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Saturday Is Election Day in Post

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

**ELECTION DAY
 CITY & SCHOOL**
 May 9
 Community Center - East Door
 113 W. Main
 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Garza County Commissioners
 Court**
 May 11
 9 a.m.
 Garza County Courthouse
 300 W. Main

**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.

"The Seafarer"
 Garza Theatre
 May 8
 8 p.m.

"Magdalene"
 Ragtown Gospel Theater
 May 8
 7:30 p.m.
 877-RAGTOWN for reservations

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

"Magdalene"
 Ragtown Gospel Theater
 May 9
 3:00 p.m.
 877-RAGTOWN for reservations

**Post High School Athletic
 Banquet**
 School Cafeteria
 May 11
 6:00 p.m.
 Purchase tickets at High School office or
 From an Antelope Booster Club member

Elementary Music Program
 Elementary Auditorium
 May 12
 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m.

**Trailblazers Senior Citizens
 Center**
 Game Night
 May 12
 5:30 p.m.
 205 E. 10th

Stitchin' Group
 Heritage House
 May 12
 6 p.m.
 Call 495-4148 for information

**Trailblazers Senior Citizens
 Center**
 Game Night
 May 14
 5:30 p.m.
 205 E. 10th

Post's Got Talent
 Post Elementary Auditorium
 May 15
 6:00 p.m.

If you missed the Early Voting opportunity, you can cast your vote this Saturday for Mayor, City Council Ward 1 and Ward 2, and three at-large positions on the Post ISD School Board.

Approximately 300 voted early in the city election and

240 in the school board election.

Voting for both the City election and the School Board election on Election Day will be at the Community Center, 113 W. Main, Saturday May 9, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Candidates for Mayor are Thressa Harp and T. K.

Thompson; City Council Ward 1: Melba Cimental and Trena Woods; City Council Ward 2: Archie Gill and Dick Odom.

Post ISD School Board candidates are: Alexa Collier, Mike Holly, Fred Postell and Milton Williams.



Abel Reyna and Mary Chilton served up delicious food during the Old Mill Trade Day Downtown event last Saturday. Over 15 street vendors joined Post merchants to make the event a success. Sponsored by Post City Merchants and the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, Old Mill Trade Day Downtown is the first Saturday of each month. The next event is June 6.



Jacie Eveland and Beth Eveland sold plants on Main Street for Hudman Greenhouse at Old Mill Trade Day Downtown last Saturday. The event drew a large number of shoppers to downtown Post in spite of the cool, damp weather.

Karen Nichols Honored by VFW

Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary District 7 held their meeting in Post, Sunday May 3. Elections were held for the 2009-2010 District officers. Members from Lubbock, Brownfield, Plainview, Floydada, and Muleshoe attended.

Post Elementary School Music Teacher, Karen Nichols was presented with Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6797 and District 7 Teacher of the Year Award. "Her love of her students, community and country set the standard for all those around her, making her deserving of this award" District 7 Commander Chuck Ratliff stated while presenting her with a certificate, a plaque, and a check for \$150.

In the aftermath of 9/11, Mrs. Nichols began putting on a Post Elementary Patriotic Program. This program is held in the school auditorium, and representatives from our local V.F.W., as well as local first responders, are honored guest. The program includes almost 400 students, from Pre-K through fifth grade, who sing patriotic songs for the community. Mrs. Nichols also puts together a slide show that includes pictures of community members that are currently serving, or have served, our country and/or community.

Local V.F.W. and Ladies Auxiliary members elected into district offices were Commander Chuck Ratliff, Senior Vice J.W. Jolly, 3yr Trustee Jimmie Howell, Ladies Auxiliary President Shawnette Hinkle, Senior Vice Janet Ratliff, Treasurer Rhonda Morrow, and Tiffany Graves was appointed Secretary.

The afternoon ended with lunch prepared by the local V.F.W. and door prize drawings for merchandise donated by local merchants. Attending lunch and participating in afternoon events were Past State Commander Danny Henry and wife, Past State Auxiliary President Linda Henry, Garza County Judge Lee Norman and wife Marsha and Thressa Harp and husband Jacky. Thressa Harp won the \$500 cash prize drawing and in return donated it back to the local V.F.W. and Ladies Auxiliary.

Dalby Unit Recognizes Outstanding Employees

By Rosa Latimer
 News Editor

Warden Kerry Dixon recognized the winners of the Management & Training Corporation (MTC) Excellence Awards during a special luncheon event last week. The event included a steak meal for all facility employees prepared by employees and served by the Dalby Unit wardens in recognition of National Correctional Workers Week.



