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Garza County Commissioners Hold Tax Hearings

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

During a special meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County on September 4 at the Trailblazers Senior Citizens' Center, the first of two public hearings on the 2009-2010 Garza County Budget was held and, as required by law, plans for the use of various funds were presented.

PUBLIC HEARING
 Approximately a dozen citizens attended the public hearing concerning the proposed 2009-2010 Garza County budget. County Judge Norman explained that the proposed budget will raise more property taxes than last year's budget by \$149,494 or by 5.17%. New property added to the tax roll comprises \$10,804 of this total.

The county valuation is \$752,000,000 which is \$113,000,000 less in valuations from last year and the Judge explained that the decrease is due to lower mineral values. Mineral interests will provide for 73.5% of the tax revenue in the proposed budget. "If the county's budget is not covered by mineral values then

it falls to the taxing of real property," said Judge Norman.

The proposed tax rate is .375 per \$100 valuation; a .066 increase from the current .309 tax rate. The 2009/2010 proposed rate returns the property tax to the same rate as the 2007/2008 rate.

Some increased line items presented by the Judge included \$44,000 for an increase in the cost of county employee's health insurance; \$10,000 to complete renovations at the Garza County Museum and \$107,000 to add to the elevator fund.

After fielding several questions regarding the elevator for the county courthouse from attendees of the public hearing, the commissioners and Judge Norman

explained that there is approximately \$214,000 currently in the elevator fund. "At the beginning of the review of proposed budget items for 2009/2010, we had set aside \$200,000 for the elevator fund," said Charles Morris, Commissioner for Precinct 2. "But because of the tax issue we chose to cut this line item to allow for funding of other items."

The court was asked whether setting money aside for the elevator fund would cost other programs. Judge Norman said, "We put aside some of the proposed elevator amount to keep other line items in tact."

Had the commissioners put aside their original consideration of over \$200,000 that would have

put the elevator fund very near the amount needed to begin the project; however, "the elevator fund has been dictated by whether to raise taxes."

Until the elevator has been installed in the courthouse, accommodations can be made for potential jurors and others who need to conduct business at the courthouse, but cannot climb the stairs. These individuals should call in advance to allow the court to make appropriate arrangements.

In addition there some discussion regarding the status of funding for law enforcement.

A second public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for September 9, 5 p.m. at Trailblazers Senior Citizens' Center.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY FEES SET

During the meeting prior to the public hearing the Court adopted a District Court Record Archive Fee of \$5. Clerk Jim Plummer explained that this fee came out of the 81st Legislature in Senate Bill 1685 and is found in the Local Government Code: 118.0216. The court cannot set the fee at more than \$5 and the funds must be dedicated to support the preservation and restoration of district court records. The funds are derived from user fees and are not tax dollars. The court also approved a proposed plan for use of the District Court Record Archive Funds as required.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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- UPCOMING EVENTS**
- Community/Government Meetings**
 All of these meetings are open to the public.
- Garza County Commissioners' Court Meeting to adopt 2009-2010 budget and set tax rate**
 September 21 9 a.m.
 Garza County Courthouse
 300 W. Main
 - City of Post City Council Meeting**
 Public hearing on water development infrastructure upgrade grant
 Followed by regular meeting to adopt budget
 September 22 5:30 p.m.
 Council Chambers - City Hall
 105 E. Main

- OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS**
- "The Baptist"**
 Ragtown Gospel Theater
 September 11 - 7:30 p.m.
 September 12 - 3:00 p.m.
 877-RAGTOWN for reservations
 - Garza County Jr. Livestock Fun-raiser**
 Auction & Jackpot Drawings
 September 12 6:30 p.m.
 School Cafeteria
 - Patriotic Assembly**
 Post Elementary Auditorium
 September 16 10:00 a.m.
 - Antelopes @ Floydada**
 September 18 7:30 p.m.
 - Shop at Home**
 Spend \$25 with any local business and be eligible to win up to \$250
 Post Area Chamber of Commerce
 September 25 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Chamber Office
 131 E. Main Street
 495-3461 for information
 - Antelopes vs. Lubbock Roosevelt**
 Homecoming
 September 25 7:30 p.m.



Photo by Jerry Taylor
 The Post Antelopes crushed Lamesa 42-0 in the second game of the season to improve to 1-1 on the year. Shown is quarterback Clint Windham (with ball) finding protection in the pocket against Lamesa last Friday night. His blockers are: (from left) Ernie Saldivar (2), Tobe Palmer (75), John Bocko (68), Giles Dalby (32) and Josh Rodriguez (52).

Effects Of 9/11 Still With Us Today

As the anniversary of the terrorist acts on September 11, 2001 in the United States approached, we asked individuals who live and work in Post to share their opinions of how the events of 9/11 have or have not changed their lives or life in the United States. Below are the answers we received.

"We are certainly more security conscious now. And, my brother is in Afghanistan. I'm not sure he would be there if we hadn't experienced 9/11."

Lisa Kirkpatrick, Co-Owner Main Street Mercantile

"After the events of September 11, 2001 what changed with me was a basic outlook on life. It brought home my own mortality. I realized not anything is given in this life and that one needs to tie his ends as he goes, but one must also grasp life and live it as you experience it. It changed my out-



look, briefly...the way I viewed basic kindness of man and I distrusted others, for a bit, because of their [the terrorists] heritage and ethnic background. But, it also tuned me in more to those opinions different than mine. I noticed that it affected us, a nation as a whole, as evidenced by the sudden "If you are not for us you are against us"

attitude and lack of tolerance of others whose beliefs did not coincide with ours.

I believe that 9/11 also taught me the value of not taking the place I live for granted, because all in all, we have been a nation of peace and prosperity, thinking that things like 9/11 happened "to others, not here in the U.S."

Chris Atkinson, Director Garza County Community Recovery Center

"I don't believe 9/11 accomplished what the terrorists intended. I believe they thought 9/11 would disrupt the economic systems of the United States and the Western World. Of course, it did affect our economy, but not to the extent they intended."

Dr. James Bell Retired Minister

"The events of 9-11 certainly made me realize that our freedom cannot be taken for granted. We need to thank God for the people willing to risk their lives to protect what we have in America."

Janice Plummer, Manager Post Area Chamber of Commerce

"I believe the experience of 9/11 continued to feed the fear and insecurity that is one of the hallmarks of the decline of our country."

Scott Richards, Pastor First United Methodist Church

"I don't think 9/11 directly impacted my everyday life; however, it did change my attitude some towards foreigners and made me more cautious. Yet I know this is not good and I realize that you really don't know who a terrorist

SPEAK UP

Budget Issues
 I hope none of our city and county employees think they are guaranteed a job. When it comes to balancing a budget, employee expenses are a big item. I also thought the new county jail was going to be making money for the County.

Politics
 I like Mr. Blackburn's columns better when he stays away from politics. We've got cable tv for that stuff.

Go Bold Gold
 How 'bout those Lopes! Great game, great win. Thanks guys - players and coaches - for a very entertaining evening!

"Speak Up" is a way for readers to send their opinions to the Post Dispatch and have them published each week. No signature is required by the writer; writer identities will be kept anonymous and you can address any topic you want. "Speak Up" comments should not exceed 100 words and the Dispatch staff has the right to edit or refuse to print materials it deems to be inappropriate. Drop your Speak Up comments in the box in the front office of the newspaper or in the mail slot in the front door after hours. You can also email your comments to postcitydispatch@yahoo.com.

Post Notes

Freedom Walk
 Join your child and "Walk for Freedom" on Friday, September 11. Post Elementary classes will be at the track during their assigned P.E. time. Wear red, white and blue to show your patriotism. The elementary P.E. schedule start times: Dawson/Maldonado (K) 8:10 a.m.; McDonald/Reiter (K) 8:37 a.m.; Cox/Norman (1st) 9:05 a.m.; McCook/Short (1st) 9:32 a.m.; Rodriguez/Williams (2nd) 10 a.m.; Dalby/Meyer (2nd) 10:27 a.m.; Grissom/Turk (3rd) 10:55 a.m.; Hardin/Harper (3rd) 11:22 a.m.; all 5th grade classes 1:00 p.m.; Curl/Powell (4th) 1:30 p.m.; Morris/Porter (4th) 1:57 p.m.

