover. Knowing the grave danger of where they were, the Higgins prayed during the night and stood upon Psalms 4:8, "I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety." NIV In the light of day the following morning, the Higgins were able to restart the vehicle and continued on to Nairobi in safety. Several weeks later they returned to the United States on furlough. Interestingly, the night before the Higgins departed Nairobi, a local pastor visited and told them a harrowing tale. It seems that a member of the brutal Mau Mau rebels had confessed to him that he and three other Mau Mau's had went to the Higgins Land Rover that night to kill them. But after creeping up to the vehicle, they saw sixteen large men surrounding the SUV and they fled in fear of being killed themselves. This account perplexed the Higgins and they discussed among themselves who these men could possibly have been that miraculously saved them from certain death. Their questions were answered upon returning to the States. A few days after being back in the United States, they were speaking with friend Clay Brent who asked them if they had experienced any danger on the very day of their vehicle break down. "Why do you ask?" Pastor Higgins responded. "Well, on that day, God placed a very heavy burden upon me to pray for your safety. So, I contacted the men of our church and sixteen of us met at the church, interceding in prayer for you and Lora until the burden was lifted from our hearts." Now the mystery was indeed solved. The Higgins knew that God had sent sixteen angels to represent those sixteen prayer warriors who were bombarding Heaven with their prayers for the Higgins.

I don't know about you, but the realization that God is still on the throne and that He still answers prayer today gives me hope and encouragement? This is very similar to the account of Elisha in 2 Kings 6:15-22, "15 When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked. 16 "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 18 As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, "Strike these people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked. 19 Elisha told them, "This is not the road and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you are looking for." And he led them to Samaria. 20 After they entered the city, Elisha said, "LORD, open the eyes of these men so they can see." Then the LORD opened their eyes and they looked, and there they were, inside Samaria. 21 When the king of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha, "Shall I kill them, my father? Shall I kill them?" 22 "Do not kill them," he answered. "Would you kill men you have captured with your own sword or bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink and then go back to their master." 23 So he prepared a great feast for them, and after they had finished eating and drinking, he sent them away, and they returned to their master. So the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel's territory." NIV My prayer for each of you this week is that the Lord will open our eyes so that we may see how to DWELL IN HIS SAFETY.

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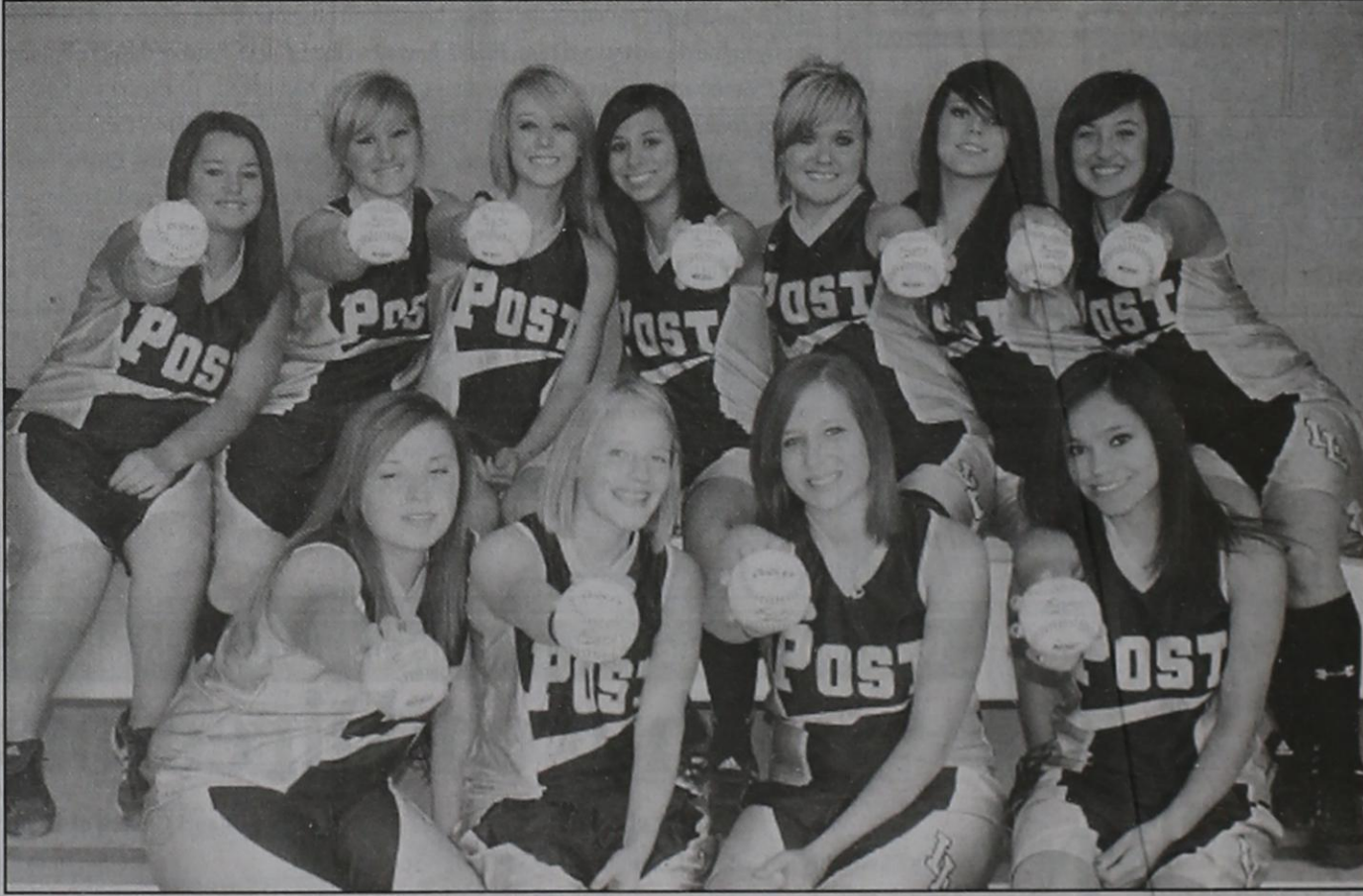
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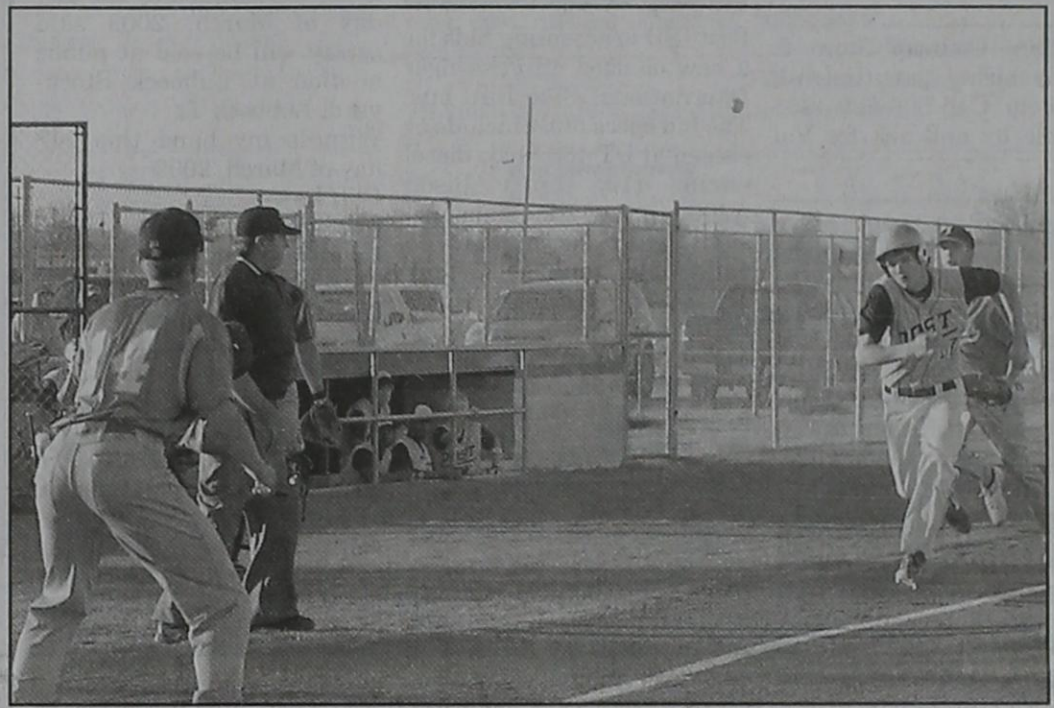
Grant James pitches for the JV Lopes during the 2009 season.