(from left) Warden Kerry Dixon, Associate Warden Hugh Bryan, Administrative Assistant Ruby Williams, and Associate Warden Larry Bond are shown at a special steak lunch for the employees at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility. The event honored Williams who is retiring after over 10 years with the Dalby Unit and recognized the recipients of Employee of the Year honors.

The occasion also honored Administrative Assistant Ruby Williams. She is retiring after 10 year, 4 months service with MTC and was presented with a gift, flowers, and a memory book with comments from fellow employees. Williams was commended by Warden Dixon for her commitment to her responsibilities and her outstanding contribution in the development and operations of the Dalby Unit.

Employees of the Dalby Unit nominated The Employees of the Year and a board of their peers chose the recipients. The 2009 Dalby winners received a certificate and a check.

Employees of the year are: Fred Postell, Program Services Employee; Christopher Luera, Correctional Officer and Ruben Flores, Support Services Employee. In addition, Thressa Harp was recognized as Community Supporter of the Year by the Dalby Unit.

Other employees recognized at the event included Employees of the Month: Renee Gearhart, Records Coordinator and Pam Killough, Administrative Clerk. Pam Killough and Keith Bell were acknowledged for their accomplishments in the unit's Health and Fitness Initiative program as was the Education Department for largest percentage of weight loss by a department and the most miles logged by a department.

Jury Delivers Verdict in Trial

A trial in the 106th Judicial District Court of Garza County earlier this week ended in a not guilty verdict for defendant Timothy Crenshaw of Post.

Crenshaw was charged with sexual assault, a felony offense relating to an alleged incident in November of 2005.

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 pm. All high school athletes, parents and fans are encouraged to attend. Tickets are \$12 prior to the banquet and \$15 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the High School office or from an Antelope Booster Club member. Come support your Antelopes and Lady Lopes.

**VFW Post 6797 Scheduled to meet
 May 11th**
 VFW Post 6797 Men and Ladies Auxiliary will meet on Monday May 11th at the Post on the Clairemont highway. The men will meet at 7:00 p.m. The Ladies will meet at 6:00 pm Past District President Georgia Miller will be at the meeting

Special Account to help Clark family
 A Special account has been setup for Chris Clark who is needing financial assistance to help pay 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 Solu-

tions 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 (6 ft. 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.

Holy Cross Catholic church fish fry
 Holy Cross Catholic Church will be having a fish fry with the trimmings on Saturday May 16th from 11 am - 2 pm. The Cost is \$7 a plate. Everyone is welcome.

Post Elementary Present "Pirates, the Musical"
 The third grade class at Post Elementary will be presenting, "Pirates, the Musical" on Tuesday, May 12 at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Elementary Auditorium. We encourage all family, friends, and neighbors to attend this event.

"Art Boot Camp"
 The Caprock Cultural Assn. is sponsoring an "Art Boot Camp" on June 1 - July 3 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, for ages K-12. The Boot Camp will include structured classes in various mediums; informative speakers and an afternoon snack will be provided. Pre-registration is required. Contact Shawnette at Caprock Cultural Assn 495-4148 for more information.

Opinions

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE AND A SUDDEN TURN.

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Elisabeth's experience caused her to re-direct 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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The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

I need to address a few issues concerning elections and advertising. If a written piece, regardless of its basis on fact, has opinion or conjecture regarding a measure or issue concerning a taxing entity, it is a political ad.

Being that there are at least two sides to most issues - this newspaper makes space available for all sides of an issue or election. It is up to the individual or group to either express their side or not. It is against this newspaper's policy to run political ads for free nor can we discount them.

Newspapers can endorse one side of an issue or even an individual candidate. Some newspapers do so frequently, some do not.

In all of my years in journalism, my publications have only endorsed two candidates and that was for statewide office.

Elections are emotional. When you do something for one side, you had best be ready to do the same thing for the other or you're not playing by the rules.

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Meantime, please consider that your newspaper is an evolution in progress. I am not happy with it and I won't be until it is exactly how I want it.

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Pakistan has between 60 and 100 nuclear weapons.

Why should you care? The Taliban may be getting close to taking over that country and with it, its nuclear arsenal.

Can you imagine the Taliban - and Al Qaeda having nuclear weapons at their fingertips?

According to news sources, U.S. officials are worried militants could take possession of the arms during transport or by infiltrating atomic laboratories or fuel-production plants.

The Taliban has recently occupied Buner, a key region 60 miles from the capital, Islamabad. That news increased global fears as to the whereabouts of all of Pakistan's nuclear sites is unknown.

Something must be done now, even if that means U.S. intervention. I would think the entire world would be interested in getting this situation rectified before it's too late.

Obviously, the Pakistan government is in jeopardy and judging by how porous their border is, their military are either very weak or simply have not been ordered to do much about it.

