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Friday, May 15, 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

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All of these meetings are open to the public.

- City of Post Swearing In of Elected City Officials**
May 15
Noon
Council Chambers
- Garza County Commissioners Court**
May 26
9 a.m.
Garza County Courthouse
300 W. Main

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Event info available at press time.

- Post ISD - No School**
May 15
- Post's Got Talent**
Elementary Auditorium
May 15
6:00 p.m.
- "The Seafarer"**
Garza Theatre
May 15 & 16
8 p.m.
- "Magdalene"**
Ragtown Gospel Theater
May 15
7:30 p.m.
877-RAGTOWN for reservations
- "Magdalene"**
Ragtown Gospel Theater
May 16
3:00 p.m.
877-RAGTOWN for reservations
- Post High School Prom**
School Cafeteria
May 16
- "The Seafarer"**
Garza Theatre
May 17
2:30 p.m.
- Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center**
Game Night
May 19
5:30 p.m.
205 E. 10th
- Stitchin' Group**
Heritage House
May 19
6 p.m.
Call 495-4148 for information
- Middle School Awards Program**
Elementary Auditorium
May 21
11 a.m.
- Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center**
Game Night
May 21
5:30 p.m.
205 E. 10th
- High School Academic Awards Ceremony**
Elementary Auditorium
May 22
10 a.m.

Harp Elected Mayor By Large Margin

By Rosa Latimer
 News Editor

Theresa Harp was elected the Mayor of Post Saturday with seventy percent of the 531 votes cast. Her opponent, T. K. Thompson, garnered 158 votes to Harp's 374.

"It will be a privilege to serve

the citizens of Post as Mayor. The challenges are great but with hard work and dedication we will build a stronger future for our fair city," Harp said. "We are so fortunate to live in a place with such a grand past and hope of a strong future. It will be my goal to keep Post the symbol of progress in West

Texas." The city has a new mayor; however, there is no change in the City Council after the election. Ward 1 incumbent Melba Cimental (46 votes) defeated Trena Woods who drew 31 votes. Ward 2 incumbent Dick Odom garnered 58 votes; his opponent Archie Gill

received 40.

City officials noted that early voting numbers were comparable to the last city election; however, the turnout on Saturday was larger than usual.

The vote totals were canvassed and approved at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting Tuesday night. The Mayor and City Councilmen will be sworn in at Noon today in the City Council Chambers.

SCHOOL BOARD RESULTS

In the Post ISD school board election for three at-large positions, voters chose to keep three incumbents: Mike Holly with 491 votes; Milton Williams, 490; and Alexa Collier, 386. Candidate Fred Postell drew 378 votes.

During a regularly scheduled Post ISD School Board meeting Tuesday night, the following officers were chosen: Mike Holly, President; Randy Connor, Vice-President and Alexa Collier, Secretary.

Burn Ban Extended 90 Days

By Rosa Latimer
 News Editor

In a regular meeting of the Garza County Commissioners Court Monday, the Commissioners voted to extend the burn ban for an additional 90 days until August 11, 2009. Even though there has been enough moisture in a portion of the county to somewhat alleviate the risk of fire, in other areas it remains dry. "We can't divide the county on something like this," said Charles Morris, Commissioner Precinct 2. The ban permits only enclosed, contained burns.

The burn ban states that:

a. A person violates the order if he burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning by others. Said enclosures to be enclosed on all sides and having a cover. The cover is to be of a mesh construction having holes small enough to prevent most debris from escaping the enclosure during burning.

b. A person violates this order if while burning he does not possess means for extinguishing a fire, including an amount of water or

fire extinguisher device that would be reasonable to extinguish a fire that is a foreseeable result of the intended burning.

Independent auditor for Garza County Joe F. Hays, CPA presented the 2008 county audits: (1) Report of Audit on the Operations of the Dalby Correctional Facility and the (2) Report of Audit of the Dalby Correctional Facility Inmate Trust Funds. Hays informed the court that the County of Garza audit is taking longer than usual due to new accounting procedures. That audit will be presented at the

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City Council Rejects Bids for Southland Water Project

By Rosa Latimer
 News Editor

In a regular meeting of the Post City Council Tuesday, the council voted to reject bids received for the Southland water project and to table all current plans for this project as presented by Oller Engineering until alternative options can be considered. City Manager Arbie Taylor expressed his "trepidation" about the winning bidder on the project and added, "To be perfectly honest with all of you, this project was started before I was hired and I don't like the way the project is designed. I have problems with the basic premise." Taylor further explained that he believed "there is another approach we can take and save possibly up to one-half million dollars on the project." Taylor will be discussing the Southland water project with other engineering firms to determine the best way to go forward.

At the request of a City Councilman, what has been called the "Hwy. 380 truck bypass" issue was

on the agenda again for further discussion and consideration. After revisiting the previous plans for this section of East 8th Street, the Council approved an upgrade of the street from Main to the cor-

ner near the depot with paving, curb and gutter, with no formal signage attached. This will eliminate the major drainage problems on that street, but will leave phase

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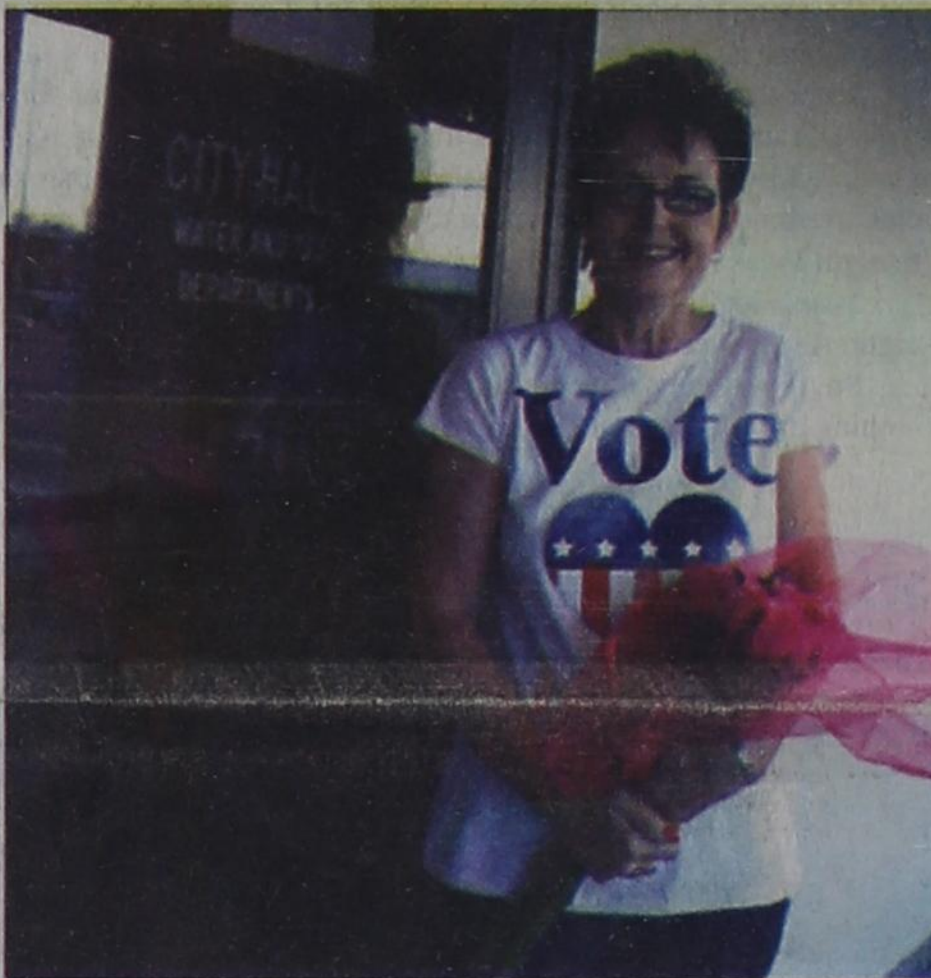
Last Weekend for "The Seafarer" at the Garza