Leaving the mound in a game against Idalou is Aaron James, Mitchell James, Jesse Vera, Bubba Blevins, Y. Jimenez and Ernie Saldivar.




John Backo connects for a home run against Shallowater this season.



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will be opened at the Post ISD Central Administrative Offices at 2:00 p.m., May 8, 2009.

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

Case No. 032109 - Estray Date 03-21-09

On the 21st day of March, 2009 I impounded the following estray.

Kind of Animal: Bull Breed: Charlois possible Color: Yellow Sex: Bull Age: 2 years approximately Size: 900 pounds approximately Brand marks identifying characteristics:

And on the 24th day of March, 2009 I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Garza County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands is Garza, County, Texas, for the owner of the said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 26th day of March, 2009 said estray will be sold at public auction at Lubbock Stockyard, Lubbock Tx.

Witness my hand this 24th day of March, 2009 Cliff Laws Sheriff of Garza County, Texas

Note: Bull was sold for public safety, extremely wild.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF BARBARA WHEATLEY ETHRIDGE, Garza County, Texas #1895

Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of Testamentary upon the estate of BARBARA WHEATLEY ETHRIDGE deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 28th day of April, 2009, in the proceed-

ing indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, in Garza County, are hereby required to present the same at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed and within the time required by law to her attorney Preston L. Poole, Jr., at P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356. DATED: 28 April 2009 DAYMOND ETHRIDGE, Independent Executor

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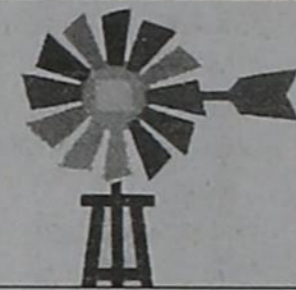
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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones From The Post Dispatch archives

10 Years Ago April 24, 1999

The Olive Branch was the setting for Gamma Mu Sorority's April meeting, with Benny Jackson as guest speaker and D'Linda Chapman, hostess.

John Armendariz and Jackie Ayala were recognized by Texas Department of Transportation for their driving skills and safety during the recent Rodeo competition.

Spelling team coach Doris Giddens congratulates fourth year state veteran Shelley Shifflett and freshmen Tandi Humble and Meagan Mills for their regional honors. Shifflett took first place, Mills won sixth place and Humble placed eighth. They will represent the region at the state meet in Austin.

According to city officials, the Post City Council hired Fred D. Stephens of Lubbock to serve as the municipality's next city manager.

20 Years Ago April 26, 1989

Orabeth White was recognized for her friendliness and courtesy by the "Secret Shopper" as she received the Main Street Project sponsored Hospitality Award for April. Orabeth is employed at Danish Imports.

Tommy Cole and Joe Sanchez are planning their trips to Alaska as part of the Bergstein Oilfield Service contract with Exxon to assist in the oil spill cleanup.

Jana Hudman, a sophomore at Post High School, placed third in News Writing at the Regional U.I.L. Literary meet in Odessa, qualifying to advance to the state competition in Austin.

Janell Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Jones, Texas delegate to the High School Youth Forum in Billings, Montana, placed second at the meeting in an illustrated paper contest with her entry "A Weighted Roller Cropper Re-establishes Root Plowed Turf." "

30 Years Ago April 26, 1979

Kerri Pool, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pool, Jr. has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by the National Honor Society and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Mayor Giles McCrary has issued a proclamation declaring next Tuesday as "Loyalty Day" in Post. The day is celebrated annually throughout the nation as an incentive for every true American to reaffirm publicly his or her love of flag and country.

Katrina Chaffin, representing the Garza Soil and Water Conser-

vation District, will be among those honored for outstanding contributions to the Texas soil and water conservation program at a Region I Awards Banquet in Texas Tech's University Center.

Floyd Tillman, Post's contribution to country music, is still pickin' and grinnin' in Granite Shoals these days after 50 busy years in the music business.

40 Years Ago April 24, 1969

The new Garza County Hospital District will be officially created by Garza County Commissioners Court action, following approval by county voters 380 to 202, a special election to create such a district to operate Garza Memorial Hospital.

Kippy Payne, Post High School sophomore, became Post's only state meet qualifier when she defeated Jean Mostad of Winters in Class AA girls' singles in the Region I tennis tournament in Lubbock.

Pat N. Walker was elected president of the Central Baseball Committee, succeeding Frank Blanton.

More than 150 Post High School band and choir members, their directors and chaperones, are headed for the Tri-State Music Festival in Enid, Oklahoma.

Mrs. R. E. Cox, 86, a resident of Post since 1917, died Thursday morning in Garza Memorial Hospital.

50 Years Ago April 23, 1959

Charles Brannon, Curtis Hudson, Ricky Little and Raymond Shaw, members of Boy Scout Troop 16, received First Class Scout awards at a recent Court of Honor.

David Newby was elected president of the Post Parent-Teacher Association. Mrs. Sid Cross, out-going Post P-TA president, was elected vice president for the district of Garza, Crosby and Floyd counties in Plainview at a district conference.

The PHS girls' volleyball team has qualified for play in the state AA tournament in Abilene by finishing as runner-up in region. Members of the Post team are Janet Stevens, Sandra Veach, Glenda Whittenberg, Pat Wheatley, Danelia Bateman, Kay Martin, Ann Morris, Linda Wilks, Peggy Ramsey, Ruthell Martin and Judy Clary.

Officers were elected when the Post Business and Professional Women's Club met in City Hall. Mrs. Katherine Trammell was elected president and Maxine Durrett, vice president. Other officers include Wilma Pirtle, Ruby Wil-

liams and Jessie Pearce.

60 Years Ago April 28, 1949

The Western Regalia Committee, Homer McCrary, Lee Byrd, O. D. Cardwell and Bob Roberts are asking everybody in Garza County to wear some type of western clothing to remind travelers through town of the upcoming rodeo.

The Southland High School Junior-Senior Banquet was held this week in the Hilton Hotel in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Bull, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Collier and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Land spent the weekend fishing at Fort Phantom Hill Lake near Abilene.

J. G. Cash and Bobby Pennington got as far as the regional play-offs in tennis before being defeated by Monahans.

PHS seniors Carolyn Boren and Mitchell Malouf, Jr., were honored with a breakfast in the A. C. Surman home, hosted by the women of the First Presbyterian Church.

Post Independent Consolidated School Superintendent G. R. Day reported a total of 827 school age children for the 1949-50 school year, a slight gain over this year's approximately 800 students.