You have to think Israel, India, Russia ... just about everyone in the region is watching the situation real carefully.

For the record, Pakistan dropped the ball when they insisted on using negotiations when tackling violent extremism within its borders.

Taliban and Al Qaeda fighters already have strongholds along Pakistan's border regions from which to plan attacks on U.S. and NATO forces in neighboring Afghanistan.

Of all of the potential threats to U.S. and world security, this one should now be at the top of the list.

The world cannot afford to let these terrorists get their hands on even one of these weapons. Because if they do, they'll use it on us or Israel and World War III will most assuredly be underway

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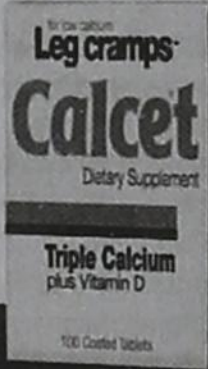
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Karen Nichols was honored recently as Teacher of the Year by VFW District 7. Presenting the award was Past State President Linda Henry, Past State Commander Danny Henry, and District 7 Commander Chuck Ratliff.



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 Rainfall for 2005 15.57"
 Rainfall for 2006 28.85"
 Rainfall for 2007 24.19"
 Rainfall for 2008 33.16"

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White River Lake has 2,710,428,618 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 27% capacity or 8,318 acre feet. Subtract 23,545,362 MG for evaporation this week in March that leaves 2,686,883,256 BG available as of today.
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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

What do pigs call swine flu? People flu?
Snort if you will, but shouldn't we humans think twice before we besmirch the names of other species with diseases? Does any animal deserve that much bad press? Bird flu is another example.

Furthermore, it's not just pigs and fowl that get slandered. Geography suffers too. Consider Asian flu, Hong Kong flu and German measles. I wonder if those illnesses go by other names in those places? I also wonder if an outbreak of American flu might be next. Don't worry. In this country we'll find another name for that strain.

Back to the German measles. I've had them, and they were a disappointment - nothing to compare to the plain old measles. Maybe it took the German measles for me to realize that not everything lives up to its name. For that matter, the German measles aren't even measles. But let's don't get technical.

Speaking of diseases, kids miss a lot nowadays, don't they? All my generation missed was diphtheria and smallpox. I'm not complaining. If I wanted to miss a couple of contagious diseases, I'd pick those two.

On second thought, I'd rather skip polio. The vaccine for that terrible malady became available when my age group hit the first grade. It was a grand event - a trip to town in the same lumbering yellow bus that usually just took us home. We stood in line at the new city auditorium to get our shots. A classmate named Harold fainted. I remember his striped

t-shirt and how quickly he hit the hardwood floor, right next to bottles and bottles of Coca-Cola in yellow wooden cases. We each got to drink one. So did Harold when he came to.

Other diseases were like childhood rites of passage. Inevitable.

The timing was especially bad for the measles. We'd all just learned to read, and most families had just gotten their first television sets. But all of us infected with the measles risked going blind, or so we were told, if we strained our eyes. And maybe it was true. So we stayed in rooms with shades pulled and listened to the radio. The announcer took pity and mentioned us by name - even if we did live in the country instead of in town.

Mumps came later. I read the Bobbsey Twins. Chickenpox also came later. I scratched.

Chickens, of course, don't get chickenpox. Maybe it was just their turn to endorse a disease, and maybe we really shouldn't feel sorry either for chickens or swine. When chickenpox got its name, rumors no doubt flew, and some people probably quit eating chicken for a while for fear of catching the disease.

Sure it's hogwash, but the same sort of misunderstanding prevails today regarding swine flu. I've heard Russia, China and Ukraine aren't buying American pork, as if you could get the flu from a pork chop.

Maybe it's time to name some flu strains for those countries.

I'm starting to get the hang of this.



Jeremy and Amy Stanley of Post are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Kambree Alyse Stanley on April 15, 2009. She weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long.

Grandparents are Ivan and Debbie Line of Post, Mike and Nita Scott of Lubbock and the late Dennis Stanley of Grassland. Great-grandparents are H. I. and Gwyneth Line, O'Donnell; Billie Reed, Grassland; Barbara Yelvington and Garvin and Bessie Scott all of Lubbock.

Southland News

Congratulations to all of our kids and staff on doing a tremendous job last week during the TAKS test. Everyone worked hard and I know they did their very best. Thanks to our parents who helped with making sure your children were well rested and had a good breakfast before coming to school.

Great job to all of our kids and sponsors for the way that way we conducted ourselves at Prom on Saturday night. Everyone had a great time and our sponsors as always did a great job of preparing and decorating.

Events for This Week:

Pride Side trip to San Antonio has been cancelled due to concerns about the outbreak of Swine Flu. We will try to reschedule another event prior to school letting out for the summer. As more information is available we will keep you posted.