This weekend will be the last opportunity to see "The Seafarer" at the Garza Theatre in Post. The multiple Tony Award-nominated play by Irish playwright, Conor McPherson is directed by John Davis. Friday and Saturday night performances, May 15 and 16 begin at 8:00 and the Sunday, May 17 matinee is at 2:30.

"This will be only the second run of the play in the state of Texas," David explained. 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 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.

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Theresa Harp, newly elected Mayor of Post will take office today.

Post Notes

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.

Holy Cross Catholic church fish fry

Holy Cross Catholic Church will be having a fish fry with the trimmings on Friday, May 15th from 11 am - 2 pm. The cost is \$7 a plate. Everyone is welcome.

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.

"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. TRADE DAY VENDORS

Trade Day Vendors

The next Old Mill Trade Day Downtown will be June 6. Vendors of all types, including non-profits, are invited to participate. Vendors will pay a set up fee of \$25 for outdoor space. The event is sponsored by the Post City Merchants and the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, for more information or to reserve vendor space, call 495-0608 or 495-3461.

Rural Community Organizing Project Fundraiser

Chicken and Dressing plates will be sold this Friday May 15, 2009 for \$6.00. We will begin serving at 11:00 am. Location for sale will be 112 N Ave H. Plates will include chicken & dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy and a roll. Call in orders early (778-2628) so we will have it prepared for you or just come by if you'd like. Please help to keep this project going. We have seen many good things happen when a community works together.



Staff photo by Kristie Odom

For one day at least, the Pirates of Post Elementary School captured everyone's attention with three performances of "Pirates." The musical, written by John Jacobson and Roger Emerson, was directed by Karen Nichols and Anna Saucedo. The elaborate scenery and colorful costumes provided a great setting for 7 musical numbers, beginning and ending with "Pirates All Are We."

Opinions



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Born To Be An Idiot

I'm an idiot.

I thought about stopping my column right there as the statement may need no explanation. Some days I'm more of an idiot than others. At least a half-dozen times this past week I've been a major league idiot.

The other day I spent ten minutes looking for my sunglasses (I need my sunglasses because my eyes are fairly sensitive to the sun). I searched high and low ... looked in my truck twice for them and checked all of the usual places in my office.

You have to understand I park a pretty good distance from my office so the trips back and forth take awhile.

As I decided I'd misplaced them for the time being, I finally headed out the door. I got in the truck and looked in the rearview mirror and BAM! There they sat right on top of my head.

Need more proof?

After solving the case of the missing sunglasses, I drove to Allsup's to get some mints. I walk in to buy the mints ... low and behold, I don't have any money.

"Where in the world did I leave my wallet?"

I excused myself from the store to check my truck. No wallet there either. It took me a couple of minutes to find and count the change I had located throughout my vehicle before I could afford the mints which were waiting on the counter for me.

As I sucked on a couple of mints, it dawned on me where my wallet was so I went home to get it.

With my newly found wallet secured and my sunglasses affixed to my head, I decided to take the trash out on my way back to the office. As I rose up with the trash bag in hand, I hit my head on our pantry door jam. Nearly knocked myself smooth out.

By this time, I'm starting to wonder why in the world I even bothered getting out of bed.

Thinking I had all the bugs worked out, I went on to have a productive afternoon. However, my idiocy once again reared its ugly head.

Later that evening I went back to Allsup's - this time for some milk and a bag of ice. I had my wallet on me so I paid for the items and headed out the door. As I got in my truck to leave, I noticed I was lacking my bag of ice. I nearly drove off to go to another store for the ice, but I braved my embarrassment and went back in to claim my purchase. I'm sure Tammy at Allsup's must have thought I was losing my mind.

I use a lot of brainpower during the course of a week and get about five or six hours of sleep a night. As the weekend nears, I'm pretty much mush.

So, if you see me wondering around looking for my car keys when they're in my hand, think nothing of it. It's just me being an idiot.

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Thanks for Reading!

Letter to the Editor

Citizens of Post and Garza County.

We at White River Retreat wish to thank you for your generosity and participation in our on going mission.

A grass fire at the lake burned our bunkhouse and laundry room to the ground at the first of this year. A group of citizens from Post volunteered their time and equipment to clean up the aftermath of the fire. They also raised money to build a new, totally equipped laundry room.

There have been numerous donations of food and supplies coming from the people of Post and Garza County. Since we are not government funded, we rely completely on donations. The generosity shown to us helps free up our meager funds to keep the doors open and the lights on.

As the founder of Five Stone Ministries, I have answered the call to serve God by serving my brothers and sisters in Christ. It is also apparent, by the generosity and participation of your citizens, that you too have answered a call of your own.

We also want to remind you that we are only servants and offer our facility and services to your community in times of need.

We have open meetings Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and Bible study Friday at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to attend or lead, if you wish.

May God bless you and keep you,

James A. North
Founder, Five Stone Ministries

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Monday
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White River Water Report

Gauge reading - 2350.40
Feet below spillway - 22'1"
Rise - 0"
Rainfall Past Week - 0"
Rain to Date - 1.47"
Rainfall for 2004 - 43.58"
Rainfall for 2005 - 15.57"
Rainfall for 2006 - 28.85"
Rainfall for 2007 - 24.19'
Rainfall for 2008 - 33.16'

DID YOU KNOW

White River Lake has 2,500,580,574 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 27% capacity or 7,674 acre feet. Subtract 35,318,943 MG for evaporation this week in May that leaves 2,465,261,631 BG available as of today.

White River's daily average demand for 2008 was 1.23 million gallons per day for all White River Customers.

The Oil Company using water for mining has been stopped until the Lake level rises.

White River Municipal Water District is in Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan.

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

The Post Reservoir Permit that the Water District Owns has been renewed by the State of Texas for another 4 years, and the trade for the permit to the City of Lubbock for Water Rights for the District's Member Cities continues.

Mickey Rogers GM White River

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by Hanaba Munn Welch

If you've never gotten involved with roofing mastic, you don't know the meaning of involvement. You can read about the stuff, but you and mastic still won't have a real relationship. Read on anyway.

