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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

All of these meetings are open to the public.

Garza County Commissioners Court
 Tuesday - July 28
 9 a.m.

Garza County Courthouse
 300 W. Main

Post ISD School Board Meeting
 August 11
 7:30 p.m.

Administrative Board Room
 501 S. Avenue K

NOTE: Video of last month's Meeting at post.k12.tx.us or Suddenlink Channel 12

City of Post City Council Meeting
 August 20
 5:30 p.m.
 Council Chambers
 City Hall
 105 E. Main Street

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Event info available at press time.

The Hoppers
 Ragtown Gospel Theater
 July 24 - 7:30 p.m.
 July 25 - 3 p.m. is Sold Out
 \$35 per person
 877-RAGTOWN for reservations

"Epic Proportions"
 The Annual Harley Sadler Show
 Garza Theatre
 July 24 & 25 - 7:30 p.m.
 July 26 - 2:30 p.m.
 Call 495-4005 for reservations

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center
 Game Night
 July 28 and July 30
 5:30 p.m.
 205 E. 10th

Close City Ice Cream Social
 Close City School
 July 26
 7:00 p.m.

Old Mill Trade Day Downtown
 Downtown Post
 August 1
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Trailblazer's "Howdy Y'all Day"
 Hamburgers and all the trimmings
 August 8
 11 a.m. til 2 p.m.
 \$5/each

69th Annual Post Stampede Rodeo
 August 6 - 8
 Grand Entry - 7:45 p.m.
 Stampede Arena on Hwy. 84

Post Stampede Rodeo Dance
 August 7 - Jody Nix
 August 8 - Wes Nixon Band
 \$10 admission per person

Post Stampede Rodeo Parade
 Saturday
 August 8
 3 p.m.
 Call 495-3461 to enter the parade

To get your event in the Upcoming Events Call
 The Post Dispatch at
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Arizona Man Drowns In Lake Alan Henry

By Rosa Latimer
 News Editor

An Arizona man, Daniel Robert Parker, drowned Sunday night at Lake Alan Henry after falling overboard while boating on the lake. Parker was working as a lineman in Levelland and according to law enforcement reports, this was his first time on LAH.

Garza County emergency personnel were on the scene of the drowning within twenty minutes of the accident according to Garza County Constable Daniel Yarbro.

Using side scan sonar, Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden Brent Tucker identified the location of Parker's body at approximately 11:15 p.m. Sunday night.

"Among the personnel we had on site was the Garza County dive team who made three dives in an attempt to recover the accident victim. They were in the right spot, but the poor visibility and diving conditions made recovery impossible that night," Yarbro said. "We called off the recovery efforts until the next morning when the Game Warden, using sonar, verified that the body was in the same

location. Lubbock Fire Department divers recovered the body at approximately 9:30 a.m., Monday.

Local agencies involved in the recovery efforts included the Garza County/City of Post EOC; Post and Justiceburg Fire Departments; Garza County Sheriff's Office; Garza County/Post EMT; Garza County Constable's Office and the Garza County Dive Team.

Investigation of the drowning by the Garza County Constable's Office is ongoing.

New Column To Appear In Post Dispatch

Starting with this issue of The Post Dispatch, a new weekly column will appear each week that is designed to involve Dispatch readers.

"Speak Up," is a new way for readers to send their opinions to the newspaper and have them published each week, and no signature is required by the writer. "Speak Ups" need to be no longer than 100 words and can address whatever topic the reader wants, but the staff of The Post Dispatch has the right to edit or refuse to print materials it deems to be inappropriate.

Writer identities will keep

anonymous.

"I've seen these types of columns in many different newspapers in Texas, and they are great at encouraging reader participation," associate publisher Jeff Blackmon said. "In fact it is very similar to the blogging-mania that has gripped the Internet."

To submit a "Speak Up" send it to postcitydispatch@yahoo.com or go by The Post Dispatch and put your comments in the box labeled "Speak Up."

In order to get the column going The Post Dispatch solicited some volunteers to write the first

"Speak Ups" for this week.

So here's your chance Garza County, let's hear you "Speak Up."

• Thanks to Mad Dads for the firework show and kids events July Fourth and the following weekend. Our town loves you guys!

• I want to Speak Up about the Old Mill Trade Day Downtown event. I'm liking this event the first Saturday of each month and hope that our local folks will support it. It is something fun to do right here in town and you don't have to spend money if you don't

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Troop 316 members attending the Court of Honor held in May 2009 are (from left): back row, Scoutmaster Trevor Thuett, Zach Hinkle, Dalton Thuett, Fermin Rivera; front row, Michael Taylor and Caelan Thuett

Troop 316 Holds Court of Honor

Boy Scout Troop 316 held a Court of Honor to honor and recognize the achievements accomplished by the Troop members.

The following Merit Badges were earned: Citizenship in the Community: Ricky Fontenot, Zach Hinkle, Fermin Rivera, Michael Taylor, Caelan Thuett, and Dalton Thuett; Emergency Preparation and Personal Fitness: Zach Hinkle, Fermin Rivera, and Dalton Thuett; Communications and Personal Management: Dalton Thuett.

The following Rank Advancements were earned: 2nd Class: Ricky Fontenot and Caelan Thuett; 1st Class: Michael Taylor.

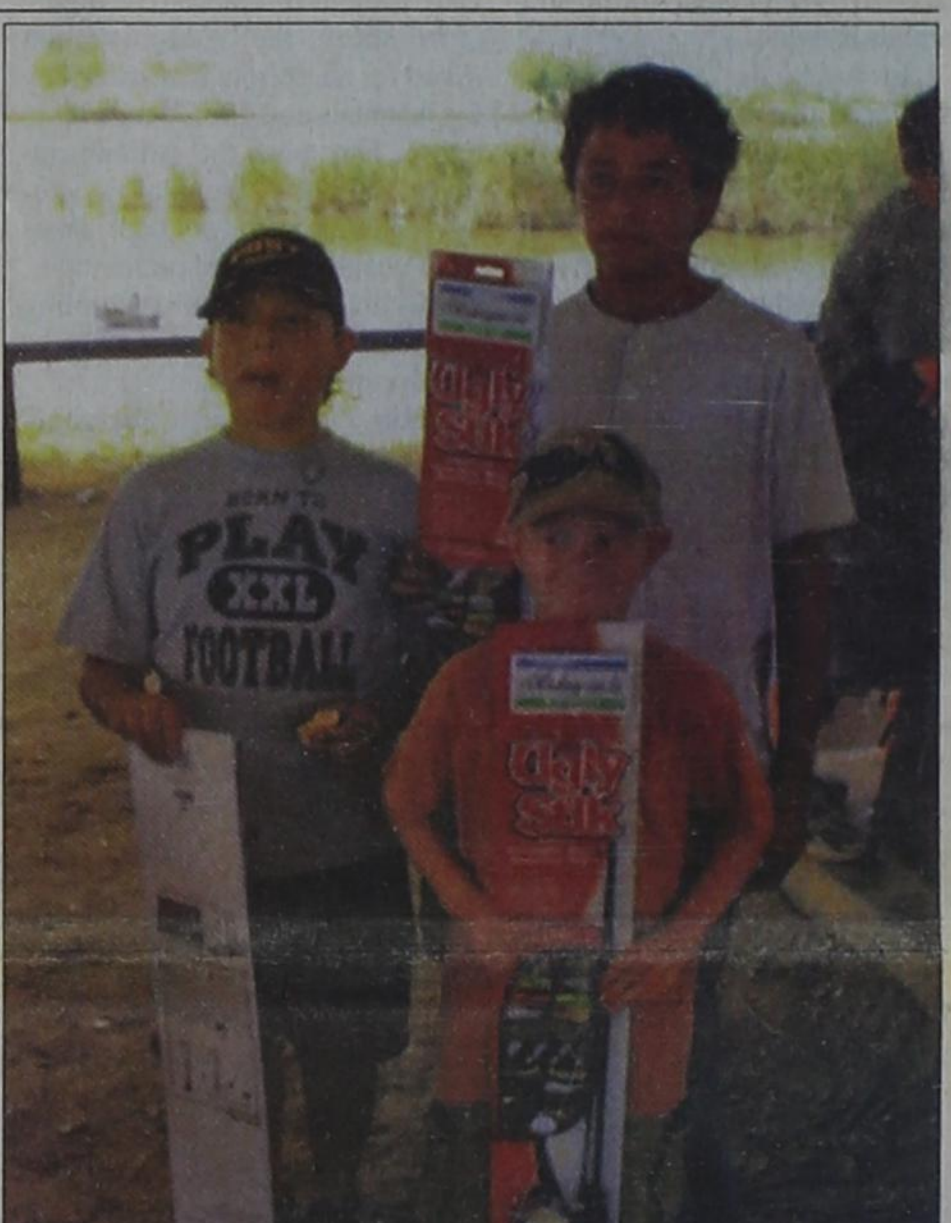
Troop members earning the rank of Life were Zach Hinkle, Fermin Rivera, and Dalton Thuett. The Life Rank is the final rank advancement before the ultimate and highest achievement in Boy Scouts, the rank of Eagle Scout.

These three Life Scouts will be organizing and providing leadership to three individual projects that will be designed to benefit the community.

"The community of Post is asked to provide encouragement and assistance to these three Life Scouts as they work towards accomplishing the rank of Eagle Scout over this next year," said Scoutmaster Trevor Thuett.



Post Little League 11-12 year old All Stars are back from left Blaine Reece, Dylan Pearson, Carson Kirkpatrick, Aron Lopez, Kyle Jones, Christian Saucedo, Ethan Self. Front are Erik Gomez, Jarred Curtis, Christian Pearson, Christian Armandariz. Coaches for the Little League All Stars (not pictured) are: Russell Benham and Darrell Reece.