Events for Next Week:

Blood Drive will be held Monday morning from 7:30 until 10:30 in the parking lot. Tuesday evening we will celebrate our Athletic Banquet beginning at 6:00 in the cafeteria.

Site-Based Committee meeting on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. We will discuss several items to include our annual Spring Title I information.

Friday is scheduled to be the Senior Trip to San Antonio, however it is on hold as of today pending more information on the Swine Flu outbreak.

Secondary Field Day will be held Friday as well. Please see any of the Sophomores for details or Mr. McCollister/Mrs. Calhoun

Friday and Saturday is the Area II FFA convention. Please see Mr. McCollister for more details.

Future Important Dates:

Secondary Academic Awards will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday May 22nd in the Gym.

Elementary Awards will be held Thursday May 28th, in the Gym, at 8:30 a.m.

Graduation practice will be held on Thursday May 28th during 5th period

Semester Tests will be Thursday and Friday May 28th and 29th with each of those days being early release days.



Local Girl Scouts donated cookies to the Garza County Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center. Pictured are: (back left to right) Beckie Stetler, Leader and Trailblazer Director Doyleene Shumard. (front left to right) Courtney Ramirez, MyKayla Ortiz, Alondra Vasquez, Victoria Gutierrez, Darcie Sanchez, Ericka Solis, Cierra Fontenot.

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Camp!
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Record Books
Are you planning on doing a record book? If so contact the Extension Office for information and deadlines.

ACRE Program for all Ag Producers
This program will be held Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 9:00 am at the Graham Community Center. This is a FSA and Extension sponsored program. For information call Victor Ashley at 495-2801 or Greg Jones at 495-4400.

Private Pesticide License Training & Testing
If you are interested in becoming licensed to utilize pesticides, Wednesday, May 13, 2009 will be the day you can do so. Contact the Extension Office to get additional information. The training and testing will be in Tahoka and you must RSVP by Monday, May 11, 2009.

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Six sisters and their families met in April for the Polk Family reunion in Redbud. Back row (from left): Sue McDaniel, Mini Jones, Mary Hols. Front row (from left): Ginger Cheek, Lilly Bruedigam, and Ida Jones of Post.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather

It's been a little gloomy in the mornings with the fog but warming up nice in the afternoons. Most of the guys have their chemical down and the fields listed and ready to go. They will start planting very soon, let's all pray that we get the rain we need and have a good crop for 2009.

News

We held our 51st Annual Stockholders Meeting last week in the school cafeteria. During the meeting we elected 3 directors, heard the financial report and gave away several door prizes donated by various businesses. River Smiths catered the meal for

us, feeding around 105 people. We had several from out of town attend. Some of those that I can remember are; James and Mary (Shults) Allison, Allen and Leatrice (Justice) Johnson, Linda Livingston Runkles, Linda Bullard Atzbach, Anne Teaff, Grant and Mona Bright. We try to make our meetings fun and I think we always have a really good time at them.

Lane Norman placed 3rd in photo and 3rd in beauty in the Lubbock Area Baby Pageant. Lane is the son of Stace and Kalya Norman and the grandson of Kim and Rhonda Norman.

I have to apologize to Dylan Morris; I left his name out of the baseball players I listed last week.

Dylan plays for the Astros.

David and Brenda Norman are the parents of twin girls. Paylan Lee and Marley Rae were born April 30th in Lubbock. Paylan and Marley's big sister is Emily. Proud grandparents are Lee and Marsha Norman.

I have had some really good feedback concerning the gin blog. I wanted to let everyone know if you have any pictures of happenings that involve people associated with Close City send them to me and I will try to get them posted. Our out-of-town followers especially enjoy this. You can email them to me at close.city.coop@pcca.com or mail them to

the gin and I'll scan them in. Remember the blog address is <http://closecitycoopgin.blogspot.com>

Visitors

Bill Case came out to buy some oil and Velta King brought me some paperwork. Other than our regular morning and afternoon break crew that's it. Ya'll come see us!

Get Wells

We send a big get well to one of our landlords, Billie Windham. Billie is in the hospital in Lubbock.