The word itself is yukky-sounding, but check the dictionary, and you discover a cousin to frankincense and myrrh:

"An aromatic gum or resin exuded from the bark of a Mediterranean tree, used in making varnish and chewing gum and as a flavoring."

Sounds nice. It's also a tree: "The bushy evergreen Mediterranean tree of the cashew family that yields mastic and has aromatic leaves and fruit, closely related to the pistachio."

Makes me want to plant one. Finally, a third definition describes mastic you buy at a hardware store to fix leaks in your roof:

"A puttylike waterproof filler and sealant used in building."

OK, but like putty it ain't. Putty is manageable, malleable. Mastic is more like a cross between fresh cow manure and cake icing with a mind of its own - a criminal mind.

The defining characteristic of the product is how it goes places all on its own the way poison ivy manages to infect certain people when they simply get near it. The difference is that no one is immune to the reach of mastic. No one.

My husband, Hugh, introduced me to mastic just last week when we jointly tackled a fix-the-farmhouse-roof project. As we

stood on the gentle slope of the old rusted roof over the add-on room, ceremony hung in the mid-day air. I didn't yet know why. Hugh let me open the can. Then he pronounced the genie was out of the bottle. And so it was.

Somehow, between us, it fell my lot to be the chief mastic applicator - probably the pecking order of roofers, as in the new guy gets the mastic. Hawk and trowel in hand, I applied the wobbly dark sticky gunk straight from the can. Hugh helped some, telling me things like "other side of the trowel." Some of it actually went where I intended. Some of it went elsewhere, as in not even close. I loaded a caulk gun with a tube of the same product and managed to exert a bit more control - mind over mastic. But we both still had to watch our steps and not scratch our noses.

By the end of the day, the roof was patched with smears and dots and globs of black mastic. So were we.

Household hints on mastic removal:

Diesel works best. Follow up with anything harsh enough to clean mechanics' fingernails and kitchen ovens. If you have a fancy social affair to attend, soak yourself in pure bleach, at least your fingertips. I did.

Right before stepping out, I spied three dots of mastic on my forearm, too small to match the polka dots on my blouse but looking just as indelible.

Not wanting to smell like diesel, I grabbed a pumice stone. Voila! Mastic surgery.

Expect scarring. Mine's not bad.

That's mastic.



Girl Scout Award Banquet Troop # 6864 was held May 2. The girls earned 6 "try-its," an Earth Day patch and received cookie incentives. Back Row (from left): Leaders Joni Huffman and Jennifer Brown. Middle Row: Marissa Luna, Addisen Rodriguez, Kierra Cuis, Cecilia Hernandez, Sylvia Hernandez, Alexis Rodriguez, J'nia Brown. Front Row: Ryleigh Graves, Krista Moore, Courtney Lamb, Heather Jackson, Averi Graves, Caitlyn Silva, Katelynn Clark.



(from left) Mary Cade, Onita Gunn, Sandra Alexander and Gloria Taylor play a game of "42" at the Garza County Trailblazers Senior Citizen Center. The Center is open every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. for games.

Family Event for John Bilberry

Master Sergeant John Bilberry, the son of Edna Bilberry and the late L.D. Bilberry was in Post recently for a visit with his family. John is in the Air Force stationed at Mildenhall Air Force Base in England. John spent 3 days with his family here before returning to England to his wife, Sandra, and sons, Matthew, Ewan and Benjamin.

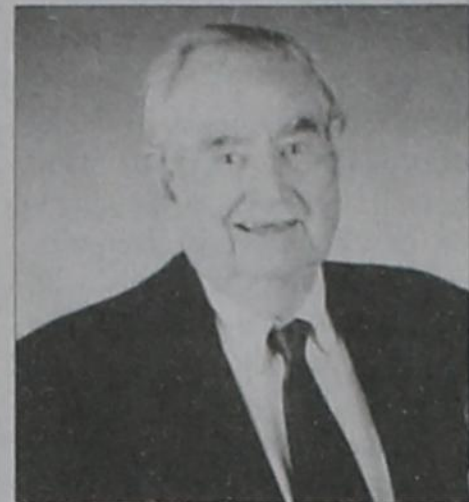
The Bilberry family had a big get together at the City Park in Post so everyone could spend some time with John. Attending were:

Edna Bilberry; C.J., Michelle, and sons Dylan and Dalton; Joni, her daughter Marisa,

granddaughters Caitlyn and Hailea Dian; Judi, husband David Martin and their children, Teresa, David and Alicia, her husband David Graves and their three children, Averi, Ryleigh, and Garrett; Lizz; Wesely Shankles and their children, Lelan, Shawn, Kirsten, and grandson Tyler; Dawn Guerrero and her daughter M'Keison; Chris and Tiffani Bilberry and their children Elexia, Kyler, and Caden. Others attending were Krystal Kirkland and her son, Jayden, Kara Grace and Truett Egan.

C. J. prepared hot dogs and hamburgers for the meal and everyone enjoyed visiting.

Obituaries



Lewis Earl

Services for Lewis Earl, 90, of Post will be at 3 p.m. Friday, May 15 at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Lloyd Stice of Quanah officiating, assisted by Dr. James Bell. Burial will be Monday at the Houston National Cemetery. Local arrangements are under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday at his home. He was born May 12, 1918 in Guthrie to Henry and Ruth (O'Neal) Earl. He married Patricia Miller on March 5, 1943 in Chicago. She preceded him in death in 1973. He married Maxine Durrett Marks in January 1981 in Post. She preceded him in death on November 15, 2008.

Earl was a Navy Veteran of WW II serving in the Pacific theater. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Georgetown University. He worked for the Department of Labor and in the Foreign Service in Latin America.

Survivors include one daughter, Patricia Lewis Earl of Chevy Chase, MD; one step-daughter Jennice Fishburn of Placitas, NM; three sons: William Lee Earl of Santa Fe, NM, Robert Charles Earl of Santa Cruz, CA and James Michael Earl of Houston; two brothers: Ellis Earl of Gun Barrel City and Rufus Earl of Turnersville, 9 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

After moving to Post Earl served as the chairman of the Garza County Democratic Party; was the manager of the Post Chamber of Commerce from 1984 to 1987 and was co-founder of the Lewis and Maxine Earl Survey Research Lab at Texas Tech University. He was also active in the VFW, Post Rotary Club, Lions Club of Post, SPAG and the Garza County Trailblazers.

The family received visitors at the funeral home Thursday, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer Foundation or the American Cancer Society.

Jerry D. Graves, Sr.

Services for Jerry D. Graves, Sr., 66, of Slaton will be 2 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2009 in Lubbock's Calvary Baptist Church with Dr. Richard Rush and Rev. Jim Wilkerson officiating. Interment will be in Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Englund Funeral Service of Slaton.

The family had visitation at the funeral home Thursday, May

14 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Jerry went to be with the Lord May 11, 2009. He was born February 16, 1943 in Clovis, NM, but attended schools in Compton, CA and graduated from Anaheim, CA in 1961.