Winners in the 4th annual Kids Fishing Derby are: most fish caught, Ben Ayala (left); biggest fish caught, Alan Perez and smallest fish caught Cutter McNeely (front). The tournament was held July 16 at the Post City Park. The Post Masonic Lodge and Game Wardens Association sponsored the tournament and kids 13 years and under fished for prizes and enjoyed a hot dog lunch.

Post Notes

Ice Cream Social at Close City

Mark your calendar for July 26th at 6:30 P.M. We are hosting an old fashion ice cream social in Close City on the east side of the school. This event is for anyone who has ever lived in, go to school or attended church in Close City. We also invite all producers and landlords of the Close City Co-op Gin. Bring you family, your lawn chair and enjoy some wonderful homemade ice cream, desserts and visiting with old and new friends. For more information call Traci Freeman 632-3611 or Nancy Morris 239-0838.

Post High School Mini Cheer Camp

Post High School Mini Cheer Camp will be August 5-7, 2009 from 9:00 am - 12 noon. The signup deadline is July 24th. Registration packets can be picked up at the High School Office. For more information contact Juanetta Bocko @ 990-2053 or 778-0616.

Biker Sunday

A Biker Sunday and Blessing of the bikes scheduled for Sunday July 26, 2009 at Wilson Methodist Church in Wilson TX. Proceeds will benefit Children's church camp fund, and building fund. There will be great music, door prizes, lunch will be provided, registration open at 9:00 am and service will begin at 9:45 am. Registration is \$15 the Biker Sunday is sponsored by VFW Motorcycle Group Unit 13, Unchained Ministries, and Wilson Methodist Church. For more information contact J. W. Jolly at 806-990-3128 or 806-620-0262.

Second Annual Back to School Street Health Fair

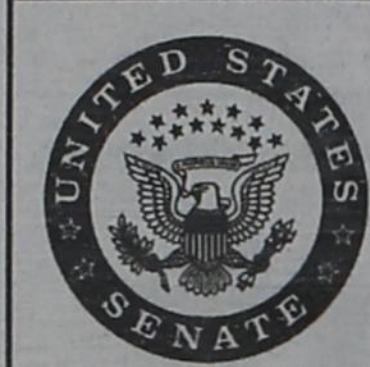
The Back to School Health Fair is planned to take place on August 21, 2009 beginning at 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. If your organization would like to participate please contact: Jamie Edwards 327-5312, Barbara Palmer 470-1295 or Community Organizer Reyes Pequeno 778-2628 for more information.

Summer Gospel Singing

The Graham Chapel Church of Christ at 15th and Ave S will be

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Opinions



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



An intense debate on how to reform our health care system is unfolding in the nation's Capitol. It is important that Texans be aware of the devastating impact the proposed reforms could have on hospital systems throughout our state for both rural and big city hospitals.

Imagine a patient goes to the hospital for surgery to have a stent placed in his heart. Once there, he is told that the surgery will not occur unless he first donates a kidney. As shocking as this scenario is, it is not unlike the position many of Texas' hospitals will be placed in if the Obama Administration has its way.

Last week, the Administration announced that it struck a bargain to pay for health care reform, in part, by slashing federal reimbursements to hospitals. Without question, Texans want to see health care reform legislation enacted to improve access to health insurance and restrain runaway health care costs, but many of our hospitals are already on life support. Siphoning their funding would be disastrous for the millions of patients who rely on these facilities for care each year, and it could sink the hospitals to new and dangerous fiscal lows.

Our hospitals currently bear the

financial burden of having to keep pace with increasingly expensive technological advancements; meanwhile, their federal reimbursements are shrinking at an alarming pace. Further, many hospitals are required to provide millions of dollars in uncompensated care to Texas' 6 million uninsured residents. Despite this untenable financial dilemma facing our hospitals, the Obama Administration expects them to take further cuts in reimbursements on the hopes that the proposed government-run insurance provider would eventually lessen the number of Americans without insurance coverage.

In short, the Administration asked for an upfront investment by the hospitals and offered an IOU in return. But what the Administration is calling a "bargain" is actually a gamble with very high stakes — the health of entire communities. They are essentially gambling away health care access to achieve health care coverage.

Their so-called "bargain" ignores the unique challenges facing rural hospitals, which due to the low number of patients, operate with little to no profit margin. Lowering these hospitals' badly needed federal reimbursements could result in reduced services, or

even worse, the closure of entire facilities. Even the head of the Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals, David Pearson, recently said, "Significant cutbacks for many of these hospitals could jeopardize access to health care in rural Texas."

Another costly problem that has been entirely ignored by the Obama Administration is the uncompensated care Texas hospitals provide to illegal immigrants each year. Last year, 6,540 visits from undocumented immigrants cost Parkland Hospital System in Dallas \$7 million, and Memorial Hermann in Houston incurred over \$4 million in cost for their care. I have consistently championed federal efforts to offset these costs to hospitals and to prevent local property taxpayers from having to shoulder the burden. However, the program has expired and the Administration and the Majority Leaders in Congress refuse to address this problem in health care reform. It will be impossible for some hospitals in Texas to remain operational if they are asked to carry an even heavier financial burden.

Patients should also be concerned that the cost of these proposed reimbursement cuts may actually be transferred to them.

Hospitals may be forced to pass on these cuts to patients with private insurance, ultimately resulting in even higher premiums. A shrinking hospital budget must be filled in some way if the hospital is going to survive.

If our hospitals are placed in such peril that they can no longer afford to keep their doors open, who do you think will have to rescue them? Ultimately, this proposal leads us one step closer to a government takeover of the health care system. Over the last several months, we have seen the federal government seize control of Wall Street, the banking industry, the housing market, and the auto manufacturers. Can we really trust the health of Americans to a big government that is willing to take high stakes risks on the American health care system?

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The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Cap and Trade

Of all of the topics in the news over the past couple of years, the one people have urged me to weigh in on the most is Cap and Trade.

Before offering my opinion of this piece of legislation, some of you may need an explanation of how Cap and Trade works.

The Cap and Trade system involves trading of emission credits, where the total number of credits is strictly limited or "capped" by the government. A regulatory authority establishes the cap which is usually considerably lower than the historic level of emissions.

Basically, it is a method for managing pollution while at the same time providing for expansion of "green" energy.

Like many liberal ideas, Cap and Trade is a great idea on paper. It's when you get into the substance of the matter that the perfect plan begins to show huge holes and all Americans are faced with more money coming out of our pocket books which wasn't before Cap and Trade.

That's really the problem with the mechanism. Instead of allowing a free market to evolve toward a greener world, which could easily be done with tax breaks for companies investing in such technology and not cost you and I a dime, we are faced with regulation forced on energy producers which will effect YOUR cost for energy.

Under a cap and trade system, the government sets a cap on how much pollution will be allowed and reduces that amount yearly until their reduction numbers are complied with.

Companies are issued credits, depending on how large they are. Heavier polluters will get more more credits but face a "cap" on their credits (the amount of their emissions).

If a company comes in below it's "cap" it can "trade" (sell) those credits to companies needing more.

Here's the bad part. The companies are going to pass the cost of their credits directly to the consumer. And since we're talking about oil, gas, natural gas, coal, etc... almost every single facet of U.S. energy, which Texas and Oklahoma are vital to, will be hurt. That is very, very bad news.

We'll get hit at the pump, at home and at work. Prices will go up for nearly everything you buy because it now costs more to make.

More damage: Manufacturing companies will continue to locate to countries trying to grow their economies, namely China and India.

By the way - China and India are not touching Cap and Trade with a 10-foot pole. They know how much money they stand to gain as our government continues to crush U.S. energy and industry.

Why can't the government play fair with U.S. corporations? Did the greed of such a small percentage of our corporations poison the minds of Americans.

Does the average citizen believe American companies are evil?

If so, not only does that show brainwashing on a monumental scale, it's the most ignorant thing I've ever heard. Here in rural America, we can appreciate some things because so many of our towns are struggling to stay around. We know what we've lost and we'd dearly love to have them back.

Cap and Trade will have the whole country feeling like these small towns do.

"Where did everybody go?"

"Some of 'em went to China ... the rest of 'em went to India. You know, where all the good jobs are."

As with attempting to reform health care during an economic crisis, Cap and Trade is very detrimental to an awful U.S. economy.

I hope Americans begin to shout loud enough to be heard regarding these most important things. Democrats and Republicans around the country need to get on the same page and let our elected officials know while good on paper, Cap and Trade is a little ahead of it's time in terms of the amount of damage it will do to the American family.

Clean energy is coming and that's great. Let it come and make it compete for it's place atop the throne of energy. That's what a free market would do. That's what needs to happen now.

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White River Water Report

07-20-2009

Gauge Reading - 2348.90

Feet below spillway - 23.7"

Rise - 0"

Rainfall Past Week - 0"

Rain to Date - 4.58"

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 2,167,886,703 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 21% capacity or 6,653 acre feet. Subtract 47,090,725 MG for evaporation this week in July that leaves 2,120,796,001 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.