As always let's remember those in the nursing
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Weekly Inspirations

THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE

By: Michael F. Taylor

Kurt was busy working at the local Hy-Vee grocery store where he earned \$5.50 an hour stocking items on the shelf, when a new voice asking for a carry out on register # 4 came across the public address system. Kurt, knowing that he had not heard that voice before, and deciding that he needed some fresh air anyway, inquisitively walked to the front of the store. His first glimpse of the beautiful check out girl rendered him instantly in love. Now granted, she appeared to be slightly older than he, maybe 26 years old or so and he was only 22, but Kurt was not dissuaded in the least. Later that evening, he lingered by the time clock to find out this lovely young ladies name. She walked into the break room, smiling as she passed him, and punched her time card before exiting. Kurt immediately looked at the name on the time card. BRENDA! What a lovely name. He then went to the front of the store where Brenda had just gone through the door and watched her walk away down the street. The very next day, after she clocked out, Kurt met her outside the front of the store and asked if he could give her a ride home. Evidently, Kurt appeared harmless and Brenda tentatively accepted. When they arrived at her house, Kurt asked if he could see her outside of the work environment and Brenda simply said that it wouldn't be possible because she had two children and could not afford to hire a baby-sitter. Not wanting to miss his chance with the woman he knew was his future, Kurt offered to pay for a baby-sitter. A little apprehensively, Brenda accepted the offer of a date for the coming Saturday evening. Upon his arrival that Saturday at the appointed time, Brenda sadly informed Kurt that the date could not take place because the baby-sitter had cancelled on her. "Okay, let's take the kids with us," Kurt replied emphatically. Gently, Brenda attempted to explain to Kurt that they couldn't take the children with them on a date, but he refused to accept "NO" as an answer. So finally, Brenda decided to introduce her new suitor to the kids. First, Brenda introduced her daughter Jesse to Kurt. "What a cute young lady", Kurt thought to himself. And then from the other room came Brenda's son Zachary - in a wheel chair. Born a paraplegic with Down Syndrome. Undaunted, Kurt continued to press Brenda to bring the children along. Brenda was slightly amazed, considering that most men would run out of the door from a woman with two kids, much less one of whom was disabled, just as her ex-husband had done. The children, Brenda and Kurt all jumped into his car and a wonderful dinner and movie ensued. When Zachary needed to go to the restroom during the evening, Kurt picked him up and brought him back without even a hint of it being an inconvenience. The kids loved Kurt and by the end of that magical night, Brenda knew that this was the man God had for her life. Just a short year later, they were married and Kurt adopted both Jesse and Zachary. Since that time they have added five more wonderful children to the bunch.

Whatever happened to the stock boy and the check out girl? I'm so glad you asked. Well, Kurt and Brenda Warner now live in Arizona where Kurt is the Arizona Cardinals star Quarterback. He holds ten National Football League records including being the only NFL Quarterback to pass for 40 touchdowns and win a Super Bowl in the same season. Such a beautiful story of love! What does God's Word have to say about love? 1 Corinthians 1-13 gives us insight into what love truly is, "1If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. 4Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. 11When I was a child, I put childish ways behind me. 12Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. 13And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." NIV As Mother's Day approaches, my prayer for each of you is that LOVE would permeate everything in your life. And that each of you would come to understand and to know that LOVE-true love-God's love, never fails. Happy Mother's Day!

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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones From The Post Dispatch

10 Years Ago May 6, 1999

A total of 715 voters cast ballots in the Garza Hospital District election, choosing Carol Davies Tobias, Charles Propst and Zoe Kirkpatrick to serve as directors.

Kasey Hardin earned the medalist title at the regional golf tournament, and is preparing for her fourth trip to the state golf meet in Austin.

Talina Bird is taking a break from her college studies to shoot for the moon - with a little help from her horse, Mooney Bird, according to an article in this month's Women's Pro Rodeo News, is in fourth place in the World leaders in cloverleaf barrel racing. To date, her 1999 winnings atop Mooney amount to more than \$21,000.

Jill Stelzer, bride elect of Jim Riley Simpson, was honored with a bridal shower on May 1st in the home of Patty Kirkpatrick.

20 Years Ago May 3, 1989

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Carlisle are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly, to Curt Greer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Greer. Kimberly is a graduate of Post High School and Angelo State University and is presently employed with NCNB in Lubbock. Curt is also a graduate of Post High School and attended West Texas State. He is currently employed by Ray J. Diekemper.

The Post High School varsity girls' 800 and 1600 meter relay teams swamped the competition at the regional meet in Odessa, taking two first place trophies and advancing to state. Kim Wulfjen, Crystal Clay, Sara Alexander and Dana Morris will compete in Austin on the relay teams and Dana will also represent the region in the 100 meter dash.

Dusti Cash and Bill Rankin were named to the All-District golf team, representing Post High School in District 3AAA.

Post High School sophomore Jana Hudman will compete in Austin along with her coach, Sandra Alexander. Jana qualified for the state U.I.L. competition in news writing.

30 Years Ago May 3, 1979

Workers sandblasted the stone front of the historic Algerita Hotel as one of the first steps in the exterior renovation at the hotel by David Newby.

Post High School's track team scored 47 points to share the AA boys' regional crown with Colorado City.