Pride of Post Band Booster Club
 The Pride of Post Band Booster Club will meet September 14 at the Band Hall, 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Patriotic Assembly
 The 8th Annual Patriotic Assembly will be presented by Post elementary students Pre-K through 5th grade Wednesday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Post Elementary Auditorium. We would love to have representation from the VFW and all veterans, as well as policemen and women, EMS services, Firemen, Clergy, Civic Workers, and all others who may be interested in listening to our children sing about our country. We welcome everyone to come and enjoy our performance.

Sign Up for Girl Scouts
 Join us for food and fun on Friday, September 11 at 6 p.m. at the Post City Park to learn what Girl Scouts is all about, sign up for a troop and meet troop leaders. Girl Scouting is for all girls in grades K thru 12. If you cannot come to the event and would like to be in a troop, contact Marcy at 806-745-2855 or visit our web site at gs-top.org for more information.

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The Pride of Post Band tuba section prepares for a half-time performance. From left: Matt Tanner, Aaron Norrell, Nathaniel Gill, and Skylar Salas.

Opinions

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The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Paperboy will return next week!

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Saving Money, Saving Lives

By Sen. Rodney Ellis and Sen. Bob Deuell

Texas has a drug problem. But it's not the drug problem that immediately comes to mind. The problem Texas has is with prescription drugs, and their escalating costs. Prescription drug prices are increasing, and some estimates have the costs rising twice as fast as the inflation rate.

But Texas has another problem, and that is a tight state budget. It is no secret that Texas is facing a massive budget shortfall this session. Current projections put this shortfall somewhere between ten and fifteen billion dollars.

Rising costs and less money could leave Texas at a dangerous intersection. How do we ensure our citizens have access to the drugs they need, and how do we do it with limited resources?

The State of Texas spends a majority of its dollars on two budgetary areas; education and health and human services (HHS). There is little taste in Austin, or anywhere in Texas, for cuts to education. As a result, HHS is moved into the budget cutting spotlight.

The state Medicaid program is by far one of the largest and most expensive undertakings of the Health and Human Services Commission. This program uses a mix of state and federal dollars (mostly federal matching funds) to administer what is essentially a health insurance program for Texas' most needy. This safety net is designed to prevent our County Hospitals and Emergency Rooms from becoming overcrowded and broke.

The baseline budget offered by the Health and Human Services Commission and the Department of Human Services includes a 33% across the board cut in Medicaid spending. This cut translates into a reduction of over nine billion dollars in Medicaid across Texas. Included within this figure is a two billion dollar reduction in the Medicaid prescription drug program.

Skyrocketing prescription drug costs combined with large reductions in funding will undoubtedly result in many sick people going without their needed medications. This will result in many of those people ending up in emergency rooms for ailments that could have been treated in a much more cost effective manner through a proper prescription drug regimen.

It is for this reason that a bipartisan approach is being taken in

Austin to design a new to operate the Medicaid Drug Program. Senate Bill 797, the Fair Market Prescription Plan, is a new approach for Texas that will improve access to prescription medications for thousands of Texans, and at the same time save hundreds of millions of dollars.

SB 797 will create a preferred drug list for the State Medicaid program. This list will be designed by a special committee of doctors, pharmacists and consumer representatives called a Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) committee. The P&T committee will decide, based on clinical efficacy, safety, and cost. Those drugs that are not immediately placed on the preferred drug list will have an opportunity to be put on the list by the manufacturer offering the state a lower price for the medication.

If a drug does not make the list right away, it will still be available to those who need it, through a prior approval list. Cancer and HIV drugs, as well as a few other exceptions will not have to go through this process.

This new approach will save the state hundreds of millions of dollars. This money will be used to help save some of the health and human services that the people of Texas rely on daily.

There are some other pieces of legislation being discussed that attempt to address the same problem through different methods. One such approach seeks to privatize this process through a Prescription Benefit Manager. We feel strongly that privatizing this program will only lessen accountability.

Our approach is the only legislation that already has true bi-partisan support, and protects consumers. We are working with the many stakeholders in this area to ensure that nobody is left out of the process. We have welcomed to the table, and heard from doctors, consumers, advocates, and drug companies. This sort of cooperation is of vital importance in major legislation of this nature because it will have an effect Texans' very sustenance.

We know that it is possible to achieve these savings by leveraging the bulk purchasing power of the State of Texas. Smaller states have already begun similar methods and are seeing savings in the millions of dollars. The Federal Government and other public health plans are already saving huge amounts of money on their prescription drugs due to special pricing that they receive from the drug companies. It is time for Texas to do the same.

Senator Rodney Ellis (D-Houston) is chairman of the Senate Government Organization Committee. Senator Bob Deuell (R-Greenville) is a practicing family physician.

White River Water Report 09-08-2009

Gauge Reading - 2347.55
 Feet below spillway - 24.10"
 Rise - 0"
 Rainfall Past Week - .13"
 Rain to Date - 7.54"

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 1,895,475,267 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 17% capacity or 5,817 acre feet. Subtract 36,495,312 MG for evaporation this week in September that leaves 1,858,979,955 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.

Mickey Rogers GM, White River



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



In a rite of passage hundreds of years old, Texas families from Harlingen to Amarillo are hugging their children as they head back to school. This past summer, many parents nostalgically helped their kids complete their required summer reading. Many of us fondly remember discovering Huckleberry Finn and The Hardy Boys while sprawled on the grass on a hot August day.

Research shows that children who read at home with their families often perform better in school. For that reason, I take time out of my busy schedule to read with my own children. I have also enjoyed working with "Reach Out and Read," a non-profit organization that promotes children's literacy in doctors' rooms. While youngsters wait for doctors' appointments with their parents, "Reach Out and

Read" gives them new books, along with advice to their parents about the importance of reading aloud. Each year, the organization distributes over 250,000 books and helps more than 200,000 Texas children enter school prepared for success.

In today's competitive economy, the skills of the next generation will be the foundation for our state's economic growth. We must work together to encourage students to stay in school and make learning a life-long endeavor.

Unfortunately, each year, a third of Texas high school students quit before graduation. Studies show that Texas has one of the highest dropout rates in the nation. Our dropout rate particularly affects lower-income families, including the 2.2 million Texas children whose parents lacked steady

employment in 2007. This figure represents a three percent increase since 2000 and accounts for one third of our state's youth.

Quitting school compounds their challenges. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2005 those who left school earned \$7,200 less than high school graduates and \$28,000 less than college graduates. The Alliance for Excellent Education reports that in July 2009 the unemployment rate was an astronomical 15.4 percent for Texas high school dropouts, compared to 4.7 percent for people with bachelor's degrees or higher. The Alliance estimates that students who dropped out of Texas's Class of 2009 will forfeit more

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Obituaries

Harvey W. Mason

Funeral services for Harvey W. Mason of Cincinnati, OH, and formerly of Post, TX, were held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 5, 2009 at St. Andrew Church, Milford, OH.

Mason died on Sunday, August 30, 2009, following a lengthy illness. He was born to Lester Roy and Eula (Thomas) Mason September 29, 1927 in Post; attended school at Garnolia and graduated as class salutatorian from Post High School in 1945. He spent a year in the U.S. Army in 1946 before enrolling at Texas Technological College, where he earned a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1950. He earned an M.S. in Applied Mechanics from the University of Cincinnati in 1959.

He had a 40-year career with General Electric Corporation and

was employed in the company's Aircraft Engine Business Group in Evendale, OH as a design engineer. He was involved in the design of high-pressure gas turbine engines, including pioneer work with the dovetail twin compressor blade model, which provided GE a competitive footprint in the global commercial and military jet engine business. He developed the compressor blade design for the J-79 engine, which was used in the Phantom F-4 jet fighter and became a benchmark for GE's jet engine design framework. Mason was also involved in the design of multiple GE experimental and production gas turbine engines, and spent much of his career developing and refining the GE CFM-56 engine, which is widely used on commercial airliners built by Boeing and Airbus. He served as manager, CFM56 High Pressure Turbine design.