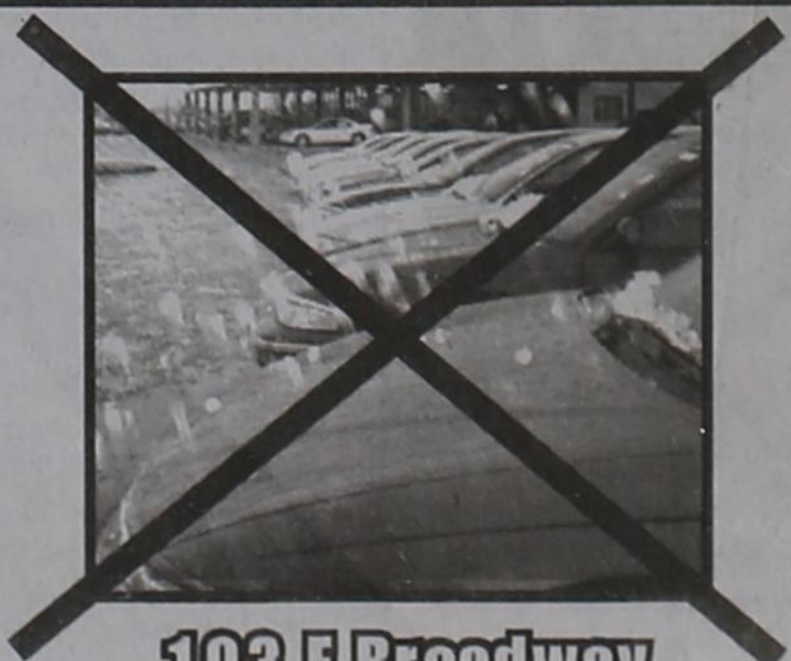
The Texas Water Development Board has issued an invitation to White River Municipal Water District for the loan they requested. The District has 90 days to accept or lose their ranking.

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.

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Obituaries



Gladys Pettigrew Morgan

Graveside service for Gladys Pettigrew Morgan, 98, of Phoenix, Az. and formerly of Slaton and Justiceburg will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 24, 2009 at the Justiceburg Cemetery. Travis Sweet, Minister of the Post Church of Christ will officiate. Services are under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

She died Monday July 20, 2009 at the Hospice of the Valley Coronado Home in Phoenix, AZ.

Gladys was born October 27, 1910 to Claude and Alta (Witherspoon) Pettigrew in Rannels County. They came to Justiceburg to farm in 1921. Gladys graduated from Post High School and attended Texas Tech and Abilene Christian University. She married Ewell B. Morgan November 9, 1930 in Lamesa. He preceded her in death August 16, 2006. They made their first home at Justiceburg. They moved to Slaton where she taught from 1949 until her retirement in 1977. She also taught in San Angelo while Ewell was working there for the Santa Fe. In 1977 after retirement they moved to Justiceburg to the old Morgan home place, also Ewell's birthplace.

After Ewell's death Gladys moved to Phoenix, AZ to live with her son, Philip and his wife Betty. Gladys was a member of the Church of Christ. She was also preceded in death by a daughter,

Elizabeth in 1942; her parents Claude in 1971 and Alta in 1977; a grandson, Jesse Morgan in 2005; three brothers, Tom, E.C. and Hern and two sisters Evelyn and Bessie, also preceded her in death.

Survivors include: four sons: Laurence and his wife Betty Morgan of Slaton, Philip and his wife Betty Morgan of Phoenix, AZ, Bryan and his wife Janyce Morgan of Burleson and David Morgan of Austin; one sister, Geneva Pettigrew Crowley of Wellington, Kansas; 13 grandchildren: Deborah, Stanley, Elisa, Mark, Timothy, Laurel, Daniel, Lydia, Claudia, Marci, Bryan E., D'Arce and Varina; 32 great-grandchildren: Cameron, Dena, Matthew, Micaela, Boone, Ali, Luke, Rick, Jeff, Lindsay, Kris, Kaylee, Aaron, Jason, Candace, Carisa, Austin, Attalie, Melody, Chloe, Camille, Candra, Caris, Morgan, Bryce, Smith, Mavane, Jessica, Andrew, Martin, Jillian and Janae; 13 great-grandchildren: Emma, Julia, Victoria, Aaron, Xavier, Isaiah, Camila, Alexis Richard, Michael, Alena, Jazmine and Frank; also by many nephews and nieces.

The family had visitation Thursday evening at the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.



Estha "Penny" Rains

Estha Rains died July 18, 2009. Funeral services were at the First Baptist Church in Post, TX at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 23, 2009. Burial followed at the Southland

Cemetery. Estha "Penny" Rains was born to Arthur S. and Callie Blum Cash in Collin County, Texas on December 21, 1908. She moved to Stone-wall County on the "Dutch E" ranch in 1914. She and her family then moved to Garza County in 1922 where she married Carl Rains on December 27, 1925.

Mrs. Rains preceded in death by her husband and one daughter, Jerry Rains Kennedy of Amarillo. She is survived by a daughter, Jimmie Rains Lueder of Albuquerque, NM; a son, Jack Rains of Bovina, TX; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Rains was involved in ranching in the Garza County area until her husband's death in 1987; she continued to reside at the ranch until her death. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Post, TX and worked with children there for many years. She was also a member of the Eastern Star in both Post and Slaton Chapters.

Mrs. Rains worked at Piggly wiggly and United grocery stores in Post for 19 years. She also worked at the Garza County Sheriff's office on weekends for 16 years as a computer operator and dispatcher.

As a true West Texas rancher, Penny loved everyone and always looked for the best in them, and she always found it.

Mrs. Rains requested that instead of flowers she would rather donations be made to the First Baptist Christian School in Post, TX or to your local Boys Ranch or Girls Town, or your favorite charity.

Rosie M. Bell

Services for Rosie M. Bell, 60, of Post are scheduled for Friday July 24, 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Arthur Kelly officiating. She died Sunday, July 19, 2009 in Lubbock.

She was born January 1, 1949 in Littlefield, TX to Orange and Lizzie Johnson. She married Ocie Bell, Jr. on April 1, 1968 in Post. She was a member of Pleasant

Home Baptist Church. Rosie is survived by her husband Ocie Bell, Jr. of Ft. Worth; 2 daughters, Stacy Soto of Post and Shandala Bell of Dallas; a son, Ocie Wade Bell IV of Lewisville; a sister, Clara Mangram of Matador, TX; a brother, Donnie Joe Johnson of Pampa and 4 grandchildren.

George R. Lewis

George R. Lewis of Post died July 20, 2009. Services are pending with Agape Funeral Chapel of Lubbock.

Bryan Lee Mason

Bryan Lee Mason passed away July 18, 2009 at the age of 42. He was born June 10, 1967 in Anaheim, Ca.

He graduated from Midway High School in 1985 and received his Bachelor's Degree from Wayland Baptist University where he was an Honor graduate in 2001. Bryan proudly served four years of active duty to his country in the United States Air Force and was a Desert Storm Veteran. He was stationed at Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, N.M. Then he worked civil service there from 1995-2005. At the time of his death he was working for Jenkins Electric in Post, TX.

He enjoyed spending time with his daughters. He was great father, friend, brother and son and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his ex-wife Leah, and three daughters, Ashton Marysa, Mallie Paige and Brynna Kate Mason all of Spur, TX; his mother Beverly Carrell of Hemphill, TX; a sister Lisa and husband Roger Browning of Midway, TX; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Bryan was preceded in death by a sister, Arlene Mason Brady.

Services were at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 23, 2009 at First United Methodist Church in Spur with Rev. Larry Burton officiating. Interment was in Dickens Cemetery under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home. The family

received friends from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.

Online condolences can be made at www.campbellfunerals.net.

Audrey Patty

Audrey Patty, 85 died, Saturday, July 11, 2009 in Glen Rose, TX. Graveside services were at 10 a.m., Sunday, July 19, 2009 at Terrace Cemetery in Post, Texas directed by Adams-Graham Funeral Home, Anson, TX.

Born August 1, 1923, in Belcher-ville, Texas. Audrey was a daughter of the late Samuel Lawson and Josie (Reeves) Reno. She married Thomas Earl Patty, Sr. on November 12, 1940 in Portales, NM. They moved to Carlsbad, NM in 1943 and resided there until 2001. They were married 63 years before his death in 2003.

Audrey had children in the Carlsbad public school system for thirty-two years and was very involved their school activities. From 1950 through 1985, Audrey and Thomas were regular attendees at school sporting events. She received the Carlsbad Senior High School Booster Club award in the late 1970's. Audrey was known for her great cooking, but her homemade donuts were a family favorite. Her home was always open to friends, neighbors, and drop-in visits from friends of their seven children even long after the children were gone from home.

In their later years Audrey and Thomas would frequent the Senior Citizens Club in Carlsbad and several local restaurants where they were much loved regulars.

A memorial service for Audrey Patty was held in the Metroplex. She was then laid to rest beside her husband in Terrace Cemetery in Post, TX.

Audrey was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Iloma Len Patty; a grandson, Terry Don Patty II; a daughter, Anita Bass and six brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include four sons: Thomas Patty, David Patty and wife Suzanne, Terry Patty, Kim Patty and wife Cherene; one

daughter, Kathy Kiser and husband, Jack; 16 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Ruth Reno; and a brother-in-law, Bill Patty and wife Delores.

Notes of remembrance would be welcomed by the family and may be sent c/o Tom Patty, 551 Franklin Dr., Arlington, TX 76011.

Doris Leola Weatherford

Funeral services for Doris Leola Weatherford, 62, of Temple were 2 p.m. Monday, July 13, 2009 at Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton with Rev. Maggie McKinley and Nelson Guthrie officiating. Interment followed at North Belton Cemetery.

Mrs. Weatherford passed away Thursday, July 9, 2009 at her home.

Doris was born September 30, 1946 in Slaton to Raymond F. and Ivy Jewell (Snow) Guthrie. She married Tony Weatherford on January 23, 1985 in Belton. Mrs. Weatherford attended Troy High School. She worked many years as a CNA.