Members of the winning team are Jackie Ayala, Alonzo Luna, Bryan Compton, Cliff Kirkpatrick, Johnnie Ray Williams and Drew Kirkpatrick, substitute. Charlie Brown has been selected "Garza County Senior Citizen" for 1979, Katharine Cathcart, senior advocate, announced.

Kay Hays and Christy Morris were named "Girls of the Year" by Xi Delta Rho sorority of Beta Sigma Phi.

Funeral services for Lou Marks were held Thursday in the First United Methodist Church. Dr. and Mrs. William C. Wilson

announce the birth of a son, William Charles, Jr. born April 26.

40 Years Ago May 1, 1969

Honor graduates for the 1968-69 school year have been named at PHS, with valedictorian honors going to Karen Hundley and salutatorian honors to Bob Wilkins.

Trustees of the Post Public Library awarded the contract for complete remodeling of a city hall store room into a new reference room for the library to the Ben Owen Company on a bid of \$868.08.

About 250 people attended the Close City Coop Gin barbeque at the Community Center.

The Post FFA cotton judging team, Jerry Hair, Don Maxey and Johnny Hair, placed fifth in Area II competition and 10th overall in the Texas Tech judging contest.

Ken Callaway was elected president of the Post Jaycees at the organization's annual election of officers.

50 Years Ago May 2, 1959

Post's water supply has been boosted by approximately 50 percent with the hooking in over last weekend of water pumped from a section of land owned by S. C. Storie, Sr., and others.

Herring's Department Store will celebrate its 21st birthday this weekend with a "Coming of Age Party."

Kay Gene Payne was named valedictorian of the 1959 PHS graduating class. Frances Barron was named salutatorian.

Eight former cowboys of the famed Spur Ranch held a reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Cravy. Spur Ranch cowboys attending were Russell Wilks, Sr., Dick Cravy, Doc Kennedy, L.P. Kennedy Sr., Jack Brandon, Sr., Lee Byrd, Bill Cravy and Dusty Rhodes.

Ronnie Dunn led the Southland Eagles to the regional Class B crown in Lubbock by winning the broad jump and the 440 yard dash and placing second in the 220 sprint.

60 Years Ago May 5, 1949

Prizes in the Post Dispatch Mother's Day contest went to Mrs. Lizzie Ainsworth as the oldest Garza County mother and the mother of the most children (14). The prize for youngest mother went to Mrs. Benny Huff of the Barnum Springs Community.

PHS Seniors left this week for a week-end trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Post Rotarians were digging and planting shrubbery, flowers and grass in the Main Street boulevard in the block east of the courthouse as part of the club's beautification program.

An advertising committee, composed of Tom Power, Lee Davis and Si Thaxton, has started a campaign to complete the selling of advertising for and painting signs on the Postex Park fence.

At a meeting of the Grassland Farmer's Cooperative Gin Society, C.O. McCluskey, J.A. Propst and L.S. Turner were elected directors.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of City of Post, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del City of Post, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 9, 2009,

for voting in a general election to elect Mayor and Councilmen Wards 1 & 2

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 9

de Mayo de 2009 para votar en la Elección General para elegir Alcade y del Barrio

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LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

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(location) (sitio)

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(date)

(entre las 7:00 de la mañana y las 7:00 de la tarde empezando el Abril 27, 2009)

(fecha)

and ending on May 5, 2009 (y terminando el Mayo 5, 2009)