Post ISD May 4th

Breakfast- Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, milk
Lunch- Hamburger, HB salad, tater tots, baby carrots w/ranch, chocolate pudding, milk

May 5th

Breakfast- Muffin, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch- Fish Strips, macaroni & cheese, English peas, fruit cup, hushpuppies, milk

May 6th

Breakfast- Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk
Lunch- Tater tot casserole, salad, seasoned corn, orange smiles, milk

May 7th

Breakfast- cinnamon roll, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch- Chicken spaghetti, green beans, chilled pears, texas toast, milk

May 8th

Breakfast- Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch- BBQ on bun, baked chips, pickle spear, corn cobbette, pineapple tidbits, milk

Southland ISD May 4th

Breakfast- Biscuits, jelly, juice, milk
Lunch- Chicken fajitas, refried beans, corn, orange, chocolate pudding, milk

May 5th

Breakfast-Breakfast burrito,

juice, milk
Lunch- Hot dog, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple orange salad, milk

May 6th

Breakfast-French toast stix, juice, milk
Lunch- Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, gelatin, milk

May 7th

Breakfast- Muffins, juice, milk
Lunch-Hard shell taco, Spanish rice, salad, applesauce, milk,

May 8th

Breakfast- Biscuits, gravy, sausage, juice, milk
Lunch- Submarine sandwich, salad, tater tots, carrots w/ranch, brownie, milk

TRAILBLAZERS

May 4th

Chicken strips, macaroni salad, okra & tomatoes, biscuits, fruit salad

May 5th

Ham, butter beans, turnip greens, cornbread, cobbler

May 6th

Meatloaf, southwest potatoes, fried okra, roll, strawberry cake

May 7th

Smothered chicken, mashed potatoes, pea salad, biscuit, pineapple cake

May 8th

Fried fish, coleslaw, beans, oven potatoes, fruit

SUDOKU

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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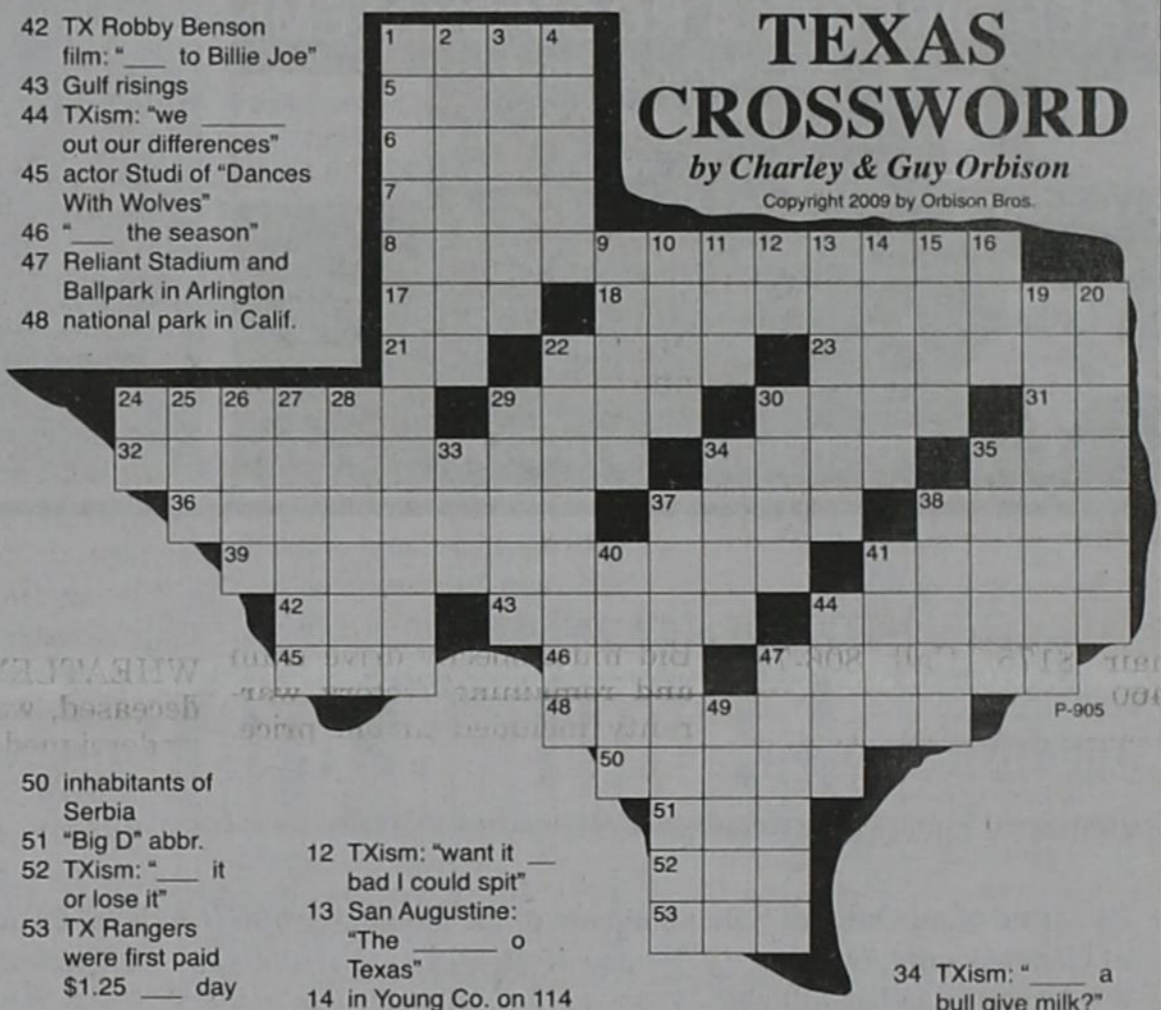
ACROSS

- TX Dan Blocker's "Bonanza" role
- TXism: "he's bright as a penny"
- this Thomas was 1st TX woman in U.S. House
- TX Billy Sol was a film artist
- town in Coryell & Lampasas Cos.
- Adam & _____
- "The Big Easy"
- dir. to Tyler from Waco
- TX white hatter, "The _____ Ranger"
- TXism: "she could talk the legs off _____ stove"
- TXism: "just cause a chicken has wings don't _____ can fly"
- unaccompanied 29 home of 17 across (or Concho Co. town)
- Santa _____ TX
- Tex-Mex sauce made with a juicy fruit (2 wds.)
- this John was PGA champ in '91
- World of TX is in San Antonio
- this Fray Damian set up 1st Spanish mission in TX
- TX Janis died of drug over _____
- unpleasantly damp actor in film "Black Gold" about an oil wildcatter
- this Lietzke won '81 TX Byron Nelson Classic
- inhabitants of Serbia
- "Big D" abbr.
- TXism: "_____ it or lose it"
- TX Rangers were first paid _____ day
- open pasture (or Garth Brooks tune)
- TXism: "snuck" _____
- at a Time"
- shawl worn south of the TX border
- wet area in East TX
- WWII atom bomber _____ Gay
- in Lamar Co. on 82
- reverance, wonder
- TXism: "want it _____ bad I could spit"
- San Augustine: "The _____ o Texas"
- in Young Co. on 114
- blood vessel
- TXism: "within _____ shot" (near)
- 19 open pasture (or Garth Brooks tune)
- TXism: "snuck" _____
- the _____ of Atlantis
- this Mickey hit first Astrodome homer (init.)
- this Myers designed the TX capitol (init.)
- TXism: "lame as _____ dog"
- TXism: "_____ a bull give milk?" (no)
- dry heat bath
- TXism: "wearing his rodeo parade outfit"
- male honeybee
- TXism for "bye"
- James Garner played this
- Maverick brother
- TX perennial
- horse that walks with an easy gait
- TXism: "wipe the slate clean"

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DOGGY DATA VOL 123

Man's BFF

Every dog in the world is a direct descendant of the wolf. Probably the first domesticated animal, dogs began hanging around early man's campsites over 12,000 years ago—and sleeping at the foot our bed ever since.