Survivors include her husband, Tony Weatherford of Temple; five sons: Nicky R. Walker and Roy D. Walker of Belton, Eugene E. Shafer of Temple, Tony Weatherford, Jr. of Lakeland, FL and Aaron Lee Weatherford of Flint, MI; a daughter, Kathy J. Moore of Temple; nine brothers: Wayne Guthrie, Alvin Guthrie, Kenneth Guthrie and Richard Guthrie of Belton, Glenn Guthrie and Ronald Guthrie of Temple, Roy Guthrie of Pendleton, Dan Guthrie of Snyder, Rodney Guthrie of Moffat; two sisters, Barbara Brooks and Debbie Teeter of Temple; twenty grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Doris is the niece of Edna Bilberry of Post.

She is preceded in death by a daughter, Yolanda Shafer; a sister, Vicky Guthrie and a brother, David Guthrie.

Visitation was 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, July 12 at Heartfield Funeral Home.



The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

The Ancient Mariner got it right: "Water, water every where, Nor any drop to drink."

All the current concerns about drinking water from plastic containers - something about dioxins and cancer - puts me in a similar quandary.

Disclaimer: I wouldn't know a dioxin if I met one, and I don't know what I'm talking about.

The word on the street is that water is OK to drink from a plastic container if it hasn't gotten too hot or been frozen while stored therein. That means if you leave plastic bottles of water in your car outside either in Texas in July or Minnesota in January, you shouldn't drink it. Fine.

But what about the history of all that water in plastic jugs and bottles on grocery store shelves? The scenario in my mind is a big truck parked on the highway shoulder with one flat tire, waiting for a tire guy while the temperature soars to 110 degrees. Maybe all water-hauling trucks are refrigerated. Maybe not. Maybe pallets of bottled

water sit in the hot sun or freezing weather on loading docks. Maybe not.

Or maybe it's all a hoax to worry us about one more thing that can be bad for us. Water.

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Of course, when the term "tap water" gets tossed around nowadays it refers to water from a trusted municipal source. Chlorinated city water, even with nitrates and other bad stuff, is a known quantity. Water from a farm well is a different animal.

I remember the rat. The year

was 1959. My job was pulling nails from old lumber. The site was near my grandmother's well in the pasture. I drank from the faucet by the well. The water didn't taste good, but I was just a kid used to well water not tasting good. Ours didn't taste that good either.

After a couple of days on the job, my father and a hand drove up and took the big lid off the well. The next thing I knew they were fishing around down in its depths, using a mirror to reflect sunlight to illuminate their task. Voila! They snagged a big dead rat. Oh well. Probably no dioxins.

By the way, rats aside, if you've never looked deep into an old well big enough to fall into, you've missed an intriguing experience akin to peering into the night sky. The word "enlightening" comes to mind but doesn't quite get it. Think goose bumps and the infinity factor.

That said, let's lift a glass to water, sustainer of life. Make mine sparkling S. Pellegrino, bottled in green glass at the source in Italy.

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Viola Moore of the Square House Museum in Panhandle, TX shares a trunk exhibit with members of the Northwest Texas Museum Association. The group met recently at the Heritage House in Post. The OS Museum and Garza County Historical Museum hosted the event.

Post actor to appear in Moonlight Musical production of 'Guys and Dolls'

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

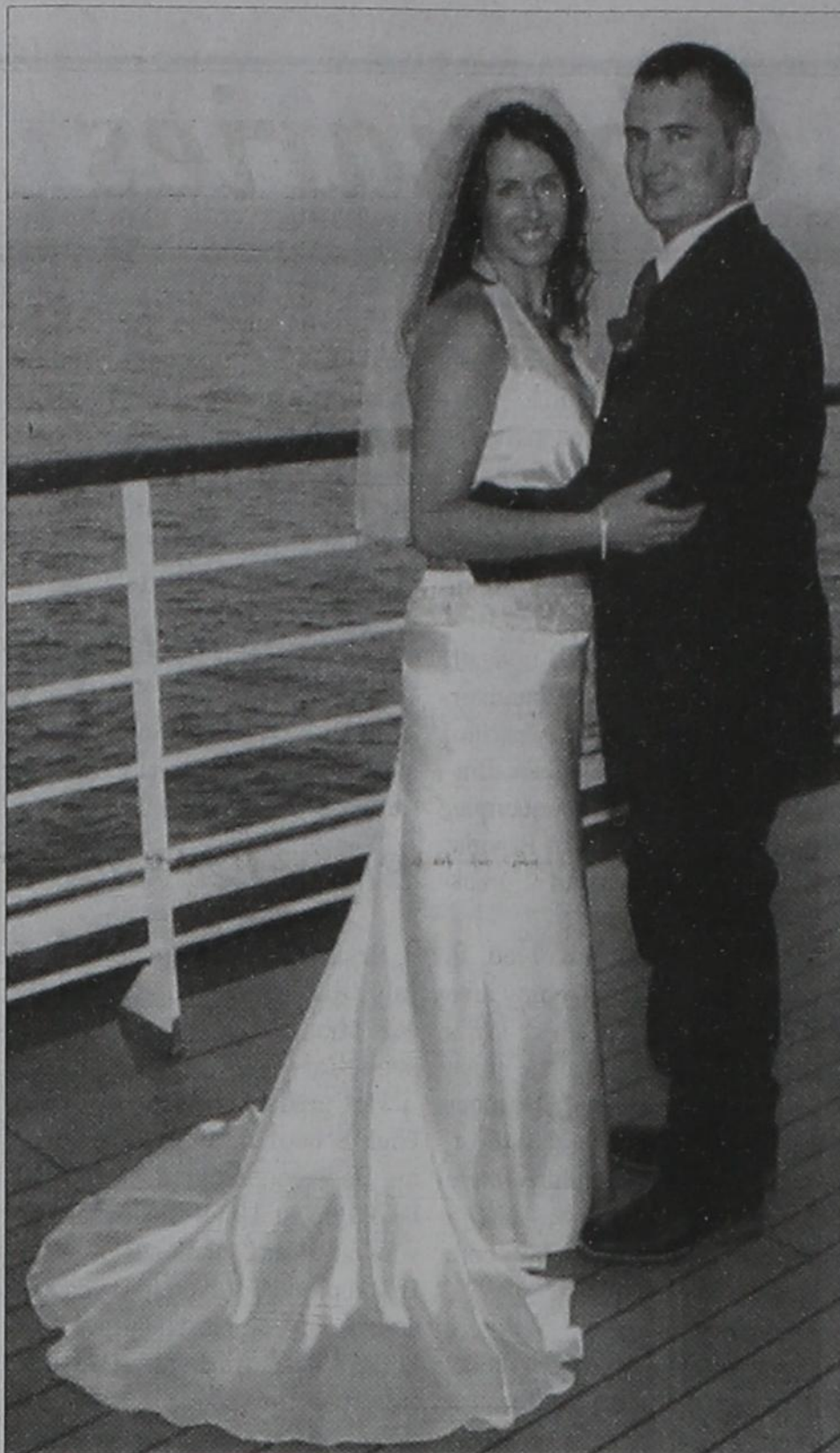
The very successful Lubbock Moonlight Musical series returns to the Wells Fargo Amphitheatre in MacKenzie Park this summer with productions of "Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story" and "Guys and Dolls."

Post actor and director Jay Young appears as "Harry the Horse" in the production of "Guys and Dolls." The Moonlight Musicals began in 2006 and this is Young's 7th appearance with the theater group. "This is one of the most physically challenging roles I have ever performed," said Young. "The dance numbers make up a good portion of the

show." The high energy musical, one of Broadway's most successful shows, has familiar songs such as "Luck be a Lady" and "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat."

Remaining show dates are: "Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story" July 25, Aug. 1, 7, 14 and 22; "Guys and Dolls" July 24 and 31, Aug. 8, 15 and 21. Gates open at 7:00 P.M. Shows begin promptly at 8:00 P.M. Bring a picnic dinner, your lawn chairs or a blanket. Wheelchair ramp, limited concessions and restrooms available on-site.

Tickets are available at all Select-a-Seat outlets, by phone at 1-800-735-1288 or 806-770-2000.



Dickson, Hoffner wedding

Heather Dickson and Justin Hoffner were united in marriage Sunday, June 7, 2009 aboard the Diamond Princess Cruise ship. Captain Robert Oliver performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jaynie Dickson of Post and Bobby Dickson of Albuquerque, NM. She is the granddaughter of Joy Dickson and the late Robert Dickson of Post, Bobby Josey of Post and R. E. Josey of Karnack, TX.

The groom is the son of Terri Hoffner of Hallsville, TX and Jeff Hoffner of Eaton, CO.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an ivory gown featuring a v-neck halter and a beaded embroidered dropped waist. The godet chapel train was adorned with beaded embroidered appliques and the bride's ivory veil was enhanced with crystal beads. The bridal bouquet was a cascade of red roses. The ship's chapel was decorated with candles and white freesia flowers.

Tama Gifford served as maid of honor and Cody Willbanks was the best man.

Sixteen family members and friends attended the wedding and the reception that followed in the Savoy Room on board the Diamond Princess.

The bride is a graduate of Post High School, Clarendon Junior College and Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. She is employed by Hawthorn Pharmaceuticals. The groom is a graduate of Highland High School, Ault, CO and Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell. He is employed by Cargill, Inc.

The couple will live in Anson, TX.



Elliott-Coston wedding

Lauren Elizabeth Elliott and Jonathon Tadd Coston were married May 16, 2009 in an outdoor ceremony at the bride's parents' home. Judge Giles W. Dalby, the bride's grandfather officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Elliott of San Angelo. She is the granddaughter of Judge and Mrs. Giles Dalby of Post and the late Barbee and Floy Elliott of San Angelo. The groom is the son of Holly Coston of Wichita, KS and Teddy Willis of Lubbock. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Coston of Denver City and Mrs. Sharon Willis of Plains.

The maid of honor was Lindsey Elliott of San Angelo and the matron of honor was Sandra Myers of San Angelo. Flower girls were Lisle Duvall of Dallas, Natalie Casas and Lyndyn Mosser of Lubbock.