Hair~Bever's Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Roger D. and Kathy Hair are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Ashley Lynn to William Shane Bevers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Barbe Bevers. The wedding will take place Saturday, September 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Post.



Todd~Whisenhunt to Wed

We have the honor of announcing the upcoming marriage of our daughter, Shyan Todd to Bradley Whisenhunt. Shyan is the daughter of Beth Todd of Post and Randy Todd formerly of Post. Bradley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bart Whisenhunt of Post and the late Ann Melton of Merkel.

EXTENSION EXTRAS

One Day 4-H

One day, this October, Texas 4-H'ers will join together to change their communities 4 the better. What will you do one day? October 10, 2009

Briskets

We still have briskets available that were left over from the rodeo. They are cooked and frozen. They are \$40 and all sales will benefit the 4-H Booster Club. Contact the Extension Office to get yours.

Quiz Bowl

The next meeting will be September 16, 2009 at 4:30-6:00 at the Extension Office.

Rabbit Project

The next meetings will be on September 17, 2009 from 4:00-5:00 OR 7:00-8:00 at Barbara Palmers house. The meetings will be held every Thursday.

Food & Nutrition Project

Anyone who is interested in participating in this project will meet Saturday, September 19 and 26, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will announce the location at a later date. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Health Fair

The Garza County annual Health Fair will be Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Contact the Extension Office to schedule your flu shot.

GCJLA Fundraiser

This event will be held on September 12, 2009 at 6:30 in the Post Cafeteria. Jackpot tickets are on sale now, you may pick yours up at the Extension Office. All 4-H members are encouraged to attend and bring a dessert. If you would like to help decorate, please be at the Cafeteria at 2:00. Auction items may be dropped off at the Extension Office.

State Swine Validation

The deadline to get your orders in for state swine validation tags is September 22, 2009. Please contact the office to purchase yours, they will be \$10 each.

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If I have a dream, it's to be a travel writer. What a cushy adventurous job. How nice to go on a first-class jaunt to an exotic destination and get paid to write about it or be otherwise reimbursed.

Some travel writers wrangle free tickets and lodging - freebies that cast long shadows on their credibility. How could a writer say something negative about a cruise ship experience, even if true, if enjoying a complimentary stateroom with a window to the sea? Maybe I should have said porthole, but I'm not a travel writer.

The top of the heap in travel writing belongs to renowned critics who sustain themselves by penning and publishing objective accounts of the places they visit as they trot the globe. To scale the heap is not my goal but rather to find a toehold somewhere along the way - like maybe the elderly cheapskate niche.

After all, at 62 the senior discounts are coming my way. And I've always been cheap. Those are my credentials.

Now for some tips:
In the first place, you should be 62 or older. If you aren't, all the more time to practice being cheap if you aren't already cheap.

Next, if you live in Texas and want to escape the heat of summer, forget Colorado. Those high elevations stress older hearts. Better to know someone in Michigan with a cabin on a lake. I do.

Even as I pound out these thoughts, my feet are propped up in the living room of my friend Marian's vintage aqua-colored bungalow on Sylvan

Lake. Marian is down at the dock reading "Ahab's Wife" by Sena Jeter Naslund, and my friend Beverly, who joined me in Little Rock, is sleeping off the effects of not being able to sleep on the train.

Train is a key word. Trains are cheap. If you're 62 or older, Amtrak bestows a 15-percent discount. My ticket from Fort Worth to Chicago was such a bargain, less than \$100, that I bought a two-berth roomette for the Little Rock-to-Chicago segment.

It's a nice upgrade if you're not claustrophobic. If you get the upper berth, some agility is required. If there was a ladder, I didn't find it.

Also aboard the Texas Eagle was Pam from Dallas, Michigan-bound to spend time at a friend's cottage on Lake Huron. Her friend Betty joined her en route at Bloomington.

Maybe it was a coincidence that two Texans should be taking almost identical vacations. But as a would-be travel writer, I prefer to think I'm simply at the leading edge of a trend.

Anyway, now that Beverly and I are here at Marian's place, we're helping her close her house before she returns to her husband in New Orleans, who's tied to his job.

Speaking of husbands, mine thought I was due an adventure, bless him.

Speaking of cheap, we're helping Marian by eating everything in the house that's perishable. Final tip:

A sense of purpose adds meaning to any vacation.

Zucchini today, eggs tomorrow.

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Southland News

By Brad Ellison
Principal

Congratulations to Devin Blanton on his success this past weekend at the Kendall County Fair in Boerne:

Devin Blanton
County Fair in Boerne

Kendall County Fair
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Kendall County Fair
Livestock Show
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Three Shows in one day and took two Grand Champions way to go!!!
Congratulations to our coaches and players who won a huge victory on Friday night by beating Jayton 54-8. Way to go guys!!!!
Get after Meadow on Friday.

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK:

- JH Football at Meadow on Thursday at 5:30
- Pep Rally Friday at 2:20

- Football at home Friday night versus Meadow at 7:30
- Cross-Country at Slaton on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.

EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK:

- Homecoming Week activities all week. Dress-up days will be announced by cheerleaders.
- JH football game at Lazbuddie on Thursday at 5:30
- Bonfire beside the Ag. Building beginning at 7:30 pm on Thursday.
- Homecoming meal sponsored by the Juniors beginning at 5:30 on Friday
- Homecoming festivities will take place before the game beginning at 7:10
- Homecoming game versus Lazbuddie beginning at 7:30
- Juniors will also be sponsoring a Homecoming Dance after the game on Friday night.
- Cross-Country at Plainview Saturday morning 8:00 a.m.

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by Traci Freeman

Weather

As of Wednesday morning all we have received is three tenths of an inch of rain on Monday night. We are supposed to have a better chance tonight and tomorrow. Keep praying for the moisture we need.

I know I have told you about the garden we planted out here, it is doing great, except for the squash, it kinda got hit with some chemical that killed it in a hurry. Ha! But we do have tomatoes, peppers, okra, and even some carrots, though they are not ready yet.

News

We want to send out our sympathies to the fam-

ily of Harvey Mason. Harvey passed away last week; he attended school here in Close City for a year. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Robbie Wilke and G.B. Wilke spent Labor Day weekend in Breckenridge with some of their family. Their niece, Jennifer and her family live there. They both said they had a great time, spending most of it at the lake.

Please keep sending those recipes; we are getting more and more every day. This is really going to be a great cookbook; I can't wait to see the finished product. All the proceeds from the cookbook will go directly to the restoration fund for the Close

City School Building. Mail your recipes to 1390 CR 125 Post, TX 79356 or email them to close.city.coop@pcca.com. For more information don't hesitate to give us a call.

Visitors

We have had lots of visitors this week Carroll and Helen Pate of Clovis, N.M. came in last week to visit. Carroll grew up out here a mile east of the gin; Tom Middleton stopped by to weigh some horses; Daymon Ethridge and his daughter Betsy came by for a while; Onieta Gunn and Linda Livingston also stopped in; Jim Ellis and his granddaughter, Emilee came by for a donut on Wednes-

day. Emilee is Tad and Rhianna's daughter.

Get Wells

RayDon Underwood is home and Jana said he is feeling really good. Mary Margaret Norman has been a little under the weather, we wish her a big "get well soon." Ronnie Dunn is doing really well and getting out and about some after his back surgery; Diane Graves had back surgery and is also doing well.

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are Doug and Claudine Tipton and

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Weekly Inspirations

A TRIP TO THE DENTIST

By: Michael F. Taylor

Freddy and Bill walked into the local Dentist office and approached the nice young attendant at the office desk. "Well hello, there", she said with a bright smile upon her face. Bill responded, "Hello to yourself, young lady. I am in dire need of a tooth being pulled." "Certainly, that's what we are here for", she replied. The attendant handed Bill a clip board full of forms and asked him to fill them out and return then to her desk when he was done. She couldn't help but notice that as Bill was going through the forms, he kept mumbling to himself and seemed to become more and more impatient about the process. After about ten minutes of watching his agitation increase after every question that he had to write an answer too, Bill rose to his feet and once again approached her desk. In a slightly huffy voice he said, "Ma'am, this is ridiculous! I need a tooth pulled and I need it pronto. I don't want any laughing gas, or pain killer shots, or anesthetic!! I don't even need the tooth deadened. Just pull this tooth, now. There is an awful lot of pain." "Fine Sir", she quipped back, slightly ruffled herself now. "Will this be cash or insurance and what tooth is it?", she inquired. "Why, I don't know, Ma'am." Bill answered back quickly looking at his friend. "Freddy, show her your tooth!"