One in three US households has a canine companion to curl beside as we watch TV and demand to be walked in the pouring rain. In spite of the fact each year more people die from dog bites than shark attacks (10-20 US dog attack deaths per year, 1970-2000 12 US shark attack deaths) most families are not complete without a Max, Maggie, Jake, Molly, Buddy, Lady, Bailey, Sadie, Sam or Lucy (10 most popular dog names according the NYC Dept. of Health). Where would we be without our BFF?



How OLD is that doggy in the window?

That depends on how you figure. Most people think one dog year equals seven human years. But the more accurate way to calculate dog age:

First year = 15 human years
Second year = 9 human years
Then add 4 for every year thereafter:

A five year old dog would be
 $15 + 9 + (3 \times 4) = 36$ in human years.

A dog that is 9 in human years: $15 + 9 + (7 \times 4) = 52$



DOG DATA

Dogs do dream. But since they have never had their dreams analyzed we have no idea what exactly Fido dreams about.

Dogs are not color blind, but in spite of the fact their vision is far better than ours they do not see colors as vividly.

There are more sizes and shapes of dog than any other mammal, but all 800 dog breeds have exactly 321 bones and 42 teeth.

Average life span: 14 years.
Oldest dog lived 29 years 5 months.



Laura Craig

Match the Famous Dogs to Owners

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|---------------|---------------------|
| A. Checkers | 1. Jon Arbuckle |
| B. Snoopy | 2. Frazier |
| C. Toto | 3. Winslow family |
| D. Marmaduke | 4. Paris Hilton |
| E. Lassie | 5. Emily Elizabeth |
| F. Barney | 6. Dorothy |
| G. Eddie | 7. Opal |
| H. Tinkerbell | 8. Timmy |
| I. Winn-Dixie | 9. President Bush |
| J. Clifford | 10. Charlie Brown |
| K. Odie | 11. President Nixon |
| L. Shiloh | 12. Judd Travers |



Answers: K1, G2, D3, H4, J5, C6, I7, E8, F9, B10, A11, L12

Brrrr—it must be a "three dog night".

This expression originated with Alaskan natives, sometimes referred to as Eskimos. If a night was particularly cold it would take three dogs to keep warm as they slept.



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Southland News

Congratulations to Tanner Odom who was elected to the position of Reporter in the Mesa District of FFA this past week.

Good Luck to all of our students this week as we will be taking the TAKS tests beginning tomorrow, for the rest of the week. All of our students have worked very hard and our teachers have done a tremendous job of preparing our kids. We know that each and every one of them will do their best. Please encourage your son or daughter to take their time and do

their very best over the next few days. They need plenty of rest and lots of encouragement.

Congratulations once again to Mr. James Pigg on becoming the Helen I. Medley "Outstanding Math Teacher of the Year", as awarded by the Texas Tech Mathematics and Statistics Department.

Events for this Week:

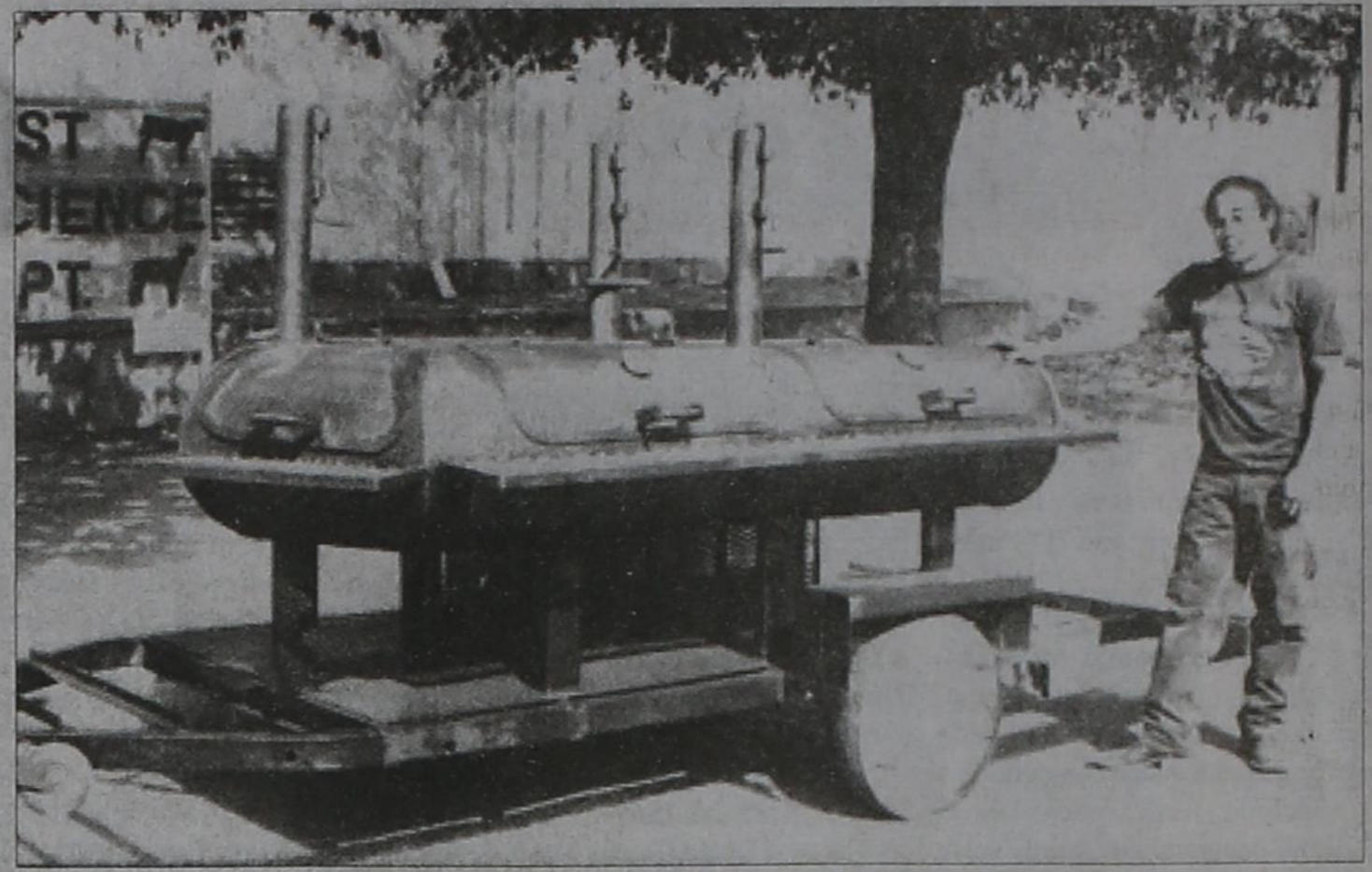
TAKS testing all week long. Prom will take place on Saturday night beginning at 7:00 pm at

Hillcrest Country Club.

Events for Next Week:

Thursday and Friday of next week we will be conducting vision and hearing screening on our elementary students.