The best man was Asa Coston of Biloxi, MS and groomsman was Doug Taylor of Fort Worth. Richard Johnston of Fort Worth was the usher. Ring bearers were Mack Duvall of Dallas and Jonathon Castenada of Wichita, KS.

Following the ceremony a dinner, reception and dance was held under a pavilion at the parents' home. After their honeymoon in Antigua the couple will reside in Fort Worth.

Lauren is a 2003 graduate of Central High School in San Angelo and a 2007 graduate of Angelo State University. Lauren is employed by Lincoln Property Company in Fort Worth. Tadd is a 2002 graduate of Denver City High School, a 2006 graduate of Angelo State University and is employed by EOG Resources in Fort Worth.

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Rabbits

If you are interested in a rabbit project this year, Robbie and Barbara Palmer have rabbits available for a small fee and they will come with a cage. Please call the Extension Office for details.

District 2 4-H Officer Training

Training will be held August 3, 2009 2:00-5:00 at the Texas Tech Livestock Pavilion. The deadline to enter is July 27, 2009, call the office to get on the list.

Summer Spectacular (Formerly Fall Forum)

This event will also be August 3, 2009 5:30 at the Texas Tech Animal & Food Science Building. The deadline to enter is July 27, 2009, call the office to get on the list.

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Congrats on a great season!



The Post Jr. League All-Star 38 District Champions are (from left): Front row, Lanny Fluitt-Coach, Blaine Osborn, Nolan Prather, Tyler Jones, Paden Babb and Greg Jones-Manager. Back row, Cris Belongia-Coach, Phillip Gonzales, Steven Howard, Dalton Holly, Campbell Kirkpatrick, Vance Blair, Nathaniel Gill, Pake Jones and TJ Basquez



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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Charles and Sharron Morris along with Chuck, Barry and Brooke, took out towards Jayton on Sunday to play golf only to find they were having a tournament so they headed to Snyder where the enjoyed a round on the course there. By the way Charles stated that he won.

The Collozo family holds their family reunion on a Saturday each July. On Sunday the family and many friends all go to Danny and Susan's for a gathering. Susan said there were approximately 125 people there enjoying lots of good food from the grill, games, visiting, a hay ride and the kids had a great time on a huge waterslide. When I got to work on Monday morning, I looked at the gin yard with all the donut looking tracks in the dirt

and had to smile.....I knew Flora must have had a good time on the go cart, I think she loves that thing.

Mike and Clarice Johnson traveled to Fort Worth and picked up two of their grandchildren, Kutter and Justin Johnson. Their son, Clay and his wife Bobbie were there while Clay participates in a cutting at the Will Rogers Coliseum. While in the area they also got to attend their grandson, Cayden's 1st birthday party. Cayden is the son of Cliff Johnson who lives in Post.

I want to remind all you Ragtownites that this Sunday, July 26 @ 7 p.m. we will have our Ice Cream Social here in Close City on the east side of the school building. Bring your family and your

lawn chairs, there will be fun for all ages. I was also asked to remind everyone that the Close City-Garlynn Reunion will be held on Aug. 15 in the Garden Room at Chapa's beginning at 10 a.m. for coffee and donuts then for lunch each one can order off the menu.

Congratulations to Steve and Mary Norman who were married in Dallas over the weekend.

Steve is the son of Lee and Marsha Norman and the grandson of Glen and Mary Margaret Norman.

We also want to congratulate Raylea Underwood on being named Jr Zone Champion for the Southwest Zone which is Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Raylea and her parents, Ray-

Don and Jana Underwood, traveled to Sedwick Kansas in the Zone ATA Shoot. She is the granddaughter of Mack and Jane Terry.

Visitors
Jim Ellis and his granddaughter, Abbi stopped in on Monday afternoon. Abbi lives in Amarillo. David Sparlin also came by Monday afternoon. Roy Collozo stopped in on Tuesday to get a few caps to take back to Waco with him. He said he is going to stick around a few days to visit and cook for Eva and Mike.

Get Wells
James Melton is home after having surgery
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Weekly Inspirations

PRAISE BE TO GOD

By: Michael F. Taylor

As many of you may have guessed over the last year, I am something of a history aficionado and love to write stories about our wonderful and heritage rich past. This week I would like to remind you of a little known building which sits in our nation's capital. Well, the building itself is not little, nor is it probably little known. However, there are some features of that building that you may not be aware of. By know I am sure you have guessed it! I am referring to the Washington Monument which stands in the center of Washington D.C. . There is a restriction in that no other building may stand higher than the Monument in the District of Columbia area. What fascinates me even more is the rather small and modest aluminum cap on the Eastern top portion of the Washington Monument. Engraved upon that cap are these two words: Laus Deo. Because of sheer height of the building, these words are not visible to the naked eye but are facing heavenward to the Father of our nation. These two words in fact, although seemingly small and insignificant, have been placed in the highest position over the very capital city of the United States of America. What do these two Latin words mean? I am so glad you asked that question! Those two seemingly small words are translated into the English language - "PRAISE BE TO GOD!" In our politically correct society today, we sometimes forget where the hearts of our founding fathers were. Even more so, within the interior of the monument, there is a staircase with 50 landings. On each of those landings rest memorial stones which are forever inscribed with scriptures from the Bible and prayers for the nation. One of those stones contains a presentation from a children's Sunday School class. Included in that inscription is Proverbs 10:7 "The memory of the just is blessed; but the name of the wicked shall rot." And, Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way that he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

The Washington Monument's cornerstone was set and laid on the Fourth of July, 1848 and forever sealed into that cornerstone was a Holy Bible obtained from the Bible Society. And, when I think upon our nation, the greatest nation in the world, despite all of the problems that we face today, I must agree and reiterate the sentiment, "PRAISE BE TO GOD!" Because I still have the right to freely worship the God of Creation. The God who sent His only begotten Son, to offer me salvation and eternal fellowship with the very King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. This week as you go about your daily lives, never forget that we still are One Nation Under God. And He is to be Praised! If you ever forget, just take a trip to Washington D.C. and visit the Washington Monument. Have a Blessed week.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently be administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to:
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Thank You,
Post Girl Scouts & Leaders: Alicia Graves, Joni Huffman, Jennifer Brown, Becky Stelzer, Courtney Fontenet, Jenny Francis, Leslie Solis, Marisa Vasquez, Post Girl Scout Financial Representative Carol Tobias

The 4th Annual Kids Fishing Tournament was a success and would like to thank the following people: Texas Park & Wildlife, Masonic Lodge, Mad Dads, Archie Gill, Benji Smith, Cain Abraham, Chuck Morris, also thanks to our Sonic & McDonalds
See y'all next year

Well, another 4th of July fundraiser for Mad Dads has been put to bed. It was a rocky one but we made it. The day started out perfect. We had a park full of vendors, a good breeze blowing and just enough clouds to make the day perfect. Our Mr. & Miss Fireworks pageant was going great and had some great music by Cross Line. The park was filling up with people, everyone was having fun and then, Mother Nature showed us who's boss. When I prayed for rain, I forgot to say "please wait until after the fireworks". Everyone scattered and the day was over before it could even get started.

We didn't make the money we needed, but got some much needed rain. We decided to do it again, packed up all our stuff and headed back to the park on the 11th. a July

4th re-do. We didn't have, many who wanted to brave the hot sun, but those that did show up had a good day. We all played on the bouncer, played bingo and had the auction and it was great. Congratulations to Melissa Flannigan on winning the laptop. The day ended hot and dry, but in all it was a good day. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the guys and gals that come out every year and do anything I ask them to do. These are the people that make me look GOOD!

Anita and Wesley Morris, Karen and Sammy Palmer, Ronnie Pruitt, Steven Tidwell, Rodney and Reshea Tidwell, Dawna and Jeff Hood, Shawna Redman, Dana Tanner, Lanny Poe, Joyce Taylor, Robbie and Barbara Palmer, Miranda and Lee Ferguson, Stephanie and Bubba Smith, Zachary Romine, Cheyenne, Chelby and Chase Morris, Dustin and Haley Poe, Cameron, Autumn and Savannah Hood, Brittney Taylor, Will Tanner, Regan Kimmons and Pamela Spam. You guys did a fantastic job.

To the people who donated money and auction items, we thank you very much. You got a big heart! Thanks to:

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The Mr. & Miss Firecracker was a big hit because of the hard work behind the project. Thanks goes out to Bunny & Scooter Lynch & Thresa Harp. You guys are awesome!

Thanks also to the Catholic Church for loaning us their Bingo game, it was a BIG hit and thanks to the City for the use of their cones and for making the park very clean and a beautiful place to be. Thanks goes out to the Fire Department for use of their tables and chairs and for doing a fantastic job on the Firework Show.

Thanks to the band, I am so sorry your tent got destroyed. You gave us all you had, you sounded great. Rick, thanks for putting it all together for us. Thanks to the members of the band, Rick, Mike and David Taylor, and Tonya and Malin Richardson.

To the vendors, you show up every year, some good and some bad, but your always there to help. Thank You, hope to see you next year.

I have 15 lists in front of me, if I forgot anyone, call me. I will make it up to you. How's a jumbo hamburger sound!

Well guys in closing, another year has come and gone, you can rest for a year, but don't think I won't need you next year. I always ask and you have never turned me down Thank You!

To all the good people who have donated their time and their money to our project, I am truly grateful. You make me proud.

We will do our very best to make the Center a place to be proud of, a place where kids can come without drugs, alcohol, or gangs, a safe place. Your money, donations, and time will be used wisely. It is for our kids, our greatest asset!