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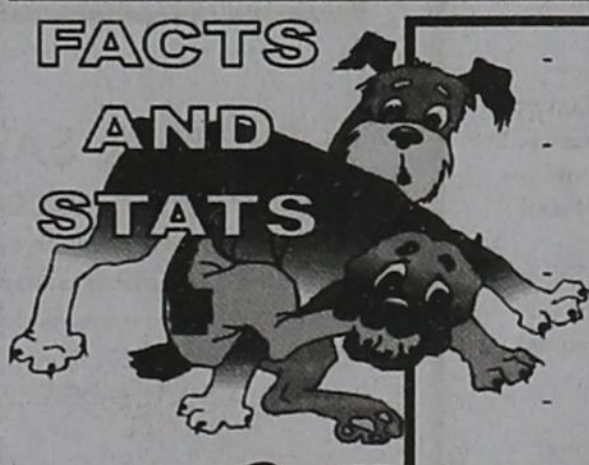
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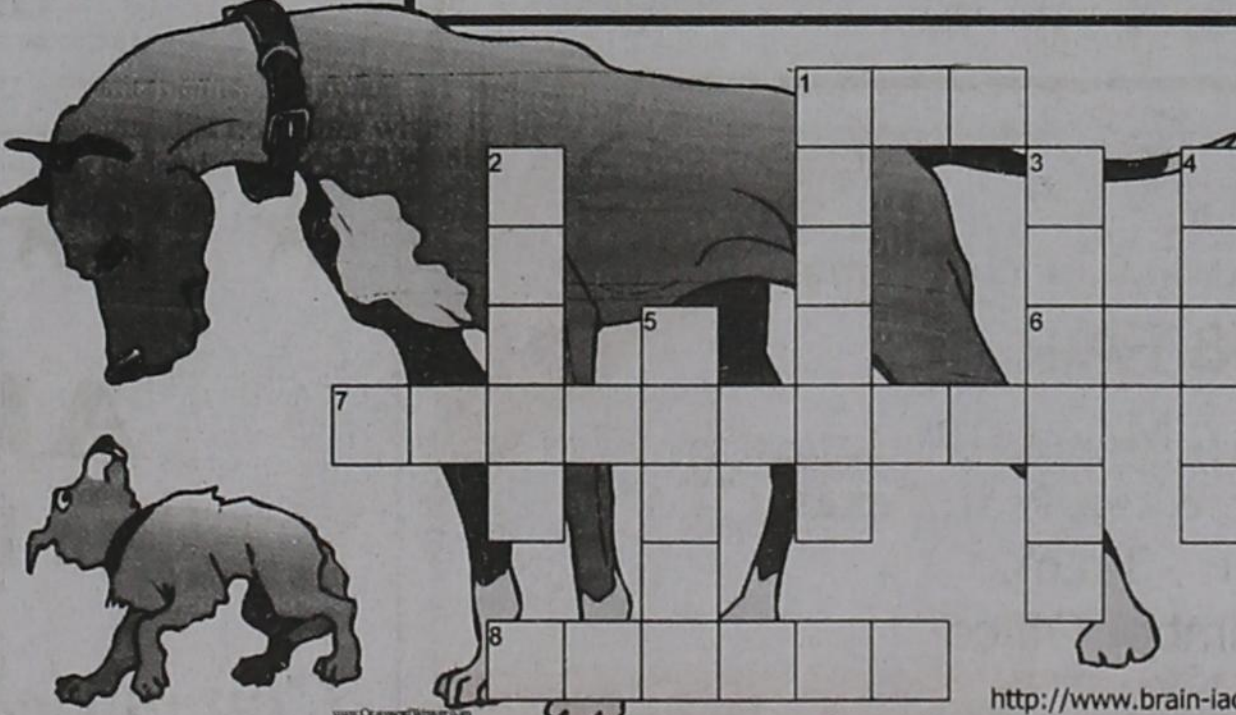
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FACTS AND STATS



- As of 2005 the smallest living dog is a six inch long Chihuahua named Brandy.
- The largest dog on record was a Mastiff named Hercules who weighed 282 pounds.
- Barry, a St Bernard Swiss Alps rescue dog, is credited with saving over 40 people during his lifetime of service.
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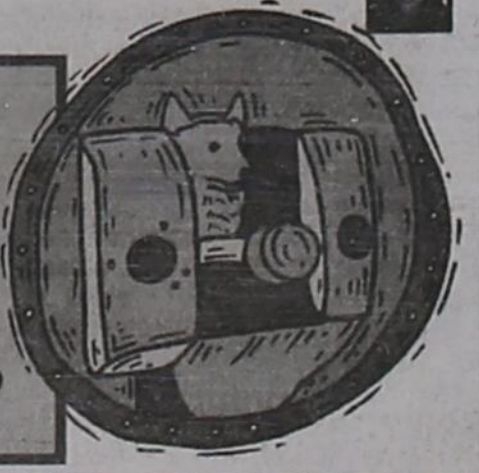
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- Dog's can do 1000x's better
- Sent first dog in space
- Number of heads on mythology monster dog
- First dog in space

In 1957, aboard Russia's Sputnik II, a stray dog named Lalka became the first animal astronaut. Although water and food were available (but no way to return to Earth) Lalka died from stress and overheating within hours of lift-off. Electrodes, hooked up to the brave pooch, relayed information back to Russian scientists. Sadly, Lalka's spaceship was predestined to be his final coffin.

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Close City News...
(Continued from page 5)

home; Doug and Claudine Tipton and Carman Abraham in Post and Jewel White in Lubbock. If I am missing anyone from this list please let me know.

Birthdays

May 10th- Kimberly Craig Yarbrow

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Post Middle School Earns Sweepstakes

The Post middle school band recently earned another Sweepstakes Award at the Floydada band festival. This is the 13th in a row for this group.

"The band played material that was written for high school bands and impressed the judges with it," said Bernard Tackitt, Middle School Band Director. "This is a good way to end a great year."