Jerry married Evelyn Lorraine Philpott on September 1, 1962 in Anaheim. He returned to Texas, living in Big Springs, ranched in Borden County, and Morton. He moved to Slaton in 1970 where he opened A-Rock Sand and Gravel Co. with his father, Barron and became the owner operator upon Barron's retirement in 1996. Jerry and Evelyn opened A-Rock Materials of Lubbock and Post in 1996.

Jerry was a member of the Brunswick Bowling Association, an avid hunter and fisherman, and faithful member of Calvary Baptist Church.

His survivors include his wife Evelyn, sons; Jerry Jr. and Ty both of Lubbock; his mother, Myrlee Graves and brother, Garland both of Slaton along with 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to Children's Miracle Network, P.O. Box 100 Slaton, TX 79364 or Calvary Youth Ministry, 5301 82nd Street, Lubbock, TX 79423

Frances Josey

Frances Faye Josey went to be with her heavenly father on May 8, 2009. She was born on October 30, 1938 to the late Bud and Tennie Mason. She was preceded in death by her sister Doris Lester and her brother Gene Mason.

Frances leaves behind her husband of twenty-nine years, Royce Josey of Post; three sons: Jeff Williams and his wife, Jami of Post, Robbie Williams and his wife, Marta of Post and Rodney Josey and his wife, Lisa of Sulphur Springs; one daughter, Karen Conner and her husband Tony of Midland; two brothers, Jake and Bob Mason of Brownwood; two sisters, Pat Kelley of Snyder and Brenda Mason of Lubbock, as well as 13 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Frances lived most of her life in Post where many people grew to know and love her. She was a devoted Christian and a member of Family Harvest Church in Post. Frances not only adored her family, but she also enjoyed the friendships that she made with so many through her kindness, her open heart, and her sense of humor. Frances' door was always open and her home was always full of dear friends and family that she loved.

Services for Frances were held Monday, May 11, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Family Harvest Church in Post with Pastor Joey Hamlin and Tony Conner officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home. Visitation was Sunday, May 10 from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

EXTENSION EXTRAS

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.

Shooting Sports

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

Horse Show

Just a reminder that the district horse show is June 16, 2009

Camp!

There are many fun and exciting camps this summer. If you are interested in going, contact the Extension Office for more information.

Record Books

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

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

"Magdalene" at Ragtown This Weekend

The Biblical drama "Magdalene," written by Chip Polk and directed by Glenn Polk, continues at the Ragtown Gospel Theater this weekend. The inspirational entertainment begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday. There will be no performances Memorial Day weekend, May 22 and 23.

Amy Sever in the title role of Mary Magdalene is joined on stage by her husband, Steve Sever as John, the apostle. Post actors,

Zoe Kirkpatrick and Christy Morris portray Salome and her daughter, Joanna. Others in the cast are Jenny Davidson-Stowe, Cherry Eckols, Lynelle Glaze, Peggy Morton, Cindy Bussinger and Kacy Wheeler.

Tickets for "Magdalene" 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 www.ragtown.com or by calling 1-877-RAGTOWN.

Southland News

Congratulations to our Ag Teacher, Mr. McCollister, and all of our kids who participated in the FFA Banquet last Thursday night. They did a tremendous job and passed out some outstanding awards. Great job this year. When final awards are sent to me I will make those available.

Events for This Week:

- Pride Side Trip to San Antonio (Sea World) on Friday
- Senior Trip to San Antonio on Friday
- FFA Area II Convention Friday and Saturday

Events for Next Week:

Secondary Field Day on Monday

the 18th

- TAKS Math Re-Test for 5th and 8th Grade- Tuesday
- End of Course Algebra Exam- Wednesday
- End of Course Biology Exam- Thursday
- Secondary Academic Awards and Elementary Field Day on Friday

Upcoming Events:

- Memorial Day Holiday Monday, May 25th- There will be no school
- Elementary Awards and Pre-K Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 28th at 8:15 a.m.
- High School Graduation will be held in the gym on Friday, May 29th at 7:00 p.m.

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Theatre...

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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.

Tickets for the play 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.

Theater patrons can enjoy a hearty Irish meal of homemade Irish stew, fresh wheat bread, a scrumptious dessert and a beverage at Hotel Garza prior to the play. The Hotel Garza package includes two tickets to "The Seafarer" and two dinners for \$45.98, and is also available for the Sunday matinee.

An overnight stay for two at the Garza Hotel plus dinner, tickets to the theater and breakfast is another option for theater goers who want to spend the night in Post. Reservations for these packages should be made 24 hours prior to date of stay. Call the hotel at (806) 495-3962 or e-mail info@hotelgarza.com.

Burn...

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next regular meeting.

Hays submitted two "clean" opinions for both the Operations report and the Inmate Trust Fund. "These audits are very clean. We found nothing amiss." Hays said. "They [Dalby Correctional Facility] do a good job on their books."

County Attorney Mike Munk, who was not present at the meeting, presented with a letter to the court an invoice from the service of Westlaw Services in December 2008. He recommended the court approve the payment of the final bill of \$703.79.

Judge Norman requested that the court consider approval of seven

2009 resolutions relating to county issues to be sent to the Texas State

Legislature: Opposition to Unfunded Mandates; Opposition to Appraisal Caps and Revenue Caps; Resolution regarding County Fees and Fines;

(Burn continued)

Support the Increase of Purchase Limits; Opposition to Mandated Offices; Support Expedited Development of Competitive Renewable

Energy Zones in Texas including Infrastructure to Export Wind Power from Texas; Support revision of Comptroller's Interpretation of Market Conditions with regard to Mineral Values. The Court approved all of the proposed resolutions.

Judge Norman explained to the Commissioners that the weather tower for the Wind Science Engineering Research Center of Texas Tech University unit at the city landfill needs to be moved to a location with less potential for interference. There will be no cost to the county. The Judge suggested a location on the east side of the Juvenile Detention Center. The Commissioners approved.

Clerk Plummer announced that HAVA (Help America Vote Act) funds can be used for the rehabilitation of the part of the building that will be used to store the election equipment. The court decided not to tour the new office annex facility.

In other business minutes from the April 27, 2009 regular meeting were approved as presented and The following items of information were brought before the Court as a written report or for discussion: Treasurer; County Budget Analysis; Senior Transportation; District/County Clerk; Tax Assessor/Collector; Justice of the Peace 1 & 2; Garza County Certificates of Obligation Bond Fund, 2008; Garza County Public Facilities Board Bond Funds, 2005. Administrative Assistant Nelson reported to the court that the grant for \$34,479 is available to Garza County and that a resolution from the court must be submitted by June 1, 2009. Four line item transfers were approved. The Court also approved precinct and county-wide accounts payable for April 28, 2009 through May 11, 2009.

The next County Commissioners Court meeting will be Tuesday, May 26.

Council...

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2 and 3 of the project on the table. "This can be all we do, if that is what we choose," explained Taylor. "This phase will qualify for the \$150,000 from TxDOT and the \$40,000 from the railroad."