Thanks again and God Bless
You, Diana Poe

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July 28
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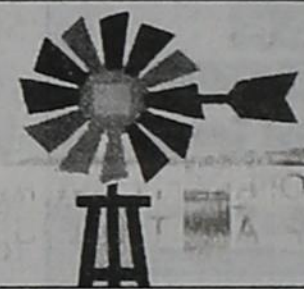
July 29
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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones From The Post Dispatch

10 Years Ago July 23, 1999

Push for America's Journey of Hope bicyclists took a rest in Post on their way east. Arriving here tired and hungry, the cyclists were welcomed by members of the Post Lions Club at the Post Church of Christ fellowship hall. Lions Club members Paul Jones, Tillie Duran and Charles Ratliff served the cyclists plenty of spaghetti and cold drinks.

Chelisa Williams of Post and Jeremy Krauser of South Williamsport, Penn., exchanged vows in a double ring ceremony on July 17 in the Church of Christ in Post with Paul Jones, minister, officiating.

Lesley Melton was surprised and happy to learn that she and her husband Clint were named winners of Classic Cable's promotion for new subscribers. The Meltons received a big screen television purchased by Classic Cable at Hudman Furniture in Post.

Team members who sacrificed a big part of their summer to the 13 and 14-year old All-Star baseball team included Brody Robertson, Felix Valdez, Kenny Ratke, Jr., Mark McCallister, Jordan Nelson, Patrick Gonzales, Kris Hernandez, David Lee Rivera, mark Norman, Brody Conner, Carlos Hernandez, Jett Lott, Bryan Looney and Mitchell Mills.

20 Years Ago July 26, 1989

Post Little League All-Star team members competing in district competition in Lubbock were Manuel Zúbia, Patrick Soto, Tori Harper, Chris Perez, Russ Bird, Larry Haynes, Raymond Garza Damon Dean, Oscar Acevedo, Justin Terry, Armando Ayala, David Perez, Bodie Simpson and Oscar Esparza. Roy Sappington managed the all-star team.

The announcement of his retirement, effective August 31, 1989, by

longtime Garza County employee Syd Conner, County Extension Agent-Agriculture, was the first item on the agenda as County Commissioners' Court met in regular session. Conner has been with the Extension Service 33 years and served as County Agent since 1962.

Marcella Lynn Sneed and Rodney Doyle Oden exchanged wedding vows June 23 at Graham Methodist Church with Rev. Wesley Brown officiating.

Ribbons cutting ceremonies this week in 1989 included Mason, Warner & Company, and Style w/a Smile.

Four men from Post and their fast cars - Norvell West and his 1969 Firebird, Billy Freeman and his 1973 Buick Apollo, Sonny Mason and his 1967 Camaro and Donnell Harper and his 1972 Mustangs - are moving up in ratings at the drag races in Idalou.

30 Years Ago July 26, 1979

The Post city Council in a two and one-half hour work session on the city's 1979-80 budget tentatively agreed on an eight percent salary increase for all city employees.

Post's Sheriff's Posse won its fifth straight first place trophy at Snyder in the annual Scurry County rodeo Parade over five other posses, according to organization president Jim Jackson.

Belinda Fluitt has been named to receive a Presidential Scholarship at McMurry College for the upcoming school year.

Returning from a Caribbean cruise are Christy Morris, Dana Babb and Cindy Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rudd announce the birth of a daughter Carly Jo, born in West Texas Hospital.

Marinette Hays has as her guest, Tomoko Fukasawa, a 14-year old Japanese girl who is visiting the U.S. for a month in the Labo

Exchange Program, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

40 Years Ago July 24, 1969

Billy Hahn moved up this week to Post athletic director and head football coach, with the resignation of Lynn Gregg to enter private business in Missouri. Waco Reynolds will be first grid assistant.

S.D. Lofton, retired minister, won the drawing at Post's seventh Annual Sidewalk Sale for a 1959 Ford with its front seat loaded with Postex sheets and its back seat filled with groceries.

Lee Norman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Norman, will receive the American Farmer degree, highest offered by the Future Farmers of America, at the national FFA convention in Kansas City.

Garza County 4-H'ers entered the District 2 horse show in Big

Spring are Melvina Stewart, Timmy Norman, Joy Jean Basinger, John Johnson, Steve White and Sherry White.

Rex Prather was the Friday night winner in the calf roping division of the Scurry County Rodeo with a time of 13.2 seconds.

50 Years Ago July 23, 1959

A building permit was issued to Horace Henley of Lubbock for construction of a new PHS field house at an estimated cost of \$25,000 for brick construction with a flat roof.

Patsy Thompson, Kelly Jo Myers, Shelia Morris and Judy McCullough are candidates for this year's Southwestern Championship Junior Rodeo, according to Butch Wilson, president of the rodeo association.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Reno were honored with a housewarming in their home at 901 W. 7th Street.

Rhea Peel, Pat Wheatley, Leta Stone, Melinda Newby, Curtis Didway, Leslie Acker and Glendon Washburn are attending a summer speech workshop conducted by the Speech Department of Texas Tech.

Casteel Studios here has announced its second annual Cute Kid Contest.

Scotty Pierce, Marianne Jones, Chris and Susan Cornish, Becky Thompson and Jackie Curb were among the top ribbon winners in the annual local swimming meet held at the city-county pool.

60 Years Ago July 28, 1949

The accelerated oil activities promised several months ago seem to be here with five new wildcat wells started this week.

Lorene Benson, an employee of the city water department, was named acting city secretary on the resignation of Sherrill Boyd.

Alvin Davis has been employed as a part-time secretary for the Post Chamber of Commerce.

Edward Neff has been engaged as shop instructor for two Post classes and on Southland class of the Garza County GI Vocational Agriculture School. Among other things, he will assist in the instruction of farm management, farm electricity and plumbing. Lewis Nance, coordinator, said this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan J. Williams have been engaged to teach at the Garnolia School during the 1949-50 term. Both are graduates of Texas Technological College and Williams is a rancher in the Garnolia Community. They have a son, Bryan Williams III, who is a student at the school.

Relatives of Elmer and Delmer Cowdrey honored them with a birthday dinner at the Elmer Cowdrey home.

ACROSS

- 1 "Texas Eagle" that runs to and from San Antonio is an Am _____ train
- 5 in Hamilton Co. on hwy. 281
- 6 TX Don Barthelme book: "Unspeakable Practices, Unnatural _____"
- 7 TXism: "in _____ neck of the woods" (around here)
- 8 creator of "Texas Football" magazine _____ City, TX
- 18 "El Camino del Rio" Dallas Co. was named for this V.P. George (init.)
- 21 angelic instrument
- 22 oil-rich country: Saudi _____
- 24 TXism: "cautious as _____ dog with a big bone"
- 29 TX judge garment
- 30 western actor & producer Earle _____
- 31 Denton outlaw Bass (init.)
- 32 per acre worth of _____ ranch land in 1901
- 34 look intently
- 35 TXn born 'tween July 23 & Aug. 22
- 36 former Astro anncr. and film "Bull"
- 37 TX Freddie Fender hit: "Before the Next _____ drop Falls"
- 38 rip or rend
- 39 the "Love Boat" (2 wds.)
- 41 cafe order: Texas _____

- 42 TXism: "got a heart as big as Texas"
- 43 TXism: "tame as _____ dog"
- 44 TX attorney "Racehorse"
- 45 TXism: "_____ in cement" (permanent)
- 46 TXism: "_____ a duck in water"
- 48 Post, TX newspaper

- 49 TXism: "siestas"
- 50 TXism: "couldn't lick his upper _____" (weaking)
- 51 "_____ Brown and his Band of Renown"
- 52 TXism: "the tail waggin' the dog"

DOWN

- 1 TXism for "workable" (3 wds.)
- 2 steamboat captain King who started big TX ranch
- 3 TXism: "a goin' Jesse"
- 4 in Limestone Co. on hwy. 14
- 9 Gulf seafood
- 10 ending of billion, describing TX Ross Perot

- 11 TX Mavericks Dirk Nowitzki won this NBA honor in '07 (abbr.)
- 12 h.s. gym class
- 13 donkey
- 14 an Astro mistake
- 15 TXns can now get an equity _____
- 16 site of science experiments
- 19 medical malady
- 21 TXism: "_____ buggy days"
- 23 terminates a mission
- 24 TXism: "tall hog _____ the trough"
- 25 dir. to San Antonio from Austin

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THE NOT JUST FOR KIDS PAGE

The Liberty Bell

JULY 4th is the time for fireworks, parades and picnics to celebrate America's birthday. The Liberty Bell may no longer clang its mighty clapper but remains a symbol of freedom.

In 1751 the bell was ordered from London to hang in the Philadelphia State House. In the 1700's bells were used to call meetings, announce news, signal danger and to ring out in celebrations. The copper "State House" bell arrived in 1752. It was set up in the town square for all to hear—and promptly cracked!

1 door, 2 Taco, 3 pepper, 4 cow

Two local metal workers, John Pass and John Stow melted down and recast the broken bell. They added more copper to strengthen the brittle bell. A grand party was ordered when it was completed in 1773. All gathered around to hear the new bell toll. It sounded terrible! Pass and Stow recast the bell once again in efforts to improve the sound. No one was happy with the sound but it did serve its function.

Pass and Stow's name are engraved on the bell.

Every Independence Day the children of the descendants of the signers of the Constitution once again "ring" the Liberty Bell. Using small rubber tipped mallets, they tap the bell 13 times in honor of the 13 original colonies.

During the Revolutionary War it was feared that the British would melt the Liberty Bell down for ammunition. The bell was hurriedly placed in a farm wagon and covered with straw. It would spend the remainder of the war hidden beneath the floorboards of a church.