Just as in the illustration, isn't it interesting how many times we are so ready to take the hard road in life or the path of difficulty, as long as we are talking about someone else! And yet Paul encourages us in 1 Thessalonians " 2 We sent Timothy, who is our brother and God's fellow worker in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, 3 so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. You know quite well that we were destined for them. 4 In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know. 5 For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent Timothy to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter might have tempted you and our efforts might have been useless.

6 But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love. He has told us that you always have pleasant memories of us and that you long to see us, just as we also long to see you. 7 Therefore, brothers, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith. 8 For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. 9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? 10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith."

In my Christian walk I can't tell you how many times I've heard people say things such as "I'm ready to die for Jesus" when all along all He is really asking them to do is to "Live for Jesus." And quite frankly, it is not as burdensome a life as you might believe. In fact Jesus teaches us in Matthew Chapter 11, 28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Isn't it wonderful to know that Jesus Christ is telling us in His Word to Come to Him if you are tired and weary. If we are burdened and beaten down by the problems of this life and don't know where to turn, He is assuring us that in Him we will find rest and peace! And, even more than that, Jesus is telling us that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Now don't get me wrong, we are still going to have to face the storms of this life, but the wonderful news is that we no longer face them without Jesus to calm the waters when the hurricanes of life assail us. God bless each of you this week and look out for that dreaded trip to the dentist.

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Antelopes Post First Win 42-0 Over Lamesa

By Jim Plummer
Sports Writer

The Post varsity football team ruined homecoming for the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes. When will they learn proper football etiquette? At least let the home team score. The Bold Gold built on a good performance in the previous game loss to Sundown to devastate the Tors 42-0.

Every which way you looked each Post player, including the back-ups, gave his all from running the ball to receiving, to downfield blocking, to a smothering defense. As Head Coach Chris Jones put it "we thought we played well in all three phases of the game. We were excited to post a shutout and play together as a unit on defense."

Here's how it happened:

First Quarter

For the second week in a row, the Lopes received the opening kickoff and ended the first possession of the game with a touchdown that set the tone for the game. "I think that the fake punt for a TD on 4th down...may have been the spark that really got us going. That got all the players fired up and both the offense and defense fed off of that energy," said Coach Billy Hardin, Offensive Coordinator. With Reed Williams in punt formation, the long snapper Aaron James short snapped

it to backfield blocker Easton Mathis who proceeded through a large hole in the line to go untouched 30 yards to the end zone. Williams made good on the point after attempt: Lopes 7, Tors 0.

The second Post possession started at Lopes 38 yard line and turned into another 7 points highlighted by a 20 yard pass reception from Clint Windham to Jacob Perez. Full back Giles Dalby topped off the drive with a two yard touchdown run. Williams followed with the kick: Lopes 14, Tors 0.

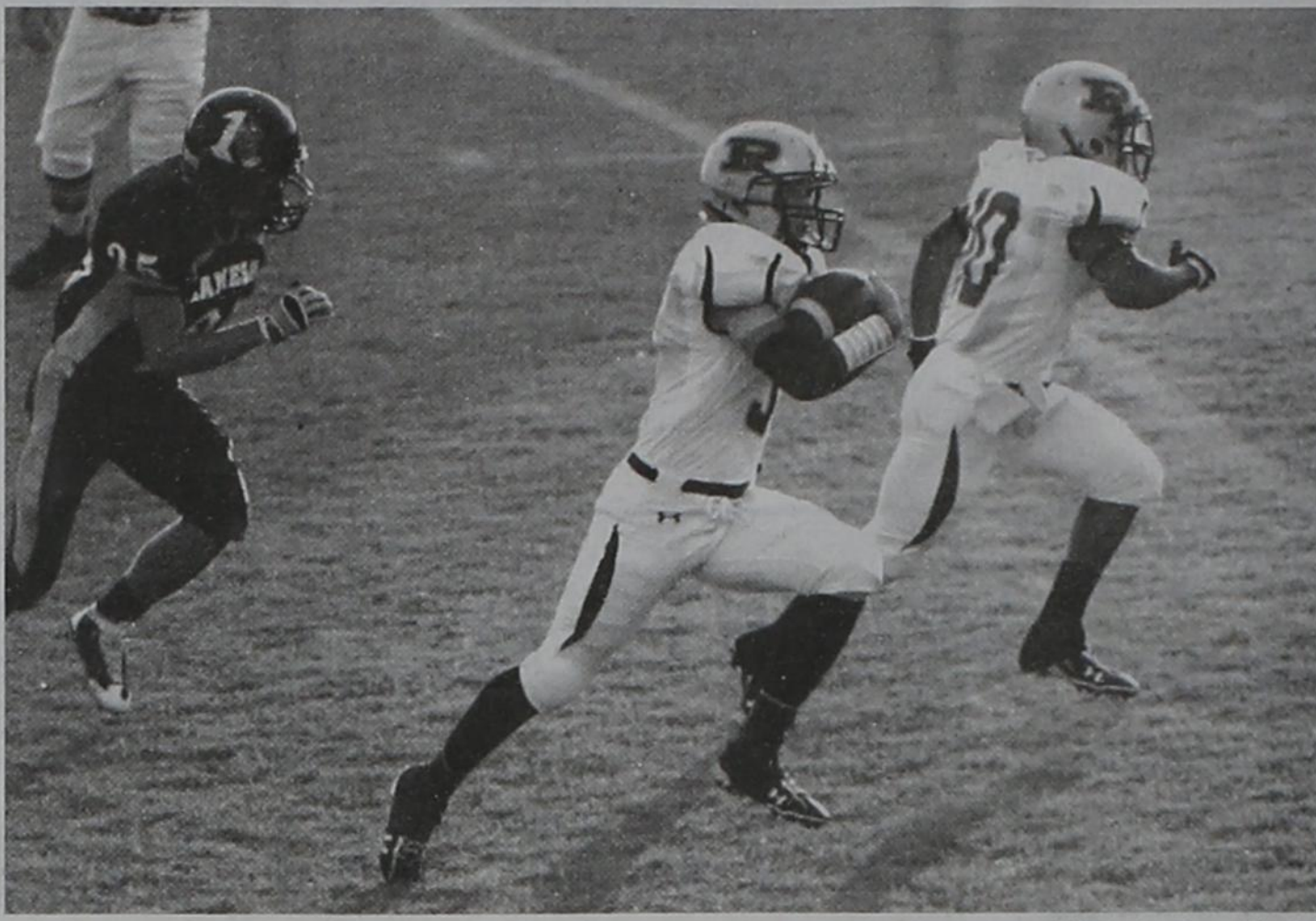
Second Quarter

Post carried a possession from the first quarter into the second and soon after M.J. Wynne was on the receiving end of a 39-yard pass from Windham for another Antelope touchdown. Williams with his third kick: Lopes 21, Tors 0.

Two plays after the kickoff, Aaron James intercepted a Lamesa tipped pass giving the ball back to Post to start another scoring drive at the Tornadoe's 23 yard line. A couple of plays later, James caught a ten yarder in the end zone from Windham for the Lopes fourth touchdown of the first half. Williams kicked his fourth 1 pointer: Lopes 28, Tors 0.

Third Quarter

Lamesa received the kick-off



Ethan Mathis runs for a long gainer for the Antelopes against Lamesa. M.J. Wynne (10) helps clear a path.

and completed a 66-yard drive to the two yard line. Defensive Coordinator Jay Hellums thought the highlight of the game for the players was "shutting Lamesa out and the goal line stand to start the 3rd." The Tornadoes tried four times to score from the two, but to no avail.