Pride Side Trip to San Antonio will be on Friday. The students who qualified will be getting a parent permission letter this week explaining the trip and requiring a signature from the parent to attend. We will be going to Sea World.



Courtesy Photo
Kevin Griffin proudly displays the large Bar-B-Que pit he built in his Ag class at Post High School. When asked if he enjoyed shop work Kevin replied, "That's the only reason I come to school most days."

4-H Elections

By Dakota McDonald

The Garza County 4-H club recently met to elect officers for the 2009-2010 year. President, Reed Williams, called the meeting to order and club Secretary, Audree Williams, called roll. Minutes from the last meeting were approved. Election results are: President - Jackie Milton, Vice President - Ja D Young, 2nd Vice President - Cheyenne Morris,

3rd Vice President - Audree Williams, Secretary - Sarah Greer, and Reporter - Torie Whisenant. The new officers will be sworn in during the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet in August. Two Companion Animal Educational Presentations were presented to the members. Jackie Milton did an individual power point presentation followed by a junior team skit consisting of M'Keissen Guerrero, Ashley Graves, Tori

Huckaby, Jesse Isbell, & Cara Grace Egan. Thanks to Marci Oden, club manager, Anita Morris for furnishing dinner for everyone and Citizens Bank for allowing us to use their meeting room. The last meeting for this 4-H year is at 6:30, Monday, May 4, at the City Park. Everyone is invited to attend so if you think you might be interested in 4-H, bring bread to feed the ducks and come see what it is about.

H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) Update

By Greg Jones, CEA-AG Garza County Texas Agri-Life Extension Service

The H1N1 flu, commonly called swine flu, has been catching a lot of media attention lately. This strain of flu has been found in a few places across the country and in Mexico.

Investigations indicate that in all cases there was no contact with swine. There is no evidence or reports that U.S. swine have been infected with the virus. This is not an animal health or food safety issue. The Center for Disease Control stated that humans

could not contract this strain of swine influenza H1N1 from eating pork.

Flu vaccines administered in the fall of 2008 and winter of 2009 do not protect against H1N1 flu, so it is important to minimize exposure and practice food health habits to reduce your risk, as is always the case.

Things to remember: People cannot get H1N1 from eating pork or pork products.

Eating properly handled and cooked pork is safe. People that have contracted H1N1 did not have contact with

hogs. The virus is spreading human-to-human transmission. Measures to consider helping prevent flu transmission:

- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw tissue in the trash after use.
- Wash hands frequently and use soap/sanitizers.
- Avoid close contact with people that are sick.
- If you are sick, use common sense, take care of yourself, and contact/visit your local physician.

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Carol Truncale's story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know: don't give up, and remember to give back. If Carol's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 106th Judicial District Court of Garza County, on the 6th day of April, 2009, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No.	Styling	Legal Description
99-08-05,541	Garza County, et al v. Anselmo Rodela, et al	1. South Half of Lot 7, South Half of Lot 8, and the South Half of the East 10' of Lot 6, Block 7, Original Town of Post, Garza County, Texas.
01-05-05,700	Garza County, et al v. Roberta Devereaux	2. Lots 5 and Lot 6, Block 66, Original Town of Post, Garza County, Texas.
08-01-06,271	Garza Central Appraisal District, et al v. David Vega	5. South Half of Lot 1, West 36' of the South Half of Lot 2, Block 31, Original Town of Post, Garza County, Texas.
08-01-06,272	Garza Central Appraisal District, et al v. Maymie Irene Taylor, Deceased	6. A .004911 Royalty Interest in the San Andres "A" T50 Lease 85060713, George R. Brown, Operator, Aycock and Thompson Survey, Garza County, Texas.
08-04-06,305	Garza Central Appraisal District, et al v. Beaulah Belyeu	7. West 67.5' of Lot 1 and North 67.5' of Lot 2, Block 157, Original Town of Post, Garza County, Texas.
08-11-06,340	Garza County, et al v. David Ashcroft, et al	8. Rex Carey's .025000 Working Interest in the Beulah K Bird Lease 85064073, Three R Oil Co. Operator, Located in Post (Glorieta) Field out of Section 2, Block 8, H&GN Survey, Garza County, Texas. 9. David Ashcroft's .025000 Working Interest in the Beulah K. Bird Lease 85064073, Three R Oil Company, Operator. Located in Post (Glorieta) Field out of Section 2, Block 8, H&GN Survey, Garza County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 1:00 o'clock p.m. on the 5th day of May, 2009, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse of Garza County, in the City of Post, Texas.

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Russell Graves Outdoors Turkey Fest

By Russell A. Graves

Five miles doesn't seem like a lot until you walk it. All day long my brother Bubba and I crawled through briars, picked cockleburrs from our clothes, waded muddy creeks, sat silently in the brush, and whispered to each other endlessly - all in an attempt to harvest a huge tom turkey who amorously followed three hens across the ranch in which we hunted.

I can understand why the turkey eluded us but for the life of me, I can't understand how. First off, he is huge - probably 22 pounds or better and has a beard that drags the ground when he walks. When strutting, his iridescent colors shine a coppery hue that's easy to spot against the green spring growth. Second, he was extremely noisy. Since well before sunrise, he started gobbling from his roost and continued his audible assault on the quiet Clay County, Texas ranch most of the day.

We'd call and he'd call back. We'd move closer and he'd move further away. For eight solid hours we played a game of chess where we'd get close to calling checkmate but the tom, with his amazing sixth sense, always kept himself just out of range for us to make a play.

So goes turkey hunting... While admittedly frustrating, Bubba and I were having a great time as part of the third annual Clay County Turkey Fest in Henrietta, Texas.

Turkey Fest is the result of an organized, grassroots effort among the county's citizenry to bring awareness and tourism to their part of northern Texas. Since the county can't lay claim to any amusement parks or other "traditional" tourist attractions, Deborah Clark and other keen members of the Turkey Fest committee realize that they do have Rio Grande turkeys in relative abundance and a growing constituency of hunters are willing to come to the county to chase the wary game bird. With that in mind, the community built a festival around the venerable wild turkey.

For Bubba and I this was our first invite to Turkey Fest and we were one of only nine teams invited to compete. The teams are made up of various members of the media like outdoor television personalities Dave Watson and Hal Schaffer and others who are plugged into turkey nation.

Besides the turkey competition among the teams, the weekend festivities also include an expo, live music, games, and a fun run. The last full day of Turkey Fest is capped off with the Full Strut Banquet. The banquet is a fund raising event that features a silent auction, catered meal, and the end of the night each of the "celebrity" teams are auctioned for a chance to hunt with the various groups.

Bubba and I were auctioned to a hunter from Cleburne, Texas and at 5:30am Sunday morning, we met to lay out the day's hunt plan. We were taking him to another place just about five miles east of town. Just the day before, Bubba harvested a 19-pound bird only thirty minutes after we relocated away from the first turkey.

Just before sunrise, we heard the turkeys gobbling from the roost and moved just close enough where they could hear our calling but no so close where they'd see us slipping through the dank undergrowth. Once we set up, we heard the birds fly down from the trees and instantly, two toms were booming in the oak and cedar elm forested creek bottom. A few clucks and purrs later, they appeared to our left. Since turkeys have keen eyesight, we couldn't move as they'd see us. So we waited for them to walk to the decoy we placed out front.

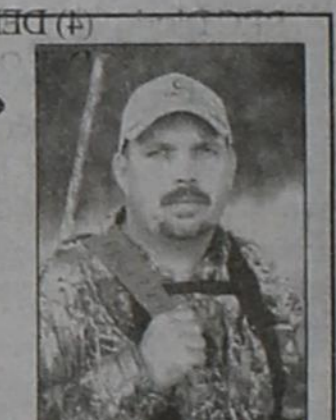
Not a minute later, a hen shows up and leads the toms down to the creek and away from us, perhaps forever.