Minutes from the regular meeting on April 14 were approved and invoices received at City Hall for the month of May, 2009 were approved. David Copeland CPA of Lubbock presented the fiscal year 2008 audit. Copeland pointed out some "issues" the city will have to deal with in the coming year regarding record keeping; however, he stressed that "overall it [the audit] came out OK." The auditor also indicated that the previous accounting firm was remiss in providing proper guidance to the City secretary. Good news for the Council was that "everything is in order" and there was a one-half million dollar increase in the General Fund balance over last year.

In other business, the Council voted to abandon a portion of the alley in Block 76; to abandon a portion of E. 12th Street; and abandon the street between Tracts one and two, Section 1225, Garza County.

Votes from the May 9 General Election were canvassed and the Council voted to accept the results as presented. Mayor: Thompson 158, Harp 374; Councilman Ward 1: Cimental, 46, Woods 31; Councilman Ward 2: Gill 40; Odom 58.

The Council adopted a Wind Energy Ordinance that will be a part of the city zoning code. Former City Manager Ric Walton's resignation from the Airport Board was accepted and the current City Manager was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Swearing in of the newly elected City officials will be Friday, May 15 at Noon in the Council Chambers.

Texas Senate Passes Tim Cole Act, Improves Compensation for Wrongfully Convicted, Families

HB 1736 ensures justice for those posthumously exonerated

AUSTIN - The Texas Senate today passed House Bill 1736, known as the Tim Cole Act, which will improve compensation for the wrongfully convicted and ensure justice for wrongfully convicted Texans who have died in prison.

The legislation, by Senators Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) and Rodney Ellis (D-Houston), and House sponsor, Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, provides compensation for certain family members of posthumously exonerated Texans. Compensation levels are also increased for other exonerees.

"It is a tragedy that brought House Bill 1736 to the Senate floor today, but the grace and dignity that Mr. Cole's family demonstrated while leading this important cause would surely make him proud," said Senator Duncan. "As a result of their efforts, Tim Cole's untimely death was not in vain. Criminal justice in Texas will be more fair and compensation for those wrongfully convicted will be more adequate because the Legislature responded to Mr. Cole's terrible and sad struggle."

Throughout this legislative session, several men who have been freed by DNA evidence that proved them innocent, made appearances at the Capitol, putting real faces to those among the most harmed by this type of injustice. Mr. Cole's mother, brothers and other family members were also poignant reminders. They sat in the Senate gallery as the bill passed with little debate.

Rep. Anchia recognized today's passage as a great day for the state and for the cause of

justice. "The Tim Cole Act could not have passed without the extraordinary efforts of a lot of courageous and committed individuals, including the exonerees themselves. We should all be proud for our state, and for these men and their families, who have waited so long for this day."

Senator Ellis has referred to Mr. Cole's death and subsequent exoneration as "wake-up call" in Texas.

"It is time to get our house in order and enact reforms that, wherever possible, can help avert miscarriages of justice before they happen."

HB 1736 details:

- Increase the lump sum compensation for all exonerees from \$50,000 to \$80,000 per year of incarceration, including time spent in city or county jail.
- Current compensation only applies to time in a TDCJ cell, but not another kind of cell.
- Allows the lump sum compensation to pass to the family in the event the innocent person dies before release, as Timothy Cole did.
- Allows lump sum compensation of \$25,000 per year spent on parole or registered as a sex offender.
- Creates lifetime annuity payments to the exoneree based on a present value of the lump sum compensation, annuitized using a 5 percent interest rate and payable in equal monthly installments using actuarial factors.
- Provides up to 120 hours of free tuition if the claimant desires to attend a state college.

As under current law, a person who receives a subsequent felony conviction loses their eligibility for compensation. Any annuity payments would cease.

Any person who accepts state compensation must give up any civil suit against the state, municipalities or other parties. Tim Cole was a veteran and student at Texas Tech University when he was wrongfully convicted of rape in 1985. He maintained his innocence until he died in prison of an asthma attack in 1999. Another man in prison for another rape, Jerry Johnson, attempted to confess as early as 1995; he succeeded at getting the attention of authorities in 2007 after he sent a letter to Tim Cole's mother. In 2008, DNA testing exonerated Tim Cole and implicated Mr. Johnson.

On Feb. 4, 2009, the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate passed resolutions honoring Tim Cole. Two days later, Mr. Cole was officially exonerated when Travis County District Judge Charlie Baird announced "to a 100 percent moral, factual and legal certainty" that Timothy Cole did not commit the crime that sent him to prison.

"I offer my sincere condolences and deepest sympathies to Tim Cole's family for the 13 long years he was forced to suffer in prison for a crime DNA proved he did not commit, and for the decade plus they fought to clear his name," said Senator Ellis. "I hope that this legislation will help them finally find the peace they have so difficultly earned."

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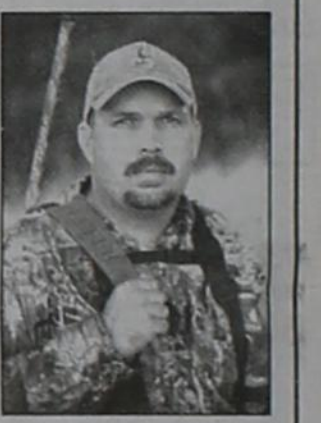
Cheap Things to do in the Outdoors

By Russell A. Graves

It's easy to get a little down by watching the news lately. After all, the constant chatter about the recession and the banking meltdown makes me seriously wonder what the future holds and entices me be stingy with my money.

Then there's that outdoor thing... I love the outdoors and want to be out as much as I can. Let's face it though: traveling to far away places isn't cheap and if you hunt, well you know which way the price of hunting leases are headed.

So what's an outdoor enthusiast to do in these times of lean living? Luckily, you and your family can still do things that are inexpensive and fun.



Visit public land

State parks are made for recreation and are family friendly. In our general area we are lucky to have lots of public land in proximity. There's Caprock Canyons State Park, Quartz Mountain State Park, and Copper Breaks State Park for starters. If you throw in wildlife management areas, United States Army Corp of Engineers land, and national wildlife refuges, then the economical recreational opportunities are nearly endless.

For example, Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque, Texas has nearly 90 miles of hiking trails that bisect the red rock canyonlands. Landscape and wildlife enthusiasts can visit the picturesque mountains and the numerous lakes at the Wichita Mountain National Wildlife Refuge near Cache, Oklahoma. If camping is your thing, nearly all the public land in the area has provisions for at least tent camping and some spots come complete with recreational vehicle hook-ups.

The best thing about public land is that access to a myriad of opportunities won't break your budget.



Stargaze

I'll admit: when thinking of cheap things to do in the outdoors, I often neglect stargazing. However, stargazing doesn't cost much as all you need is a dark, cloudless sky - something we have plenty of out here.