In addition to concerts by the band this year, 16 members made All Region, (a record for Post) and the Music Memory Team won 1st in District.

Collier Makes Bid for Re-Election to School Board

To the citizens of Post Independent School District:
I am Alexa Collier and I am requesting your vote to re-elect me to the Post ISD Board of Trustees.

Twelve and one-half years of service on the school board has given me the opportunity to learn about our school system, the law governing schools and the role of a board member. I have attended board training each year as required by the state.

I first served on the board from August 1994 until May 2001 during which time I was elected vice president and later president for 2 years. I was re-elected in May 2003 and have served as secretary and now as vice president.

My education background has given me something unique to add to the board and my small business background has also been beneficial.

My first full-time job was teaching in Post Middle School

in 1973 after graduating from Texas Tech. My husband and I lived here for a year until he graduated from Tech and his job took us to Big Spring.

After the birth of our second child we chose to move back to Post in 1983 to raise our children and operate our family business. I have always felt this was the best choice we ever made - Post has been my home.

I returned to the classroom and taught 5th grade for two years and 1st grade for a year before going back to work in our business.

My three children, Cody, Kelli and Christin, all graduated from Post High School and I am proud to say have now graduated from college. Cody and his wife, Angeline, live here in Post and my grandson, Emmett, will be the next generation of my family to attend Post schools.

I feel a good board member must be objective - decisions

must be made that are for the good of all students not just a few. Many decisions are hard but we must follow the law and must consider the school district as a whole. All students should leave Post High School prepared to take their place - ready for the work force or for going on to college. It is our job as a board to create the policies that will allow all students to succeed. We have one of the best staffs in West Texas who work hard to reach the goals set by our board and I am proud to serve this community and school district.

I feel that the next three years will be pivotal years for Post ISD and I believe my experience in the classroom, in business and on the board will be an asset to our district. I would appreciate your vote to allow me to continue to serve the children of Post.



Thressa Harp, Past President of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce was recognized by Warden Dixon of the Dalby Unit as Community Supporter of the Year.



Ruben Flores received a certificate and a check from Warden Kerry Dixon. Flores was chosen Support Services Employee of the Year by the employees of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.



Fred Postell (left) was presented a certificate and a check by Warden Kerry Dixon. Postell was chosen Program Services Employee of the Year by employees at the Dalby Unit.

Thanks For Reading!

District Court Considers Full Docket

Following is a summary of the non-jury docket before the 106th District Court on April 28:

J. R. Davis, 46, Drug Possession; \$1000 fine and court costs, three years with Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Sebastian Guerrero, 26, Sexual Assault; \$2000 fine and court costs, eight years in TDCJ facility.

Eddie Joe Gutierrez, 23, arraigned on Sexual Assault and Burglary of Habitation charges.

Michael Dwayne Jackson, 29, Burglary of Habitation; six years in TDCJ facility.

Floyd Edward Hair, 65, Aggravated Assault; \$1000 fine and court costs, five years deferred, 100 hours of community service.

Oscar Gonzalez Lopez, 47, Driving While Intoxicated; \$1000 fine and court costs, 30 days in Garza County Jail, 6 months pro-

bation, 100 hours community service, loss of driver's license for one year.

Corry Wade Hair, 36, Indecency with a Child; \$5000 fine and court costs, five years in TDCJ facility.

Severino Martinez, 27, Aggravated Assault; \$1438.41 restitution, five years in TDCJ facility.

Olegario Romero, 47, Indecency with a Child and Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child; \$3500 fine and court costs, 400 hours community service, ten years deferred.

Jose Garay, 26, two charges of Sexual Assault; \$1000 fine and court costs on both counts, 14 years in TDCJ facility on each charge to run concurrently.

Jerry Lynn Curtis, 23, Burglary of Habitation; \$3000 fine and court costs, \$1283 restitution, four years in TDCJ facility.

"The Seafarer" Opens at the Garza This Weekend

Tonight is opening night for the West Texas premier of this Tony nominated play by Irish playwright, Conor McPherson. According to director John Davis, this is only the second time the play has been performed in Texas.

The schedule for this play is: Friday and Saturday, May 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 8 p.m.; Saturday matinee May 9 and Sunday matinee May 17 at 2:30 p.m.

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, Irish humor and storytelling abound in this tragic comedy about good, evil and human imperfection. The show contains adult themes.

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.

Prior to each performance Hotel Garza is offering a special dinner of homemade Irish stew, fresh wheat bread, dessert and a beverage. The package includes two tickets to "The Seafarer" and two dinners for \$45.98, and is also available for matinees. A special overnight "staycation" which includes the dinner, tickets to the theater and an overnight stay is also available at the hotel during the run of "The Seafarer."

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