The Lopes took just seven running plays to reach the south end zone 98 yards away when Easton Mathis capped off the drive with a 70 yard scamper lead by quarterback Clint Windham's downfield blocking. Williams' fifth kick: Lopes 35, Tors 0.

Fourth Quarter

After stopping Lamesa from converting a fourth and short distance for a first down, the Antelopes started at the Tornadoes 35. On the sixth running play, junior back-up fullback Chase Greathouse carried the ball in from the 3 yard line for his first touchdown of the season. Williams kicked the point after attempt. Final: Lopes 42, Tors 0.

The Antelopes dominated the game and evened their non-district record to 1 win, 1 loss. Amongst the fine play by all, I watched Clint Windham give a clinic on downfield blocking.

The feisty quarterback sacrificed bumps and bruises when leading his talented running backs into the secondary knocking down would be tacklers to spring Lope runners for extra yards. It's not often you see a quarterback do that.

Sidelines

The "D&D Winco2 Antelope Player of the Game" award was shared by running back Easton Mathis and defensive lineman Josh Rodriguez. Mathis led the team in rushing and scored two touchdowns while filling in for the injured starter Ernie Saldivar. Rodriguez rallied the defensive line in achieving the team's goal of shutting down Lamesa's star quarterback Daveonn Thomas. The honors were announced during the post game on LoneStarSportsRadio.com.

See "Antelope Profiles" and meet Luis Duran, Chase Greathouse, Aaron James and Coaches Billy Hardin and Chris Lackey.

No game tonight. So, plan on traveling to Floydada next Friday, September 18.

If you can't make the trip, join Allen Grisham and me for the live web cast on LoneStarSportsRadio.com. Log onto the web site, click on the Post helmet then click LISTEN LIVE. God willing we'll start the pre-game at 7:10 P.M.

The Antelope Booster Club has hired a professional photographer to video the varsity games with voice over from the Antelope web cast team. Call Donny Windham at (806) 629-4458 to find out about getting your DVD copies.

If you have any comments about the game web casts or anything else Antelopes, send it to boldgold@poka.com

Post (42) vs. Lamesa (0)
(September 4, 2009)
Post 14 14 7 7 - 42
Lamesa 0 0 0 0 - 0
Team Statistics (Unofficial)

	Post	Lamesa
First Downs	15	1
Rushing Yards	367	11
Passing Yards	69	85
Comp-att-Int	3-7-0	11-16-1
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties	3-30	1-15

Post Individual Statistics (Unofficial)

RUSHING: Mathis 12-157, Dalby 13-106, Greathouse 10-58, Windham 8-19, Wynne 1-15, Saldivar 2-10.

PASSING: Windham, 3-7-2 - 69

RECEIVING: Wynne 1-39, J. Perez 1-20, James 1-10

DISTRICT 3-AA STANDINGS

After Week 1 (non-district)

TEAM	W	L	PF	PA	Week 1 Outcome
Shallowater	2	0	89	13	beat Crosbyton (47-0)
Roosevelt	2	0	66	25	beat Brownfield (28-13)
Denver City	2	0	57	0	beat Tahoka (36-0)
Slaton	2	0	35	22	beat Eldorado (26-22)
Littlefield	1	1	70	20	lost to Friona (20-14)
Post	1	1	66	33	beat Lamesa (42-0)
Idalou	1	1	34	7	beat Levelland (28-0)
Abernathy	0	2	33	49	lost to Canadian (35-16)

Legend: W (Wins), L (Losses), PF (Points For), PA (Points Against)



Bold Gold quarterback Clint Windham holds off a Lamesa defender. The Antelopes beat the Golden Tornadoes 44 to 0.

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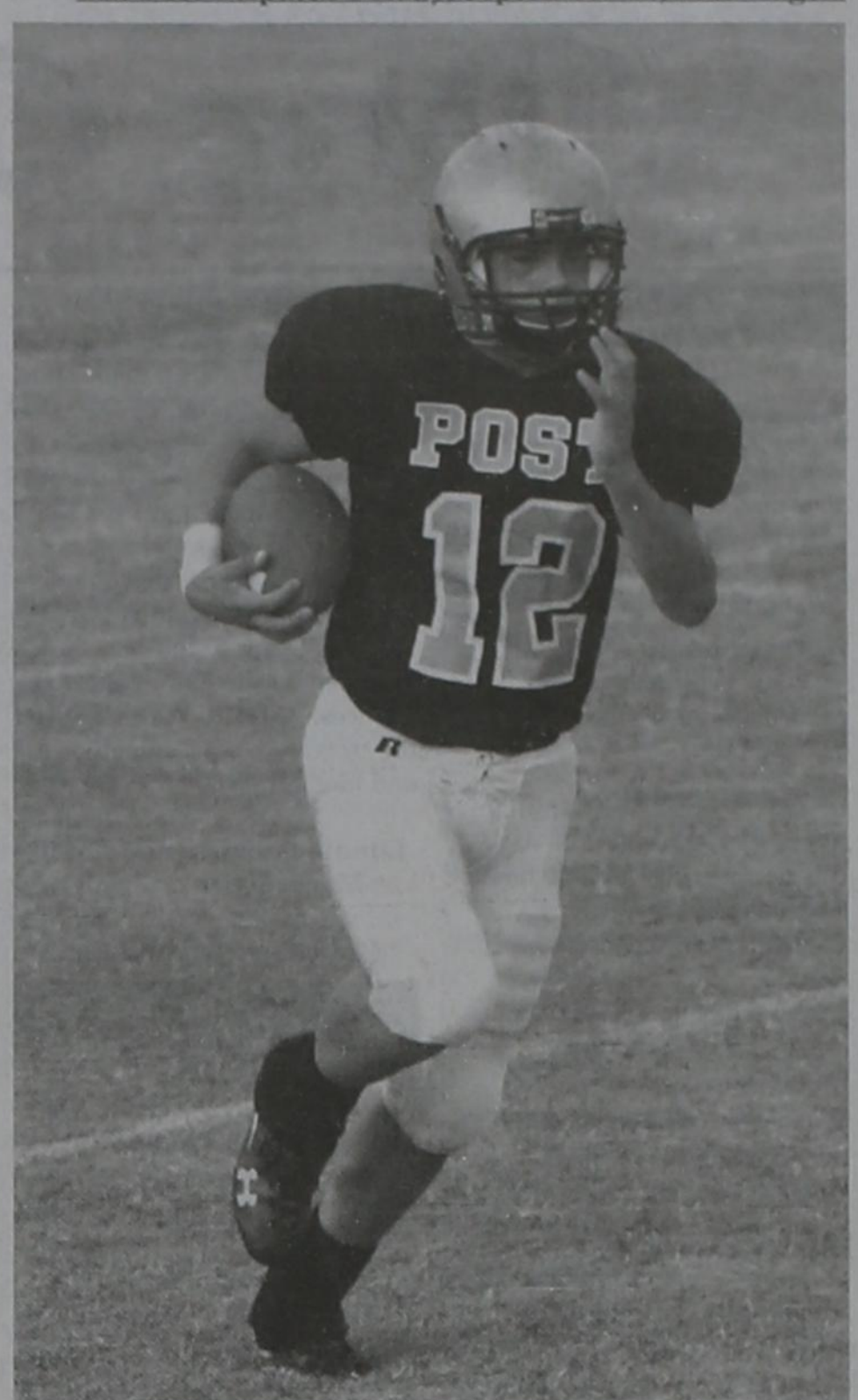
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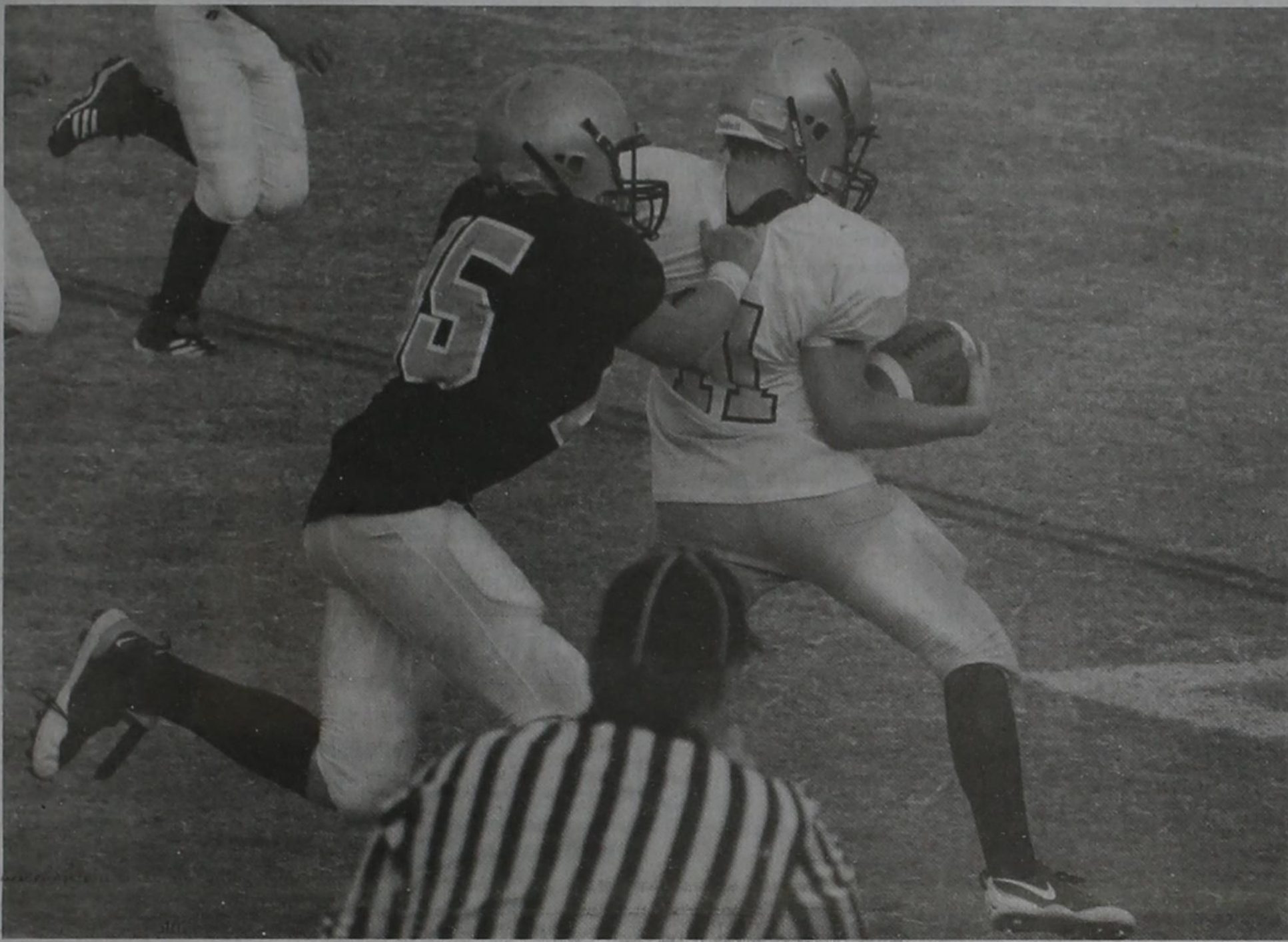
Ernie Saldivar carries the ball as Tobe Palmer (75), Giles Dalby (32) and Clint Windham (22) provide room to run.