As your celestial exploration progressed, you can advance your heavenly knowledge by adding a pair of binoculars and perhaps a guidebook. You'd be surprised at how much of the night sky is accessible by an inexpensive set of optics. You can see fine details in the moon's surface and many more stars become visible. With a guidebook, you can teach your kids about the constellations and the world above by challenging them to find things like Orion's belt or the North Star.

When you are ready to learn more about astronomy, check out the Comanche Springs Astronomy Campus between Paducah and Crowell and attend one of their star parties held regularly throughout the year.

Go fishing

In my opinion, kids and fishing are made for each other. For my kids the experience of just getting to go out is as special as catching fish. Therefore, I take them angling whenever I can.

Since most kids are okay with catching just about any fish, plenty of inexpensive opportunities exists for taking the family on an angling excursion. City parks, municipal lakes, and private ponds offer chances to catch a stringer of small bass or bluegill. The gear is cheap, catching fish is easy, and the memories are priceless.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather

Well this weather is just crazy! Foggy one day; cold one day; hot the next. You really do never know what the weather in West Texas is gonna do.

News

The Charles Morris family went to Lake Brownwood for their annual fishing trip. Charles and Sharron; Tim and Diane; Barry and Amy; Chuck, Kristi, Dylan and Rylan; Kayla and her friend, Daniel all enjoyed lots of family time, fishing and cooking out. Charles reports they had a great time.

Daniel and Trevah Yarbro went on a cruise for the first time ever. They were supposed to stop in Cozamel but due to the swine flu they were unable to stop. They said there were many things to keep them busy on the boat and they really enjoyed a relaxing vacation. Trevah won the trip at work for being named employee of the year.

Susan Gonzales flew to Dallas to spend mother's day with Steve, Flora and Stevie. Steve took Susan and Flora out to eat for Mother's Day then it was back home for a make-over in Stevie's room,

Susan said she had more fun than Stevie did.

News is kinda short this week, ya'll call and let me know what's going on!

Visitors

We've had Fermin this week; he always makes us laugh when he comes in. Billie Jean came by for a cool drink. That's about it other than our regulars.

Get Wells

As always let's remember those in the nursing home; Doug and Claudine Tipton and Carman Abra-

ham in Post and Jewel White in Lubbock. If I am missing anyone from this list please let me know.

Birthdays

- May 15 - Angela Massey
- May 16 - Traci Freeman
- May 20 - Josh Bush

Send all your Close City happenings to close.city.coop@pcca.com or call me here at the gin 495-2753

Keep rain and our troops in your daily prayers

Weekly Inspirations

A BIG TOP EVENT

By: Michael F. Taylor

The year was 1902 and Billy Little lived out in the country a few miles from a small rural town. Billy was ever so excited because the teacher of the local school house had announced that a traveling circus was coming to the town just a mile or two from the modest if not downright poor and rundown clapboard house that Billy and his family lived in. He ran all the way home that afternoon just as soon as the teacher dismissed school and excitedly tried to explain to mom and dad what the teacher had said about the "Circus". After blurting out to dad all the things that had been described to him, Billy implored his father to give him the money it would take to go and experience the great wonders of the circus. Finally, dad agreed, provided that Billy complete all of his chores before leaving. The appointed Saturday morning arrived, and Billy rose at 5:00 A.M. and completed all of his chores just as dad had requested. At 9:00 A.M., chores finished, Billy ran up to his father who was busily working with a team of mules at the plow. Being a man of his word and seeing that indeed all the chores had been accomplished, Billy's father reached into his overalls and pulled out a crisp new one dollar bill and handed it to Billy. "Alright son! You go and have a time at the circus", Billy's father said with a smile. That was more money than Billy had ever seen in his whole life. And off the wide-eyed young man went to town. As he approached town, people began to line the streets. Billy squeezed his way through the crowd and finally got his first glance at the pre-circus parade. Billy saw tigers, lions, and bears in their cages! He saw the huge grey skinned elephants as they lumbered down the dirt road. He heard the marching band and its drum corps in their brightly colored uniforms as they played a lively, spirited cadence. And then, Billy saw the fifteen foot clown on stilts as he lurched forward with his red painted smile and the large bulbous nose on his face. Believing that he had seen the circus, young Billy reached deep into his pocket and handed his precious crisp new dollar bill to the clown's outstretched hand. Billy then walked away and headed home. Isn't it sad how many folks today seem to imitate young Billy in their relationship with God? As they come to church, desiring to participate in true worship, all they really experience is the parade. The parade of prayer, of hymns, of the communion and even the message from the pulpit! Gloriously, all preludes to the true experience. They get a glimpse of all the activities and then sadly turn away to go home at 12:00 noon on the dot. All the time believing that they have experienced everything that God has for them! Only to miss out on the main three ring event which God Himself has provided for each of us- A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS CHRIST! Don't misunderstand, the parade is exciting and wonderful, but the personal encounter with our Lord and Savior is even greater still. I am reminded of what Christ instructed his disciples in John 14:1-9 "1 Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." 9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." My prayer for each of you this week is simply that as we experience all the preludes to God's grace that we would seek to experience the direct encounter of Jesus Christ in our lives in the Big Top Event.

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God Bless You.

Thank you family, friend and church family for the calls, visits, cards and prayers. We are home, Emory is doing much better, still has a ways to go. Please continue to keep us in your prayers, also a special thanks to Blace, Kirk, Rodney, Vee and Dot for looking after our two little dogs.

May God Bless you all.
Emory (chic) and Glenda Stevens

The family of Lola Mae Ledbetter would like to thank everyone for the show of sympathy of the passing of Mother. Thank you for all the prayers, food, cards, calls, and flowers expressing the love for mother that was shared through out the county and Graham Community. A special thanks to those making memorial donations in her name to the Graham Community Center, and the Senior Citizens Center. Lola Mae would have been so honored by these expressions of thoughtfulness. She showed it so often to others and will be missed dearly.

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Carolyn Walter and family
Debbie Bowles and family

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons, who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792.

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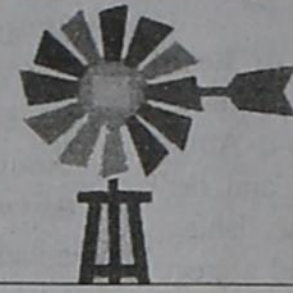
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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).



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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago May 13, 1999

Garza Hospital District director David Tyler administered the oath of office to newly elected board members Carol Tobias and Charles Propst.

Marie Neff was chosen in the top 10 when she represented the South Plains in the Ms Texas Senior Pageant at the Ramada Market Center in Dallas.

Trevah Yarbro was honored with a baby shower in the country home of Diane Graves. The honoree was presented with a stroller by 17 hostesses.

Two area student graduated from Western Texas College April 30. Devin Odom and Amy Schoonover received Associate in Arts degrees in ceremonies held in Snyder.

Competing at the state golf championship tournament were John Radle, Brooks Conner, Marcus Lopez, Justin Norman, Justin Gorman, Jay Gorman and Kasey Hardin. Coach Chili Black coaches the golf teams.