So goes turkey hunting...

For more information about the Clay County Turkey Fest, check out www.claycountyoutdoors.org

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

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TEXAS MARCH OIL AND GAS STATISTICS

MARCH PERMITS TO DRILL

The Commission issued a total of 1,033 original drilling permits in March 2009 compared to 1,754 in March 2008. The March total included 840 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 21 to re-enter existing well bores, and 172 for re-completions. Permits issued in March 2009 included 185 oil, 262 gas, 490 oil and gas, 82 injection, zero service and 14 other permits.

FEBRUARY CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

Texas preliminary February 2009 crude oil production averaged 910,769 barrels daily, up from the 907,487 barrels daily average of February 2008.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for February 2009 is 25,501,527 barrels, a decrease from 26,317,119 barrels reported during February 2008.

MARCH OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In March 2009, operators reported 683 oil, 1,176 gas, 203 injection and six other completions compared to 456 oil, 800 gas, 42 injection and zero other completions during March 2008.

Total well completions for 2009 year to date are 5,252 up from 4,018 recorded during the same period in 2008.

Operators reported 395 holes plugged and one dry hole in March 2009 compared to 580 holes plugged and three dry holes in March 2008.

FEBRUARY NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Texas oil and gas wells produced 510,536,175 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for February 2009, up from the February 2008 preliminary gas production total of 479,246,697 Mcf.

Texas production in February 2009 came from 140,646 oil and 87,160 gas wells.

MARCH TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT

RRC District: (1) SAN ANTONIO AREA
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 70
Oil Completions: 17
Gas Completions: 26

RRC District: (2) REFUGIO AREA
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 54
Oil Completions: 4
Gas Completions: 62

RRC District: (3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 53
Oil Completions: 20
Gas Completions: 48

RRC District: (4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 108
Oil Completions: 4
Gas Completions: 175

RRC District: (5) EAST CENTRAL TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 72
Oil Completions: 6
Gas Completions: 73

RRC District: (6) EAST TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 101
Oil Completions: 18
Gas Completions: 218

RRC District: (7B) WEST CENTRAL TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 47
Oil Completions: 39
Gas Completions: 20

RRC District: (7C) SAN ANGELO AREA
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 37
Oil Completions: 81
Gas Completions: 64

RRC District: (8) MIDLAND
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 215
Oil Completions: 313
Gas Completions: 35

RRC District: (8A) LUBBOCK AREA
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 41
Oil Completions: 93
Gas Completions: 6

RRC District: (9) NORTH TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 190
Oil Completions: 59
Gas Completions: 344

RRC District: (10) PANHANDLE
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 45
Oil Completions: 29
Gas Completions: 105

FEBRUARY TEXAS TOP TEN OIL PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

- COUNTY - CRUDE OIL (BBLs)
1. GAINES - 1,838,502
 2. ANDREWS - 1,799,727
 3. YOAKUM - 1,745,820
 4. ECTOR - 1,546,330
 5. HOCKLEY - 1,330,371
 6. UPTON - 1,235,936
 7. SCURRY - 1,167,206
 8. PECOS - 897,687
 9. MIDLAND - 887,458
 10. MARTIN - 740,923

FEBRUARY TEXAS TOP TEN GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

- COUNTY - TOTAL GAS (MCF)
1. TARRANT - 31,652,210
 2. JOHNSON - 31,033,207
 3. PECOS - 21,120,806
 4. ZAPATA - 19,754,184
 5. FREESTONE - 18,201,186
 6. ROBERTSON - 17,083,242
 7. DENTON - 15,482,675
 8. HIDALGO - 15,211,566
 9. PANOLA - 15,140,537
 10. WISE - 15,101,182

Good News, Bad News for Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Effort

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) has released from temporary preventive quarantine more than 375,000 acres in Maverick, Dimmit and Webb counties. The preventive quarantine had been imposed on the three counties more than a year ago to prevent the spread of dangerous cattle fever ticks. Further south in Zapata and Starr counties, however, more fever tick-infested ranches are being detected at a disturbing rate, and concerns remain for sustainable fever tick program funding, fever tick surveillance and the approval of new products for treating fever tick hosts.

Cattle fever ticks are capable of carrying and transmitting 'babesiosis,' a blood parasite deadly to cattle. Although the ticks were eradicated from the U.S. in 1943, the vigilance against the pest cannot end, due to its existence in Mexico. A permanent fever tick quarantine line a few hundred yards to five miles wide runs along the U.S. border through eight south Texas counties, and is patrolled on horseback by the USDA's Tick Force to protect against stray "ticky" livestock and wildlife crossing the Rio Grande.

Livestock moved from the permanent quarantine zone must be individually inspected by USDA or TAHC inspectors, treated and permitted to leave the zone. More problematic, however, is wildlife movement. Deer, elk, nilgai and other species of captive or free-ranging wildlife can play host to the tick, moving it from pasture to pasture. Regardless if they are moved by inappropriate livestock movement or wildlife, sporadic cattle fever tick incursions occur, requiring producers and state and federal animal health agencies to take aggressive actions, such as temporary preventive quarantines, to prevent the spread of the potentially deadly pest. In 1973, the largest outbreak occurred, with 170 tick-infested premises detected in Texas. Last federal fiscal year (October 1, 2007-September 30, 2008) came in second, with 132 infested premises found. In the first seven months of FY 2009, 89 fever tick-infested premises already have been detected, and if the rate continues, this could be the worst year for fever ticks since eradication was achieved in 1943.

"The release of 375,000 acres in the temporary preventive quarantine area means that livestock on 255 premises in Maverick, Dimmit

and Webb counties can now be moved without restrictions, although everyone in south Texas must remain vigilant for this foreign livestock pest. The temporary quarantine in these counties had been imposed since August 2007 and was adjusted in April 2008," said Dr. Bob Hillman, executive director of the TAHC, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. The temporary preventive quarantine will remain in effect for 247,388 acres, encompassing 28 ranches.

Since October 1, two tick-infested premises have been detected in Maverick County and one in Webb County, both of which are in the permanent quarantine zone. Another tick-infested premises was detected in Dimmit County and remains under quarantine. Infested, exposed and adjacent premises remain under movement restrictions and treatment requirements until repeated inspections indicate the livestock and premises are fever tick-free.

Released from the temporary preventive quarantine is the northwest end of the area that included the city of Eagle Pass. On the southern edge, all Webb County locations that were in the temporary preventive quarantine area have been released. The eastern edge of the preventive quarantine now meanders south and southwest along ranch fence lines from near the intersection of County Road 1936 and Highway 277 to Mines Road (FM 1021) just inside Dimmit County. The western edge butts up against the permanent fever tick quarantine line. (A map of the released and currently quarantined area is available on the TAHC website at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us> or by emailing ceverett@tahc.state.tx.us.)

"While commendable progress has been made in Maverick, Dimmit and Webb counties, fever tick-infested premises have been detected at the rate of more than one per day in Starr and Zapata

counties since April 1," said Dr. Hillman.

Since October 1, 46 tick-infested premises have been detected in Zapata County, and 36 in Starr County. One tick-infested premises each have been found in Brooks, Cameron and Kinney counties.

"Temporary preventive quarantines were established in Starr and Zapata counties in summer 2007. Due to increasing tick infestations, the quarantine areas were enlarged in April and July 2008 to its current area of 423,509 acres, which also includes a small area in Jim Hogg County," said Dr. Hillman.