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JV Quarterback Aaron Macy runs the ball against Lamesa.

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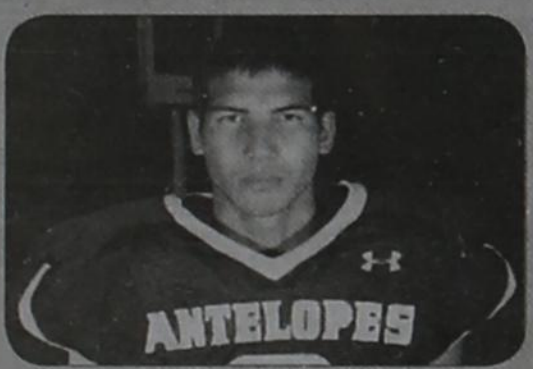


Nathan Gill makes a downfield tackle during the JV game against Lamesa.

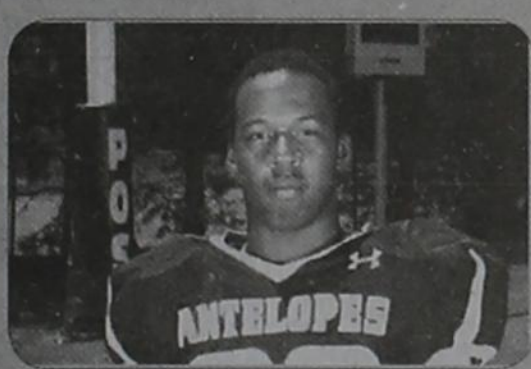
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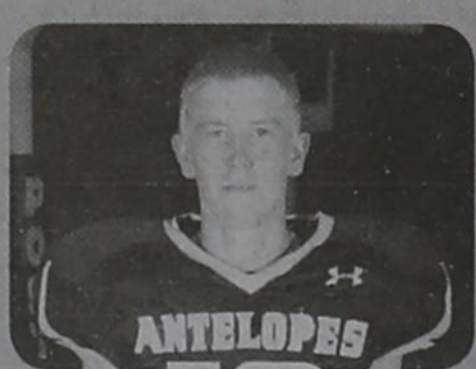
Antelope Profiles



Luis "D-Ran" Duran (8), son of Lina Rodriguez and Luis Duran, Sr., is a senior and plays wide receiver on offense and cornerback on defense. His preferred school subject is History and plans to go to college after high school. Luis's favorites are: college team-UT Longhorns, pro team-Dallas Cowboys, college athlete-Colt McCoy, pro athlete-Terrence Newman, food-chalupas, music-hip hop and R-n-B, and musical artist-Eminem.



Chase "Butch" Greathouse (29), son of Gloria Curtis and Ricky Graves, is a junior and plays fullback on offense and strong safety on defense. Chase doesn't have a preferred school subject and plans to attend college after high school. His favorites are: college team-OU Sooners, pro team-Dallas Cowboys, college athlete-Chris Brown, pro athlete-Terrell Owens (T.O.), food-pizza, music-(anything), and musical artist-Lil' Wayne.



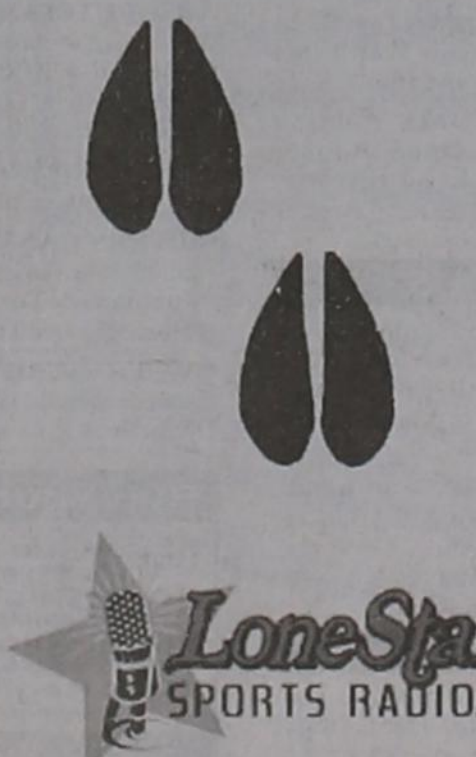
Aaron "A.J." James (18), son of Kevin and Stephanie James, is a senior and plays wide receiver on offense and free safety on defense. Aaron doesn't have a preferred school subject and plans to attend college and get a job after high school. Aaron's favorites are: college team-TTU Red Raiders, pro team-Indianapolis Colts, college athlete-Colt McCoy, pro athlete-Larry Fitzgerald, food-(don't have one), music-(anything that sounds good), and musical artist-Nickelback.