20 Years Ago May 11, 1989

A record voter turnout in the city election returned Mayor Giles McCrary and city council member Larry Mills to office, with Dan Lamb taking the council seat held by Jan Crawford. A total of 800 plus voters cast ballots in the city election. McCrary collected 303 votes, with mayoral challengers Jim Jackson getting 274 and Lewis Earl picking up 221 votes. Jana Hudman took third place honors at the State University Interscholastic League competition in Austin in the newswriting division.

The Post team Number One was third overall and fifth high point team in beef at the 20th annual South Plains College livestock judging invitational in the SPC livestock center. Team members are Lance Bland, Janell Jones and Shawn Bevers.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kirkpatrick of Lubbock are proud to announce the birth of their son, Cameron Clark, who was born Thursday, April 20, 1989.

30 Years Ago May 10, 1979

Juanella Hays won the election for a three-year term on the Post

ISD Board of Trustees in place two.

Delbert Wartes has been elected president of the Post Parent-Teacher Association.

The Dalby Cattle Company volleyball team completed another successful season, capturing runner-up honors in the Taboka tournament.

Kerri Pool, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pool, has been named valedictorian of Post High School's 1979 graduating class. Larisa Shiver was named salutatorian.

Rick's Venture Foods and Cox Lumber Company will jointly host the second Post Chamber of Commerce quarterly breakfast in the Community Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Key were honored with a reception at the Bank Community Room to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

40 Years Ago May 10, 1969

Max W. Mitchell has retired after 35 years with Continental Oil Company.

Walter Didway has been promoted to personnel manager for the Postex Plant here.

A virtual cloudburst dumped up to a measured six and one-half inches of rain on western Garza County and eastern Lynn County.

Gary Hays, a senior medic, has been promoted to the rank of E-5 in Tay Ninh, Vietnam.

The First Baptist Church choir will present a cantata, "The Sound of Singing," with Vicki Hart and Stanley Butler as soloists.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Edwards announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mozelle, to J. W. Rogers Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rogers.

Sons, daughters and grandchildren of Mrs. J. N., Gossett of the Graham community were host for a family gathering and dinner honoring Mrs. Gossett on the occasion of her 85th birthday.

50 Years Ago May 11, 1959

Taking the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test were Pat Wheatley, Linda Wilks, Glenda Whittenberg, Peggy Butler, Sandra Martin, Sharon Jobe, Bob Cato, Dan Rankin, Don Richardson, Allan Johnson, Gary Masters and Gary Robinson.

Durwood Bartlett and Spencer Kuykendall flew to Fort Worth in Spencer's plane to see Ben Hogan win the play-off for the colonial Invitational tournament.

Al Norris and Billy Hill have purchased Nathan Little's dirt contracting business and will operate it as A&B Dirt Contracting.

The city council adopted by resolution a "workable city plan" for public housing, which calls for 100 public housing units to be constructed here.

Mary Gale Young and Lucille Pennington were surprise honorees for a birthday party at the Unique Beauty Shop.

60 Years Ago May 12, 1949

The 1948-49 school season in Garza County came to a close

with 46 PHS students in the graduating class.

Mrs. Floyd Stanley was announced as the best dressed woman for her western clothes during rodeo week.

Five new teachers for the 1949-50 school term were announced this week. The new teachers are Mr. and Mrs. B.M. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Welch and Mrs. Carroll Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray H. Smith will reopen Smith's Drive-In in a new location. The drive-in will be located on the Lubbock Highway in the building formerly occupied by Hodges Tractor Company.

Garza County Democrats attending a Jackson-Jefferson Day barbecue in Lubbock were George Samson, Alvin Davis, D.C. Morrel and L.W. Dalby.

Carter Gene White has been selected as a winner of one of the coveted trips to Washington, D.C. and National 4-H Camp.

Menus

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| Post ISD | May 18th |
| May 18 | Breakfast- Manager's Choice Lunch- |
| Breakfast-Waffles, butter & syrup, sausage, fruit, milk | |
| May 19 | Breakfast-Manager's Choice Lunch- |
| Breakfast-Pop tarts, sausage link, fruit, milk | |
| Lunch- BBQ chicken, mac & cheese, salad, chilled pears, cornbread, milk | |
| May 20 | Breakfast-Manager's Choice Lunch- |
| Breakfast- Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk | |
| Lunch- Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, cherry bar, milk | |
| May 21 | Breakfast-Manager's Choice Lunch- |
| Breakfast-Donut, sausage link, fruit, milk | |
| Lunch- Turkey & dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, hot roll, spice cake, milk | |
| May 22 | Breakfast-Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk |
| Lunch-Pizza choice, tossed salad, fresh banana, chocolate cake | |
| Southland ISD | May 17th |
| Breakfast- Manager's Choice Lunch- | |
| | May 18th |
| | Breakfast- Manager's Choice Lunch- |
| | May 19th |
| | Breakfast-Manager's Choice Lunch- |
| | May 20th |
| | Breakfast-Manager's Choice Lunch- |
| | May 21 |
| | Breakfast-Manager's Choice Lunch- |
| | TRAILBLAZERS |
| | May 18 |
| | German sausage, cabbage, navy beans, cornbread, peach cake |
| | May 19 |
| | Green chili chicken, bean salad, mexican corn, chips & salsa, jello/fruit |
| | May 20 |
| | Turkey & dressing, new potatoes, green beans, casserole, roll, fruit |
| | May 21 |
| | Chicken sandwich, tater tots, lettuce, tomatoes, mandarin cake |
| | May 22 |
| | Fried fish, potato salad, beans, coleslaw, fruit |

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ACROSS

- kindergarten lesson?
- TX summer reality
- Jackson Co. seat
- TXism: "___ piece" (distance)
- ___ and reel
- TXism: "panhandle"
- NY Sen. Alfonse D'___ had to pay off on '93 Super bet to TX Gramm
- Morton newspaper
- Grand ___ TX
- former TX oilwell firefighter business: "Red ___"
- Minute Maid Park and AT&T Center specialized vocabularies
- TXism: "___ a soul" (no one)
- TXism: "enjoyed all this ___ stand"
- TXism: "begging like a cattle rustler ___ with a rope"
- delicious Pecos ___ loupe
- Roberts Co. seat
- graves
- TX Kristofferson wrote Elvis hit "In ___"
- TX Harvey ___ "Van" Cliburn
- TXism: "fast ___ rafter"
- TX voted to ___ from the Union in 1861
- position of Astro Miguel Tejada (abbr.)
- TXism: "you're barn door is ___ (unzipped)"
- TXism: "I'll make your hair stand ___"
- Henry Wade's long-time job in Dallas Co. (abbr.)
- poppa
- TX A.J. Foyt won "___ 500" four times
- TX Howard Hughes dated this actress Gardner
- "Texas Tea"
- TXism: "when pigs ___ (never)"