"Now especially disturbing is the cluster of tick-infested premises near the Starr-Hidalgo county line, away from the permanent or temporary quarantine area," noted Dr. Hillman. This cluster of infested premises is quarantined, as are the premises in a 10-mile perimeter. "Epidemiologists are working to determine the source and distribution of this infestation. Whether it was caused by 'ticky' wildlife or inappropriate livestock movement is not yet known. It also is still too early to know if an additional temporary preventive quarantine area is needed."

Each time another tick-infested premises is added, the eradication program costs rise, as USDA and TAHC inspectors must manually inspect cattle and horses and haul equipment to treat the animals on a 14-day cycle for dips or sprays, or a 28-day cycle for cattle in the product trial for Dectomax, an injectable acaricide. Furthermore, wildlife must be treated for fever ticks with medicated feed, which is removed prior to hunting season, due to the drug's withdrawal period. "It is also very costly for the producers who must gather their cattle. In south Texas, helicopters, dogs and cowboys on horseback may be needed to coax

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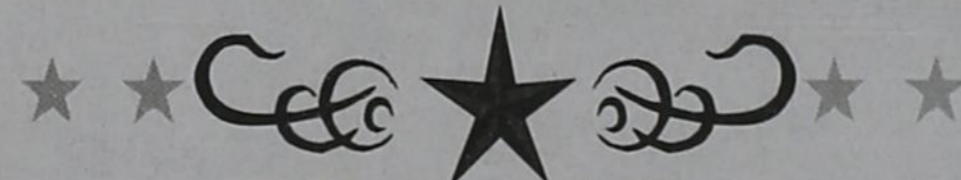
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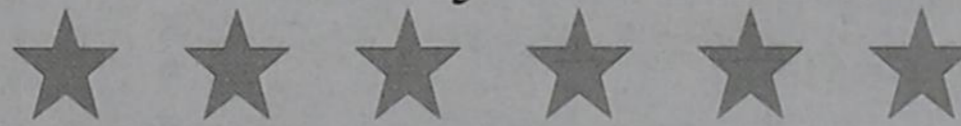


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cattle out of the dense underbrush," he said.
"A premises may be found to be tick-infested today, but 'ticky' cattle may have been moved from that ranch in shipments for the past six months or even longer," said Dr. Hillman. "We must obtain all available records, trace the animal movement, and conduct inspections and treatment to determine if ticks have been spread. This is extremely time-consuming, particularly when animals have no identification, prolonging and complicating the 'detective' work of our inspectors and epidemiologists."
Dr. Hillman noted that, to be fully functional, the USDA's fever tick program requires about \$14.7

million a year for personnel, equipment, supplies, and treatment product. He stressed that TAHC field staff members are rotated into south Texas to complement the federal workforce in the impacted areas and that TAHC staff handle all tracing of cattle moved from infested premises and their subsequent inspection and treatment.
"The fever tick eradication effort has received several infusions of emergency funding, including \$4.9 million in January. While this will be sufficient to address immediate issues until fall, the USDA fever tick eradication program needs dependable funding to support the control and eradication of this pest that has the potential for spread and sustainability throughout the southern U.S.," stressed Dr. Hillman.

Concern over potential fever tick exposure has led some south Texas producers to voluntarily request inspection and treatment of livestock shipments headed north. Likewise, south Texas producers have volunteered to have cattle inspected during normal managerial working of the herd. "This voluntary inspection can be a valuable marketing tool for south Texas ranchers," said Dr. Hillman. "Likewise, some buyers of south Texas cattle are requesting that cattle be inspected and treated before accepting shipments, to ensure they receive fever tick-free cattle."
"Fever ticks are not just a Texas issue. Although we've been able to keep these pests somewhat contained, they could escape our boundaries, and similar staffing, inspection and treatment will be needed in other states, too. Fever

ticks are a foreign tick that has made an incursion into the U.S. and this pest needs to be addressed comprehensively, before it spreads. This includes the approval and use of new, innovative treatments for both livestock and wildlife."
Dr. Hillman noted that current approved treatments are limited to dips and sprays for cattle and horses, and a trial is ongoing for Dectomax, an injectable acaricide. Wildlife treatment is restricted to medicated feeds and a unique pour-on treatment system. "New products have been explored, but approval for use has not been forthcoming," he said. "It does no good to develop an effective product, then leave it on the shelf during a massive fever tick outbreak."

Postell Announces for School Board

To the good citizens of Post,
My name is Fred Postell and I am a candidate for the Post school board.
I am 53 years old and have been a resident of Post for 26 of those years. My wife Kay and I have two children, Brenna, a freshman at Lubbock Christian University and Chess, a sophomore at Post High School. Below is a run-down of my education and experience
1978 Bachelor's degree Texas A&M
1978-81 Teacher/coach Uvalde
1981-86 Teacher/coach Post
1986-88 Teacher/coach San Saba
1988-2002 Teacher/coach Post
2002-2005 Administrative Assistant Post
2005 Master's Degree Lubbock Christian University
2005-2007 Assistant Principal Post
2007-Present Program Mgr. Dalby C.I.

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6. Having a school board that listens to and responds appropriately and legally to all interested parties
7. Making the involvement of the community a priority.
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• children should be held accountable for their actions.
• children should be disciplined for improper behavior and rewarded for jobs well done.
• Teachers, administrators and board members should be held accountable for their actions.
• parents should be held accountable not only for their actions but those of their children.
I believe that "BOLD GOLD" is more than just a motto.
Respectfully,
Fred Postell

Close City News...

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April 28 - Jerry Bush
May 1 - Doug Tipton
May 2 - Maurice "Bubba" Fluitt
May 2 - Janece Fluitt
May 6 - Mark, Skyler and Kyler Fluitt
Anniversaries-
April 27 - Trevor and Jody Thuet
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I have served the citizens of Post for 6 years as a councilman of ward 3, then as Mayor of Post for 6 years. Among our accomplishments during my years was reworking the dips on Main Street from brick to concrete to prevent the pot holes we are seeing today.