Coach Billy J. Hardin is starting his 8th year of coaching, his second at Post. He is the football offensive coordinator and the head baseball coach. He played football, basketball and baseball at Llano High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University and now teaches high school Economics. His favorite coaches are: college-Darrell Royal, pro-Tom Landry. Billy and wife Kelly just delivered their third child Barrett.



Coach Chris Lackey is starting his 2nd year of coaching, his first at Post. He coaches the free safety and receivers positions and will coach basketball and track. He played football, basketball and ran track at Trinity Christian. He attended Texas Tech University and the University of North Texas. He now teaches Physical Education. His favorite coaches are: college-Spike Dykes, pro-Mike Ditka.



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than \$34.6 billion they could have earned over their lifetimes if they had stayed in school.
For the U.S. to remain the leader

of the global economy, we must bolster our national education system. And for Texas to thrive and nurture the best and the brightest, that process must start at the local level.
Just as families can encourage

reading among children, communities can work to revitalize their own neighborhoods if provided more local control and flexibility. In the Senate I have supported efforts to help communities offer services like literacy and job train-

ing.
These programs help adults as well as youths. The National Adult Literacy Survey estimates that 90 million American adults lack basic literacy skills. Adult education programs provide the skills Americans need to obtain good jobs.
Our state shines as the home of the Texas Book Festival, founded in 1995 by our most beloved librarian, former First Lady Laura Bush. Held annually each autumn in Austin, it has evolved into one of the nation's foremost literary gatherings. It also spawned the National Book Festival, which will celebrate its ninth annual installment on September 26. Founded in partnership with our nation's Library of Congress, the National Book Festival promotes literacy for fans of all genres. As an avid reader who has loved history books and biographies since I was a young girl, I was delighted to participate as an author in the National Book Festival in 2006 and 2008, and in the Texas Book Festivals as well.
School children often ask me for my own favorite book and poem. It's hard to pinpoint just one of each, but I do admire T.R. Fehrenbach's Lone Star: a History of Texas and the Texans, as well as a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson, called "A Nation's Strength."
"What makes a nation's pillars high
And its foundations strong?
What makes it mighty to defy
The foes that round it throng?...
Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others fly...
They build a nation's pillars deep
And lift them to the sky."
What stirring words! Nowadays, one of my favorite reading materials is mail from my constituents throughout our state. I receive more than 20,000 letters and emails from Texans each week - over one million per year! Your feedback helps me better represent Texas, and I am grateful for your suggestions. Please keep it coming -- and keep reading!

Gov. Perry: Veterans Strengthen and Enrich Our State
Signs SB 297, SB 93 to assist veterans and their families with higher education

CORPUS CHRISTI - Gov. Rick Perry today ceremonially signed Senate bills (SB) 297 and 93, which significantly strengthens Texas' commitment to veterans and their families by enhancing their ability to apply their hard-earned educational benefits at Texas colleges and universities.

"Military service places unique demands on the men and women in uniform and their families, and as home to the second most active military duty families in the nation, Texas owes it to them to support their families and welcome them honorably when they return," Gov. Perry said. "Last year, I called on the legislature to extend in-state tuition rates to eligible veterans, and Senate Bill 297 not only grants that request, but also extends that benefit to the spouses and children of our eligible veterans, and waives tuition completely for the children of Texas residents who have been deployed."
SB 297 provides in-state tuition for veterans who are eligible for federal education benefits, and to their spouses and children. The bill also provides a tuition exemption for dependent children whose parent is a Texas resident deployed on active duty

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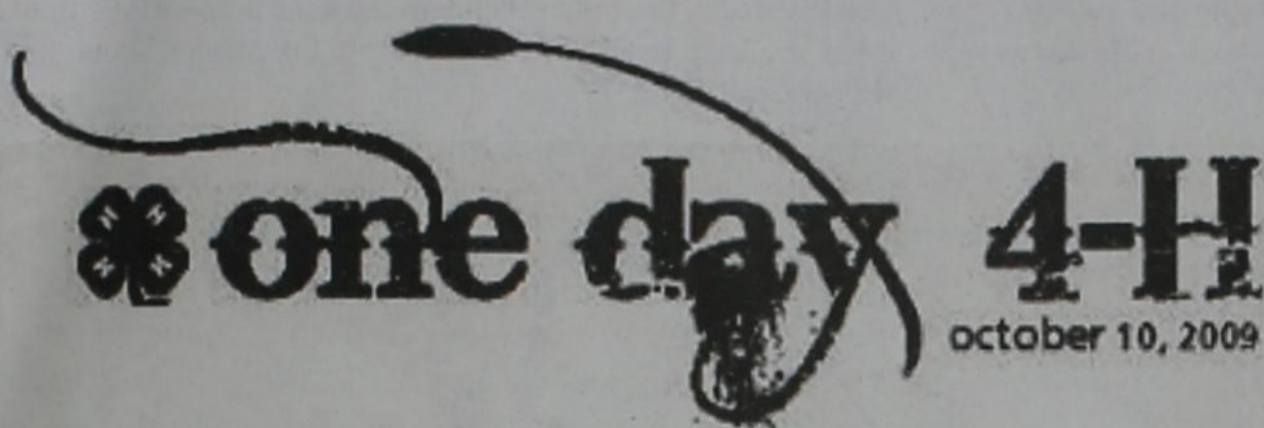
SB 93 makes three important changes to the Hazelwood Act, which allows eligible veterans, their children and spouses to receive an exemption from the payment of tuition and most fees for up to for up to 150 semester credit hours of state-supported classes at colleges and universities:

- Allows the spouse of a service member who was killed in action, died while in service, is missing in action, whose death was caused by a service-connected illness or injury, or who became totally disabled for employment purposes as a result of a service-related injury to claim the Hazelwood Exemption.

- Creates the Hazelwood Legacy Act, requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to allow veterans who are eligible for the Hazelwood Exemption to waive their rights to any unused portion of their maximum hours and transfer it to their child.

- Clarifies eligibility criteria for the Hazelwood Exemption.

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August 14 - Voda Beth Grady

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Man or Myth?

Johnny Applesseed was:

- a. A missionary
- b. A myth
- c. A war hero
- d. A "Rambo" kind of guy

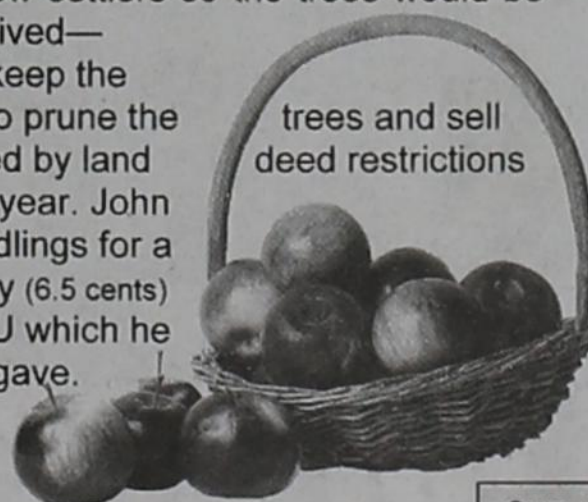
Laura Craig

John Chapman was born in Leominster, Massachusetts September 28, 1774. He made his livelihood as an orchardist planting apple trees from MA to the Ohio River Valley. The well loved eccentric was indeed called **Johnny Applesseed**. As stories spread about Chapman's kind and generous nature his life took on mythical proportions. Some based on truth. Some comical: the stew pot on his head was more likely a simple felt hat. During the **War of 1812**, patriot Chapman used his backwoods skills as a scout to warn settlers of impending attacks. One famous night he ran 25 miles (or so the story goes) to warn out-of-the-way cabins of a recent Indian attack and threatening British war ships in the harbor. So what does "Rambo" have to do with a gospel spreading nurseryman who planted apple orchards? **Read on.**

Contrary to popular myth, Chapman did not just travel along, with bulging pockets, randomly scattering apple seeds. He purchased land and planted orchards. Before moving to a new location—often just ahead of new settlers so the trees would be ready and waiting when they arrived—Chapman built crude fences to keep the critters out. Later, he returned to prune the seedlings. Settlers were required by land to plant fifty apple trees the first year. John sold seedlings for a frip'penny (6.5 cents) or an IOU which he often forgave.