LET FREEDOM RING: The State House bell was first called the Liberty Bell in an 1835 pamphlet published by the American Anti-Slavery Society. The society adopted the bell as a symbol of freedom.

In the 1835 ringing to announce the death of Supreme Court Justice John Marshall, the bell cracked. Most historians agree that the final ringing of the bell occurred in 1846, when the bell was rung to honor the birthday of George Washington. The crack had now widened beyond repair.

"Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."
(Bible verse inscribed on the Liberty Bell.)

"Bells, bells and more bells."

- 1. D__r bell - announces a visitor
- 2. T__o Bell - Mexican fast food
- 3. Bell__pp_r - red or green veggie
- 4. C__bell - worn around the neck of a bovine
- 5. Bellt_w_r - house for a bell
- 6. Bell__on_ - sound of a bell
- 7. S__er Bells - Xmas song
- 8. T__rd_bell - late bell
- 9. J__n__l_bells - Christmas sound
- 10. S__ei__bells - ornaments on a sled

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Speak...

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want to, just walk Main Street and see what's going on. I also appreciate the City of Post making an extra effort to clean up Main Street before this event. That is helping make a good impression on visitors to our community.

• Be sure to notice how nice

things look at Higginbotham on Hwy. 84. Jack Harrington and his staff have done a great job of cleaning up inside and outside. All businesses and residents on these main streets into Post should follow Higginbotham's example and keep their property looking nice. This is the first impression many people have of our community.

• It would be good if someone

with the city would take better care of the banners on Main Street. We've got some still up, some twisted so as you can't even read them and some banner gone, but the frame still up. I've seen banners like this in lots of other communities and they look very nice - ours started out good, but it seems that no one cares any more. I glad the City finally replaced the

tattered flags that were flying over our City Hall. There they were right on the main highway and it was a shame how bad they looked.

• I have had the opportunity to attend both the Garza Theatre and Ragtown Gospel Theater in the last few weeks. The people of Post are very fortunate to have two unique venues for entertainment in

one town. The Garza Theatre has a long-standing reputation and continues to try to bring quality entertainment to Post. Ragtown provides an entirely different form of entertainment with gospel music and biblical drama.

Hopefully the people of West Texas will continue to support both theaters and the folks involved with the theaters will see one another as friendly, healthy competition.

Post Notes

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having singing on Wednesday nights at 7:00 on the Pavilion behind the Church building. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 495-3261 or 495-3057.

Close City-Garlynn Reunion

The Close City-Garlynn Reunion is scheduled on Saturday August 15, 2009 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The location is in the Garden Room at Chapa's Family Restaurant, just north of Post on highway 84. Come for coffee, donuts and visiting at 10:00 am, for lunch just order from the menu and go Dutch. For more information contact: Miriam O'Neal at 806-495-2002 or Oneita Gunn at 806-495-2009.

Old Mill Trade Day Downtown Vendors

The next Old Mill Trade Day Downtown event is August 1, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Vendors of all types are invited to participate. Space is available downtown on East Main. Vendors pay a set up fee of \$25 for outdoor space, for more information or to reserve vendor space, call 495-0608 or 495-3461. Old Mill Trade Day Downtown is sponsored by Post City Merchants and Post Area Chamber of Commerce.

Lions Charter New Club in Post

A new Lions Club comes to Post on July 25 when 24 men and women celebrate the charter night of the Post Lions Club at the school cafeteria at 7:00 pm.

The Post Lions Club will meet on Thursdays at 12:00 pm at the VFW Building.

Lions Club is a group of men and women who identify needs within the community work together to fulfil those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Post Lions Club contact Janet Ratliff at 495-2026.

Trailblazers Howdy ya'll day fundraiser

Garza County Trailblazer will be hosting a Howdy Ya'll Day Fundraiser on Saturday August 8, 2009 from 11 am to 2 pm at Garza County Trailblazers located at 205 East 10th St. Hamburger plates will be \$5 per plate which consist of hamburger, chips, drink, dessert and all the trimmings. 36" Grandma & Grandpa dolls will be raffled off. The cost is \$5 per ticket. All proceeds will go to the Garza County Trailblazers.

Garza County Team Roping

The Garza County Team Roping for 2009 will be held on August 1st, 2009. The roping will be dedicated to Jimmie Redman with twenty-five percent of all donations going to the Redman Scholarship Fund. The Steer Stopping will start at 7:00 and the Team Roping will follow. You must pre-enter. For more information, to enter or donate, call Randy Lewis 777-8295, Steve Miller 241-4017, or Danny Vernon 495-2415.

Post Pee Wee Football meeting July 28th

Post Pee Wee Football (Second Team) will be having a meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2009, at 6:30 PM, at the Citizens Bank Room. The meeting will give the opportunity to find out about the need of the second team and enter your child's name for tryouts. (Age requirements, they must be 10 years old by September 1, 2009 and no older than 13 by September 1, 2009) For more information contact Randy Britton at 777-5296 or Delton Osborn 559-8787.

Crocodile Dock Vacation Bible School

Come join us at Crocodile Dock, where fearless kids shine God's Light at First United Methodist Church, July 27-31. Registration begins on Monday, the 27th at 5:30 followed by vacation bible school from 5:45 - 9:00 pm. VBS will be offered to those that have completed Kindergarten going into 5th grade. Graham Methodist Church, Caprock Springs, Family Harvest, First United Methodist Church, and Nazarene Church hope to see you at "The Dock".

Men of Abiding Faith

The Church of Christ, located at 10th Street and Avenue M, will be holding its annual summer series of speakers beginning July 22 thru August 26th. July 22 - Nate Bundy, July 29th, Larry Marshall, August 5th Dale Huff, August 12th, Terry Ellison, August 19th Ryan Simpson, August 26th Rontrager. Please come and join us as we hear inspiring lessons on "Men of Abiding Faith". All meetings will begin at 7 p.m.

Rodeo Parade entries

Post Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting entries for the Post Stampede Rodeo Parade scheduled for Saturday, August 8 at 3 p.m. If you would like to participate with a float, 4 wheeler, golf cart, tractor, vehicle or your unique entry, please go by the Chamber office at 131 E. Main or call 495-3461. Please call and enter today!

Marching Band Crank up

2009/2010 is an advancing year. On Thursday August 13 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. there will be a meeting for Drum Major & Squad leaders only, and then on Monday August 17, and 18th the full band will meet from 7 - 9 pm, Wednesday August 19 will be uniform checkout and catch-up from 4-6. Then on Thursday August 20 there will be another full band practice from 7-9 pm.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Southland I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. August 3, 2009 in Administration Building Southland, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.17 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations

School Debt Service Tax \$ 0 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness Approved by Local Voters

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	.06 % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Debt Service	0 % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	.06 % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraisal value* of all property	\$ 80,991,079.	\$74,882,974.
Total appraisal value* of new property**	\$ 39,850.	\$ 60,410.
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 79,614,153.	\$ 73,795,124.
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 39,850.	\$ 60,410.

"Appraisal value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code

"New property" is defined by Section 26.012 (17), Tax Code

"Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04 (10), Tax Code

Bonded Indebtness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtbness* \$ 0

* Outstanding principal

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Local Revenue Total	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0 *	\$1.04000	\$5779
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 2.12783	\$ 0 *	\$2.12783	\$ 11,282
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0 *	\$ 1.17000	\$ 6208

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtbness on construction, equipment, or both. The bond, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 27,395.	\$ 26,752.
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 13,860.	\$ 14,254.
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 144.14	\$ 166.77
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 22.63

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 5 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.040. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.040.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$496,484
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

The 2009 Garza County, District and State 4-H Photography Contests

The Junior and Intermediate pictures are on display at Citizens Bank and the Senior pictures will be displayed there soon.

Juniors age 9-11 County Results

People - Color	1st Blaze Smith 2nd Victoria Huckaby 3rd Chase Morris
People - B & W	1st Pacey Blevins 2nd Morgan Lynch 3rd Victoria Huckaby
Animal - Color	1st Pacey Blevins 2nd Ragin Kimmons 3rd Blaze Smith
Animal - B & W	1st Victoria Huckaby 2nd Pacey Blevins 3rd Pacey Blevins
Natural Landscape Color	1st Victoria Huckaby 2nd Victoria Huckaby 3rd Chase Morris
Natural Landscape Black & White	1st Lauren Lynch 2nd Victoria Huckaby 3rd Pacey Blevins
Plant/Flora - Color	1st Chase Morris 2nd Pacey Blevins 3rd Lauren Lynch
Plant/Flora - B & W	1st Victoria Huckaby 2nd Victoria Huckaby 3rd Pacey Blevins
Still Life - Color	1st Pacey Blevins 2nd Pacey Blevins 3rd Lauren Lynch
Still Life - B & W	1st Victoria Huckaby 2nd Blaze Smith 3rd Blaze Smith
Architectural Elements Color	1st Pacey Blevins 2nd Chase Morris 3rd Lauren Lynch
Architectural Elements B & W	1st Victoria Huckaby 2nd Pacey Blevins 3rd Lauren Lynch
Creative/ Special Effects All Media	1st Victoria Huckaby 2nd Chase Morris 3rd Victoria Huckaby
Theme - Color	1st Lauren Lynch 2nd Lauren Lynch

District Results

**** 1st Place District (BLUE RIBBON)

*****2nd Place District (RED RIBBON)

Other participants from Garza County were : Morgan Lynch, Ashlee Graves and Addie Quintana

Intermediates age 12-14 County Results

People - Color	1st Kelbie Oden 2nd Kelbie Oden 3rd Kelbie Oden
People - B & W	1st Chelby Morris
Animal - Color	1st Rebecca Taylor 2nd Kelbie Oden 3rd Kelbie Oden
Animal - B & W	1st Chelby Morris 2nd Kelbie Oden
Natural Landscape Color	1st Kelbie Oden 2nd Audree Williams 3rd Kelbie Oden

District Results

Natural Landscape 1st Audree Williams

Black & White

Plant/Flora - Color 1st * Kelbie Oden

**** 2nd place at District (RED RIBBON)

Still Life - Color

2nd Madison Fluit
3rd Rebecca Taylor
1st Kelbie Oden
2nd Audree Williams
3rd Kelbie Oden

**** 2nd Place District (RED RIBBON)

Still Life - B & W

1st * Kelbie Oden
1st Kelbie Oden
2nd Kelbie Oden
3rd Audree Williams

Creative/ Special Effects

1st Chelby Morris

All Media

Madison Fluit also represented the Garza County 4-H.