DOWN

- TXism: "got ___ Texas" (kind)
- Fort Worth suburb
- Hemphill Co. seat
- Boerne newspaper
- TXism: "got a ___ under his saddle"
- TX Al Carrell's "The Super Handy-man's ___ Home Repair"
- pint-sized car
- TXism: "hot ___ Cadillac bumper"
- TX Buddy Holly's wife
- Baldwin of "Great Balls of Fire" with TX Quaid
- Louise of "Stepford Wives" with TX Paula Prentiss
- TXism: "fits like ugly ___ ape"
- fed. Indian agcy
- ex-Cowboy RB Emmitt (init.)
- TXism: "chompin' ___ the bit"
- type of computer memory (abbr.)
- horse movement
- in Morris Co. on 67
- TXism: "a good man not ___ with" (mean)
- car cooler (abbr.)
- TXism: "___ dice"
- TXism: "boob tube"
- in Jefferson Co.: ___ Rim State Park
- this Premering directed TX Prentiss in film "In Ham's Way"
- TXism: "lapped ___ (believed)"
- what TX A.J. Foyt did in cars
- TXism: "he ___ sleeps fast" (swift)
- TX Dabney Coleman TV series: "The Days & Nights of Molly ___"
- Ranger or Astro four-bagger (abbr.)
- dir. to Waco from Austin (abbr.)
- TXism: "strong enough to float ___ (coffee)"
- TXism: "___ water" (soft drink)
- this TX starred with TX Crystal Bernard on TV series "Wings"

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LIGHTHOUSE LORE

VOL 125 Laura Craig

FACTS AND STATS

- ✓ The first lighthouse was built in Egypt in the third century B.C. The (estimated) 450 - 600 feet lighthouse is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
- ✓ The Statue of Liberty was the first US lighthouse to use electricity.
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- ✓ All lighthouses are painted either red, green or white.

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A half mile away a train from Beaumont, Texas, was derailed by the vicious storm. Of the 95 people on board 10 decided to brave the rising water and make their way to the safety of The Bolivar Lighthouse. Those 10 people were the last ones to find shelter in the crowded structure. Once safely inside, the tide rose.

The doorway was now underwater. Throughout the night the people listened to the hurricane roar. Battered by 100 mph winds the lighthouse creaked and swayed. At 8:30 the light keeper and his wife attempted to light the flame but the hurricane wind shattered the glass. The now bloodied keeper was forced to return to the crowded stairway. By morning over 6000 Galveston residents were dead, including all the train passengers stranded on the flooded tracks. Among the survivors were the 200 people who had taken refuge in the Bolivar Lighthouse. Once again a lighthouse and its keeper had sheltered people from a storm.

During the Civil War the iron tower Bolivar Peninsula lighthouse was dismantled and used for ships and military arms. It was rebuilt in 1870.

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Troop 6864 Top Cookie Sellers



Junior Girl Scout Top Seller Mykala Ortiz (left) and Brownie Top Seller Courtney Ramirez received recognition at the recent Girl Scout Banquet.

Garza County Health Clinic Project Exceeds Expectations

According to a report from Brandy Fannon, Garza County Health Care District Administrator, a combination of good management and donations to the health clinic building fund have made it possible to fund the entire project except for \$200,000 which will be paid off in 3 years. The total cost of the new clinic was \$1.2 million. To further strengthen the operations of the clinic, the staff is seeing 30 to 50 patients each day by appointment. In addition, the clinic has many walk-in clients as well as those who need lab services or injections. Refunds collected by the clinic for services to indigent clients are also showing a positive trend. Once a client who is on the county indigent program receives Medicaid, Fannon contacts any provider who received payment from the county for medical services for that client. Fannon has been diligent in collecting these funds even though by law the provider is not required to file with Medicaid and reimburse payments made by the county. Reimbursements collected since the first of this year now total over \$58,000. The Garza County Health Clinic, Hwy. 84 and Avenue S, is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Dye Twins Take Top Honors at Greenwood



JUSTIN DYE



CLINT DYE

Greenwood High School awarded Valedictorian honors to 2008-2009 to Clint Dye and Salutatorian honors to Justin Dye. The twin boys are the son of Mike and Suzanne Dye; the grandson of James and Linda Dye of Post and Carolyn and the late Don McGaha of Midland. The Greenwood 2009 class has 100 graduating seniors. Clint's GPA is 4.0 and Justin's is 3.975. Clint is Secretary of National Honor Society; a member of Interact, Students in Philanthropy, Student Council, PALS, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the UIL Christian Athletes and the UIL

Number Sense Team. Clint is a member of the football and golf teams where he was awarded Academic All District and First Team Academic All State in both sports. He was a Regional Qualifier in 2008 for golf and a first team All District selection in 2009. Clint was also on the Homecoming Court and a member of the 2009 Quiz Show Team. Justin is a member of National Honor Society, Interact, Students in Philanthropy, PALS, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the UIL Number Sense Team. He is a member of the football and golf

teams where he was awarded Academic All District and First Team Academic All State in both sports. Justin was a Regional Qualifier in 2008 for golf. His drawing won first in Drafting in 2008 at both the Permian Basin Fair & Expo and the state level. He was also a member of the 2009 Quiz Show Team. The brothers attend Crestview Baptist Church and volunteer with Vacation Bible School. Clint plans to major in medicine at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and Justin plans to major in mechanical engineering at Texas A&M University.

Post Middle School NJHS Inducts New Members

Post Middle School National Junior Honor Society Induction was held Tuesday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Post ISD Cafeteria. Macie Merritt, president of the organization, presided over the ceremony. Dalton Holly opened the ceremony. Miss Jackie Slauch, current NHS President for Post High School spoke to the students about the value of membership and active participation. Following the speaker, Haily Berry, Miley McKee and Audree Williams presented the Profile of a NJHS member. The candle lighting ceremony directed by the eighth graders included explanations of scholar-

ship, citizenship, service, leadership and character. Marvin Self, Post Middle School Principal, presented eight graders with honor certificates and addressed the students. Both current and new members joined in the NJHS pledge. Membership cards and the membership book signing were directed by Matti Smith, current vice-president. After the closing of the ceremony was led by Haily Berry students and parents enjoyed refreshments. Current members of NJHS are: Haily Berry, Morgan Deen, Dalton Holy, Miley McKee, Macie Merritt, Audree Williams, Katie Dunn,

Sara Greer, Campbell Kirkpatrick, Taylor Osborn, Nolan Prather, and Matti Smith. New members inducted for 2009-2010 are: Tyler Jones, Wyatt Benham, Dakota Greer, Kelsey Griffin, Carson Kirkpatrick, Kelbie Oden and Jayson Walden. Sponsor of the organization is Pam Humble. National Junior Honor Society is an organization that promotes recognition for students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the five trait areas and who display a willingness to use those talents and skills for the improvement of society.



Members of the Post Middle School National Junior Honor Society are shown following the induction ceremony on May 5. Front row from left: Wyatt Benham, Carson Kirkpatrick, Tyler Jones, Katie Dunn, Matti Smith, Macie Merritt, Haily Berry, Sara Greer, Kelsey Griffin, Dakota Greer, and Kelbie Oden. Back row: Campbell Kirkpatrick, Dalton Holly, Taylor Osborn, Miley McKee, and Audree Williams.

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