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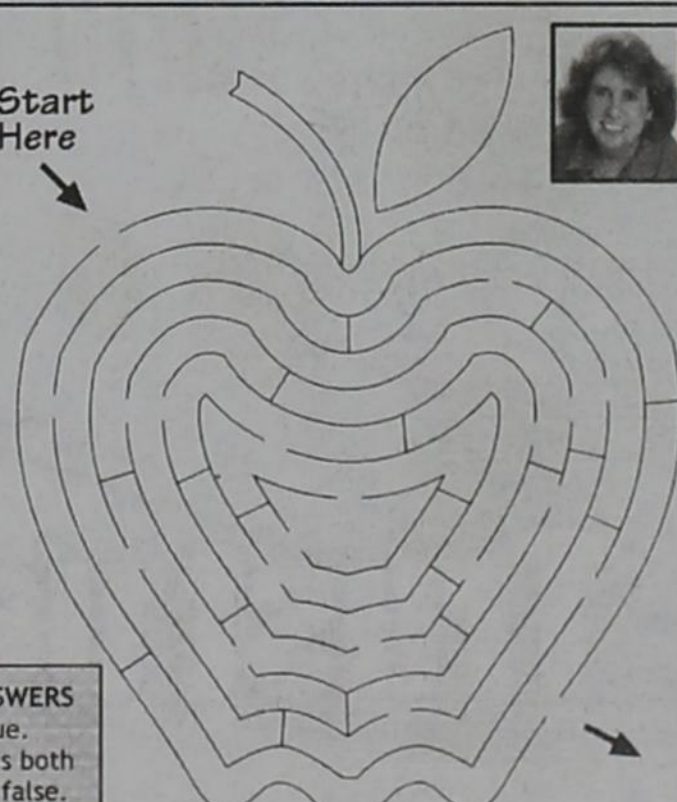
trees and sell deed restrictions

Bibles & Books

Chapman was a devout Christian, always ready to share The Bible: "News fresh from Heaven."

Chapman also shared books with backwoods settlers. Sometimes he simply tore out chapters trading out for new pages the next time he passed through.

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QUIZ ANSWERS
All true.
C - Myth is both true and false.



The type of apple Johnny Applesseed planted was a tart green variety called Rambo.



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A Glimpse of "The Spirit of Folk Art" at the OS Museum

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

The current exhibit at the OS Museum in Post provides an enchanting glimpse of the archeology of many different cultures from around the world.

The organization of the exhibit provides an uncomplicated, educational experience for museum visitors. "Each window exhibits examples of certain cultures," said Marie Neff, Director of the museum. And, every piece in each exhibit is thoroughly documented in the Summer Exhibit catalogue that makes a rewarding, self-guided tour possible.

One window exhibit, #4, focuses on local archeological finds including Garza County arrowheads from Mrs. Neff's private collec-

tion. The pottery in this exhibit was donated to the Museum by the Rev. Malcom Neyland. According to the museum catalog, the "mostly utilitarian and some decorated" pottery in this exhibit is primarily Caddo, Casa Grande, Southwestern New Mexico and Rio Grande.

Other items on display in Window #4 include a small Folsom Point found in a playa lake in Lubbock County; Clovis man and Plainview points found in Garza County; and a "desert dwellers" pot found in a cave in New Mexico.

As one attempts to describe just one of the 13 exhibit windows, it becomes very clear that the only way to experience the vast beauty and knowledge presented at the OS Museum is to visit often. Other windows in the current exhibit express the archeological culture of the Southwest, India, and the Huichol tribe of Indians in Mexico as well as Central Africa, and Alaska.

In October, the museum will begin a transition to its Christmas exhibit; however, window exhibit #4 will remain intact through October in observance of Texas Archeological Month. Neff emphasized that during the transition between exhibits, the museum remains open to visitors.

The OS Museum is housed in the building C. W. Post built for his Land and Cattle Company. Giles and Louise McCrary own the building and OS collection. Museum exhibits are presented for the enjoyment and enlightenment of visitors at no cost.

The museum, located upstairs at 201 E. Main and Avenue I, is open 10 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. The museum is on the second floor of the building and there is an elevator to make access available to all visitors. For more information about the OS Museum, call 495-3570.



Marie Neff, Director of the OS Museum points to one of the colorful exhibits that is part of the current museum presentation "The Spirit of Folk Art." Photo by Rosa Latimer



Among the archeological exhibits at the OS Museum are local points from the collection of Marie Neff. The gray flint triangular point is a Garza bird point. Photo by Rosa Latimer

"The Baptist" Resumes Performances This Weekend

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

The Ragtown Gospel Theater will resume regular performances of "The Baptist" this weekend with a 7:30 p.m. performance Friday, September 11 and a 3:00 p.m. presentation Saturday, September 12.

"The Baptist" features Glen Polk in the riveting role of John the Baptist. The original Biblical drama was written by Chip Polk. According to the Ragtown web site, this story of John the Baptist "weaves

together humor and humanity to create a surprising and unforgettable portrait of the enigmatic prophet." The cast of "The Baptist" is also the largest assembled on the Ragtown stage.

This production will continue through October 17, which leaves barely a dozen more opportunities to see "The Baptist." The only remaining Sunday performance of this drama will be October 4 at 3 p.m.

Visit ragtown.com for more information or to make reservations, or call 1-877-RAGTOWN.

Graham Chapel Methodist Plans Special Service Sunday

The Graham Chapel Methodist Church will have singer David House as a special guest Sunday, September 13. Services begin at 11 a.m.

According to his web site, David House is a Texas soloist who offers a variety of beautifully orchestrated songs ranging from upbeat Country and Southern

Gospel to songs with a choir and harmony back-up sound. The baritone "sings straight from the heart of his journey with God and offers answers to daily questions of a daily walk. He shares his hope and encouragement to all who hear through his well crafted lyrics and songs."

You are encouraged to come and enjoy "the smooth, baritone qualities of a heart set free to worship." A love offering will be taken and House will have his CDs and t-shirts for sale after the service. Call 806-549-1400 for more information about this special worship service at Graham Chapel Methodist Church.

Shop at Home Event a Win/Win for Post

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

In an effort to help Post and Garza County residents get into the habit of shopping locally whenever possible and to also help boost local sales and sales tax, the Post Area Chamber of

Commerce will sponsor its first "Shop at Home" day September 25.

On that Friday, anyone who spends at least \$25 at any Garza County business can bring their receipts by the Chamber office and draw for prizes. The big prize is \$250 cash; however, the Chamber has "sweetened the pot" with another \$250 in smaller cash amounts. "The Chamber is donating the cash," said Janice Plummer, PACC Manager. "However, local businesses are also contributing coupons and special offers for the drawing."

"The Chamber sees this as a win/win experience. We hope our local businesses will experience a

boost in sales that day and as a result we'll collect a little more sales tax into our local economy," Plummer continued. "We also hope the long-term affect will be that Post and Garza County residents will realize how important it is to shop locally."

Plummer also emphasized that any \$25 (or more) purchase from any Post or Garza County business qualifies for the drawing. The event is not restricted to Chamber members only.

If your business would like to provide coupons or other types of "give-aways" for the drawing or if you want more information, call the Chamber office, 495-3461.

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Post Masonic Lodge #1058 A.F. & A.M. honored two 60-year members, Bob Collier and Glen Norman in a special ceremony on September 3, 2009. Following the ceremonies there was an EA degree for Doug Flanigan, grandson of Glen Norman. The Post Masonic Lodge will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2012. Honoree Collier stated that his father was one of the first officers of the Lodge. Post Masonic Lodge meets the 2nd Thursday of each month for dinner at 6:30 p.m. with a meeting following. Some of the participants in the ceremony were (from left): Dave Tyler and Daniel Yarbro (back); Doug Flanigan, Glen Norman, Lee Norman and Bob Collier (front).

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