Also while on the council we opened the Post Landfill. I was the Mayor when Hwy 84 was concreted and I worked with the engineers to assure all businesses would have access during that time. We took before the voters to pass a half cent increase in sales tax so that everyone would have to pay to help fund the water line to Slaton for a secondary source of water. Without water a town will dry up. These are just some of the accomplishments as Mayor and Councilman that I have had a part of.
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2001 Ford F-250 Super Cab XLT 4x4 White/Gray Cloth, V-8 Auto, 225K, Good Solid Truck, #4478	\$5,450	2006 Ford F250 4x4 Super Duty Super Cab Red/Gray Cloth, 6.0 Turbo Diesel, Auto, 93K, #4446	\$21,800
2002 Chevrolet Crew Cab 1500 HD 4x4 Red/Charcoal Cloth, 6.0 V8, Auto, 92K, Bench Seat, Lots of Accessories, #4275	\$13,800	2006 Buick Rainier CXL AWD Silver/Gray Leather, V-6 Auto, 59K, #4625	\$11,500
2002 Chevrolet S-10 Reg Cab Green-Gray Cloth, 37K, 4 Cyl, Auto	\$6,500	2006 Chevrolet HHR LT2 Sedan Black/Gray Cloth, V-6 Auto, Sunroof, Rear Spoiler, XM Radio, 48K, #4604	\$9,950
2002 Chevrolet Trailblazer LS White-Gray Cloth, V6, Auto, 102K, #4710	\$5,900	2006 Chevrolet 1500 Ext Cab L8 2WD White/Tan Cloth, LT1 Pkg, 5.3 V8, Positrack, 35K, #4364	\$17,800
2002 Chevrolet S-10 Ext Cab 4x4 White/Gray Cloth, V6 Auto, 140K, #4701	\$5,500	2007 Chevrolet 1500 Ext Cab 4x4 Z-71 Ebony Cloth, 5.3 V8 Auto, LT1, Remote Start, Steering Wheel Controls, 31K, #4734	\$21,500
2002 Chevrolet S-10 Ext Cab 2WD Pewter/Gray Cloth, V6 Auto, 45K, #4700	\$9,500	2007 Chevrolet 1500 Ext Cab 2WD White/Tan Leather Buckets, 5.3 V8 Auto, 2LT Pkg, 19K, #4730	\$19,500
2002 Chevrolet Camaro Convertible Gray/Gray Cloth, V6 Auto, #63541	\$10,900	2007 Chevrolet Malibu Sedan Black/Gray Cloth, 4 Cyl, Auto, CD, LS Pkg, 38K, #4573	\$11,500
2003 Dodge Reg. Cab 2WD Red-Charcoal Cloth, V6, Auto, 87K, #4717	\$8,000	2005 Chevrolet 1 Ton Bowtie , Reg. Cab, 2 WD, Flatbed, White, Tan Cloth, 6.0 V8 Auto, Work Truck Pkg., Grille Guard, NDRP Bars, 12K	\$14,700
2003 Chevrolet S-10 Ext. Cab White-Gray Cloth, LS Pkg, 21K, Excellent Condition, #4716	\$10,950	2007 Chevrolet 1500 Ext. Cab 2WD Blue Granite - Charcoal Cloth, 4.8 V8, Auto, LT1 Pkg, 29K, Nice, Program Unit	\$18,500
2003 Chevrolet Tahoe 2WD White-Gray Cloth, 5.3 V8 Auto, LS Pkg., No 3rd Row Seat, 141K, #4719	\$8,500	2007 Chevrolet 1500 Reg. Cab 4x4 w/Flatbed Silver-Gray Cloth, 5.3 V8, Auto, LT1 Pkg., 11K, #4713	\$19,500
2003 Chevrolet 1500 Ext Cab 2WD LS Blue/Charcoal Cloth, 5.3 V8 Auto, 124K, #4699	\$7,500	2008 Chevrolet 2500 HD Crew Cab LTZ 4x4 Duramax Allison Auto, Sunroof, Navigation, DVD, Black/Gray Leather, 50K, #2689	\$37,000
2003 GMC 2500 HD Crew Cab 2WD L8 Pewter, Gray Cloth, Duramax Diesel, Allison Auto, 136K, #4402	\$12,500	2008 Chevrolet Colorado Crew Cab 4x4 Black/Ebony Cloth, 2 LT Pkg, Positrack, Tow Pkg, 55K, #4657	\$17,000
2004 Chevrolet 1500 Ext. Cab 4x4 White/Gray Cloth, 100K, SK#4720	\$11,500	2008 Chevrolet Aveo Hatchback White/Charcoal Cloth, Auto, 4 Cyl, Keyless Entry, Pwr Windows/Locks, Cruise, 11K, #4566	\$11,850
2004 Chevrolet 1500 HD Reg Cab 4x4 Silver/Charcoal Cloth, 6.0 V8 Auto, Positrack, Cruise, CD, Work Truck Pkg, 164K, #4690	\$6,500	2008 Pontiac Torrent V6 Auto, Black, Charcoal Cloth, 18K Miles, #4536	\$15,900
2004 Chevrolet Colorado Ext Cab 2WD Black/Charcoal Cloth, 3.5 V6 Motor, Auto, Positrack, LS Pkg, 34K, #4691	\$11,500	2008 Chevrolet Colorado Crew Cab 4x4 Z71 Gray/Charcoal Cloth, 2 LT Pkg, XM Radio, 57K	\$17,000
2004 Silverado Short Wide Bed 2WD Silver, 4.8 V-8, alum wheels, 59,000 miles, NICE, #4331	\$11,975	2008 Chevrolet 2500 HD Crew Cab 4x4 Duramax Diesel Black-Gray Leather Buckets, LTZ Pkg, Nav, DVD, Sunroof	\$37,000
2004 Chevrolet 2500 HD Crew Cab 4x4 S/B, Blue/Charcoal Cloth, 6.0 V8 Auto, LS Pkg, Positrack, #4458	\$14,900	2008 GMC Yukon 4x4 LT1 Denali Gold/Mist-Tan Leather, Sunroof, DVD, 15K, #4711	\$42,500
2005 Chevrolet Malibu Max White/Gray Cloth, V6 Auto, LS Pkg, Sunroof, Rear Spoiler, 52K, #4702	\$10,500	2008 Chevrolet Tahoe LT2 Victory Red-Ebony Leather, Sunroof, DVD, 2nd Row Bucket Seats, 5.3 V8, Positrack, Like New!	\$33,500
2005 Chevrolet Malibu LS Sedan White/Gray Cloth, V6 Auto, 28K, #4577	\$10,000	2008 Pontiac G5 2 Door Coupe Blue Charcoal-Cloth, 4cyl, 5-Speed Manual, Sunroof, 6-Disc CD, 14K, #4718	\$15,900
2007 Chevrolet 1500 Crew Cab , 2WD, Graystone-Charcoal Cloth, 5.3 V8, Auto, LTZ Conversion Pkg, 40K, #3661	\$18,500		
2005 Chevrolet 3500 HD 4x4 SRW White/Tan Cloth, Duramax Diesel, Auto, Pwr Seats, LS pkg, 77K, #4411	\$21,000		

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Fate of Proposed Bill Could Impact Garza County Property Taxes
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The old saying that the only things you can count on are death and taxes is true because you can't avoid either. However, you might have an influence on the amount of county property taxes you pay by becoming engaged in the process of how oil and gas values will be determined in the future.
"It is important for the citizens of Garza County to get involved as Senate Bill 2557 makes its way through the process in Austin," Garza County Judge Norman said. "I believe it is the current best solution to the process we are now under." The particular item of concern is the formula used by the state comptroller for determining the market factor value of oil which affects ad valorem taxation rates. "As currently applied, the Comptroller has created artificially low numbers," Norman continued. The market factor value being discussed for the next fiscal year is approximately \$35 per barrel which is down from \$96 per barrel used in the current year.
Sen. Carlos Uresti of District 19 introduced Senate Bill 2557 last month stating the bill that relates to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of a real property interest in oil or gas in place "would go a long way to correct the undervaluation of mineral interest devised by the current market condition factor."
The proposed bill was discussed thoroughly at the recent West Texas Judges and Commissioners Conference attended by Garza County Commissioners and Judge Norman. Both the Commissioners and Judge Norman encourage homeowners to contact their state representatives to address this issue. "The citizens of Garza County can have an impact on the future of Senate Bill 2557, but they must act soon before June," Norman said.
Senate Bill 2557 has now gone to the Finance Committee. Sen. Steve Ogden, District 5, is the Chair of this committee (512) 463-0105 (Austin). You can follow the progress of the bill at www.capitol.state.tx.us.
Contact District 85 Representative Joe Heflin (512) 463-0604, Austin; 806-675-1583, Crosbyton) and District 28 Sen. Robert Duncan (800-322-9538, Austin; 806-762-1122, Lubbock) to let them know your opinion of SB 2557. Sen. Duncan currently serves on the Finance Committee.