Seniors age 15-18 County Results

People - Color	1st Jackie Milton 2nd Susan Littrell 3rd Jackie Milton
People - B & W	1st Susan Littrell 2nd Susan Littrell 3rd Jackie Milton
Animals - Color	1st Cheyenne Morris 2nd Jackie Milton 3rd Jackie Milton
Animals - B & W	1st Jackie Milton 2nd Jackie Milton 3rd Jackie Milton
Still Life - Color	1st Susan Littrell 2nd Reed Williams 3rd Reed Williams
Still Life - B & W	1st Jackie Milton 2nd Jackie Milton
Natural Landscape Color	1st Reed Williams 2nd Jackie Milton 3rd Cheyenne Morris
Natural Landscape B & W	1st Jackie Milton 2nd Jackie Milton 3rd Reed Williams
Plant/Flora - Color	1st Jackie Milton 2nd Jackie Milton 3rd Jackie Milton
Plant/Flora - B & W	1st Jackie Milton 2nd Reed Williams 1st Susan Littrell
Architectural Elements Color	2nd Jackie Milton 3rd Jackie Milton
Architectural Elements B & W	1st Jackie Milton
Creative/Special Effects All Media	1st Susan Littrell 2nd Jackie Milton 3rd Cheyenne Morris
Theme - All Media	1st Jackie Milton 2nd Jackie Milton 3rd Jackie Milton

State Results

3rd place

1st place

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Dakota McDonald also participated in the photography show in this age group.

LCU grants degree to Post resident

Lubbock Christian University held commencement exercises in May and among those that graduated was Jordan Tatum of Post. Tatum graduated with a Bachelor of Arts - Preaching. While at LCU, he was a member of Koinonia men's social club. He also served as a leader of a Christmas break campaign to Galveston. Tatum is married to Lindsey Tatum and is the son of Tim and Leslie Tatum of Post.

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Garza County District Court

Stephanie Ramirez, Prohibited possession of food stamps, 3rd degree felony Guilty: 7 year probation; court costs \$265; restitution \$3011.60; attorney's fee \$300

Jorge Arredondo, Judgement Revoking Community Service, 2nd degree felony Plea: True, 4 years TDCJ, fine \$1000, court cost \$561, restitution \$12

Jorge Arredondo, Judgement Revoking Community Service, 2nd degree felony Plea: True, 4 years TDCJ, fine \$1000, court costs \$561, restitution \$803.35

Rebecca Guzman, Prohibited possession of food stamps, 3rd degree felony Guilty: 5 years probation, fine \$500, court costs \$265, restitution \$2832

Lisa Lynn Robertson, Possession of Controlled Substance, State Jail Felony Guilty: 1 year state jail, fine \$500, court cost \$561, restitution \$140

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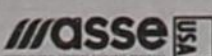
Anna from Germany, 16 yrs. Likes to play tennis, swim, loves to dance. Anna hopes to play American softball and learn American slang while in the USA.



Pascal from France, 17 yrs. Loves the outdoors and playing soccer. Pascal's dream has been to spend time in America learning about our customs and attending American high school.

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last week. I'm told he is doing very well.

Don't forget our "Ragtown" folks in the nursing homes; Doug and Claudine Tipton and Carmen Abraham in Post. Jewel White in Lubbock. If I need to add anyone to this list, please let me know.

Keep our troops and rain in your daily prayers. Don't forget to check out our blog at <http://closecitycoopgin.blogspot.com>.

Birthdays

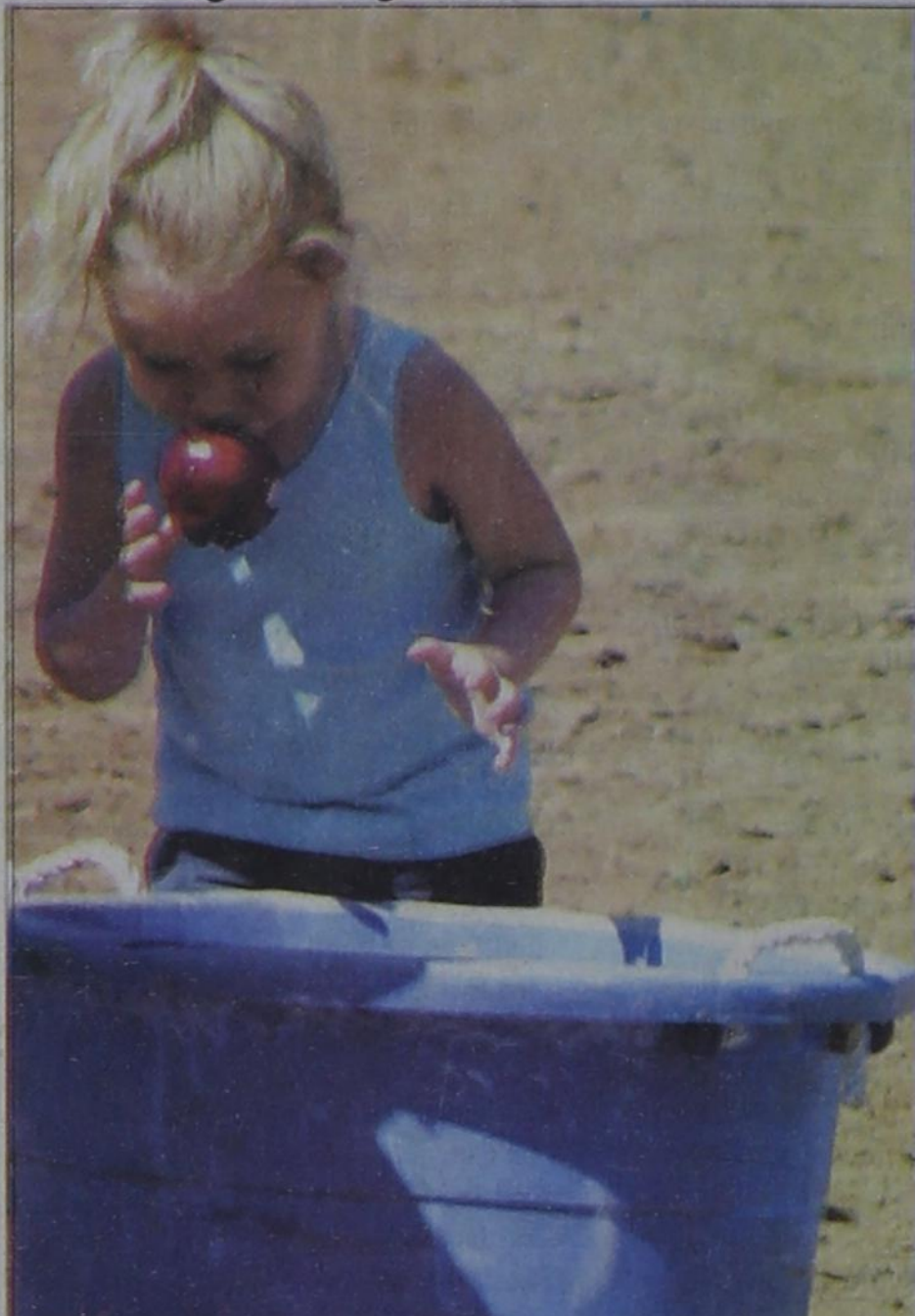
- July 26 - Lexi Gonzalez
- July 27 - Matthew Norman
- July 27 - Megan Bush Everitt
- July 27 - Cindy Herridge
- July 28 - Will Yarbro
- July 28 - Jakob Gonzalez
- July 30 - Jean Morris

Anniversaries

- July 29 - Mike and Eva Gonzales

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Playdays teach horsemanship, build confidence



Kendall Swaffar bobs for apples at an AgriLife Extension Service Playday.



Rhaeden Bland and his horse, Spider, participated in Playdays in Post. The event is sponsored by AgriLife Extension Service.

Playday is sponsored by the Garza County AgriLife Extension Service and includes barrels, flags, goat tie and a mystery event each week. The "mystery event" can be anything from poles to apple bobbing. Playdays is designed to teach children proper horsemanship and to build self confidence. Anyone who is 4-H age eligible and has a horse can participate.

Playdays began in June and the last event this year

will be Saturday. "Although the season will end tomorrow, we hope that we have more participants next year," said Chasity Moore, Extension Service Manager. "We'll offer more events next year for older participants. We appreciate the community support and want to thank all who purchased raffle tickets and gave their time to make this successful."



(from left) Dakota McDonald, Trent McDonald, Kade Smith, Colby Pennell and Josh Finch work on technique for goat tie at a recent Playdays.



Ashlynn Powers (left) and Makaylee Butler practice good horsemanship at a recent Playdays event.



Julie Hudman helps her grandson, Kohen Hudman race barrels during a Playdays event at the Post Stampede Rodeo Arena.



Casey Short celebrates with Kelby during a goat tie event at a recent Playdays at the Post Stampede Rodeo Arena.



Rusty and Reagan Workman enjoy riding at a recent AgriLife Extension Service Playday in Post.

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