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Former Post resident loses life in train collision

Eva Ruth Moravec
Courtesy of the San Antonio Express

News of a beloved agriculture teacher's death traveled quickly late Saturday from railroad tracks near the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, where the teacher was killed, to Idalou, a small town near Lubbock where he taught.

Danny Gunn, 49, had just dropped off a trailer at a parking lot near Interstate 35 and Rittiman Road around 2:40 p.m. Saturday, when he collided with a northbound Union Pacific train on a private crossing, according to UP spokeswoman Raquel Espinoza-Williams.

Gunn, who taught agriculture at Idalou's K-12 school, along with another teacher and several parents had accompanied about 15 students on the annual trip to the rodeo to show heifers, pigs and steer, the district's superintendent said.

"It was a tragic situation," Espinoza-Williams said. "The fact that he was supporting

his students out of town on his personal time speaks volumes. We're praying for his family and friends in this difficult time."

The intersection didn't have crossing arms, Espinoza-Williams said, but was equipped with stop signs and railroad crossing signs. For some reason, Gunn drove a green Chevrolet pickup around a trailer that was stopped in his lane.

Officials said the trailer's driver had heard a noise and had stopped to check something in his vehicle.

Even though the trailer was parked in his lane, "Mr. Gunn still had a clear view and could see the stop sign. We're not sure why Mr. Gunn did not acknowledge the train," Espinoza-Williams said, adding the train's whistle did sound.

The father of one of Gunn's students arrived on the scene shortly after the crash occurred, but he declined to comment when reached Sunday at the rodeo's swine barn. Several students wore

green-and-yellow ribbons, the colors for the 900-student school, as they prepared their animals to be shown.

Espinoza-Williams could not recall another fatal train crash that's ever taken place during the 18-day rodeo. The northbound train was headed to Hearne, she said, and the speed limit on the tracks is 40 mph. Espinoza-Williams said the train's speed was not a factor in the crash.

Jim Waller, Idalou ISD superintendent, said Gunn was well known in the tight-knit community. For six of the past seven years, the Idalou agriculture program won state awards, Waller said, and was a national reserve champion at least once.

"He was a tremendous man with a great deal of integrity and work ethic, and he'll be extremely missed," Waller said. "He's a very hard-working individual who sets high expectations for our program."

As word of Gunn's accident spread, parents already on their way home from showing

heifers called Waller to offer to turn around and head back to San Antonio. Later Saturday, Waller began to field phone calls from superintendents of surrounding districts, also offering to help.

"They said that their ag teachers would take care of the animals and kids, all we had to do was ask," Waller said. "The great thing about West Texas is in a time of tragedy and loss, everybody comes to your aid. That helps with the grieving process."

The father of three, Gunn's eldest daughter and son attend Texas A&M University, Waller said. His youngest son is a senior at Lubbock's Monterey High School, where Gunn's wife Belinda teaches math.

Waller said Gunn's relatives were "really struggling" Sunday morning, and visitors' vehicles lined their driveway. District officials were set to meet Sunday afternoon to craft a support plan for Idalou students and staff, all of whom are expected back in class Monday.

A Place to Call Home



By Darren Weaver
Contributing Correspondent

The sign says it all. And just as the sun shines down upon the central fixture in this warm community, that same light of warmth and welcome shines through its residents. Post is not your typical small sleepy town. The town has a proud heritage to which the residents cling tightly, and a unique atmosphere that makes a person comfortable when they arrive. But don't let the size of Post fool you. Although the population may be small compared to Lubbock and other larger cities, Post strives to serve its citizens in a way that only a local, hometown community can.

market cornered on personal service.

Face-to-face business has become much a thing of the past. Unfortunately, there is a great lack of service in customer service these days. It is refreshing to see business owners actually in their stores, sitting behind the counter, or working alongside their employees. I have met more people in the city of Post in less than a year than I have met in Lubbock in 17 years, and most of them are associated with work right here in the community. It is pleasant to walk into a place of business and speak to a person associated locally with that business instead of waiting on hold for long minutes, then trying to speak to someone that doesn't even live on the same continent.

As for friendliness, the people of Post have made an art of living in a small town. Just walking from one establishment back to my vehicle, I had two local Post residents whom I have met through various paths wave at me in greeting. It is that very warmth and friendliness that is face of Post, and I am glad to be a part of that shared warmth. Seeing those friendly faces makes one feel welcome and at ease even while the rest of the world shuffles about in a barely-

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Sydney Jones Signs with LCU



Pictured are Sydney Jones, sitting. Standing (l-r) are Darren Hays, Christina and Lane Jones. Lady Lope Sydney Jones signed on to play softball for Lubbock Christian University starting with the 2012 season. The high school senior committed to attend LCU at a scheduled ceremony Wednesday, February 16th at the Post High School library. LCU softball coach Darren Hays was present along with many of Sydney's softball teammates, coaches and her parents Lane and Christina Jones. Jones is playing her final season with Post. See more on PostSportsPage.com.

Dog of the Week

This is Mattie and Mia, female Border Collies. They are about 10 weeks old and very loveable. To adopt one of these adorable puppies, contact the Post Animal Refuge Center at Postarc@yahoo.com or on facebook at Post Arc



Post Notes

Gunn Children Scholarship Fund

A memorial scholarship fund has been established to honor Danny Gunn and benefit his children.

Donations can be made to the: Gunn Children's Scholarship at Lone Star Bank, 2499 74th St., Lubbock, TX 79423.

Baseball and softball coach.

If you are interested in coaching, umpiring, or volunteering for the upcoming Post Little League season for baseball or softball, we will be having sign ups on February 21st at Citizens Bank from 5:00pm - 7:00pm.

Merchants Association to meet February 22nd

Post Merchants Association will meet at 7:00 pm February 22nd at Texas Treasures. Businesses are owners welcomed to attend. Merchants interested in joining can contact Sue Trammel or Richard. Memberships are \$50.00 a year for those merchants interested in joining.

Brown Bag Book Talk

Friday, Feb. 25 bring your lunch to The Heritage House

and talk about books! Peggy Ashley will lead the informal discussion. You'll hear about new books, old favorites and enjoy time shared with others. We'll begin at noon and end no later than 12:50. The Book Talk group will meet the last Friday of every month. Call 495-4148 (The Heritage House) or 990-2149 (Post City Library), for more information.

22nd Annual Mayors' Beans and Cornbread Luncheon

Hospice of Lubbock will host the 22nd annual Mayors' Beans and Cornbread Luncheon on Friday, March 4. This luncheon will raise funds and community awareness. Hospice of Lubbock, serving 19 area counties, is our regions ONLY non-profit adult and pediatric hospice. General Admission is \$10. Recognition Business Tables are \$1,500 for 8 people. For more information please call Lindsay Webb at 762-6020.

The Stitchin' Club to meet

The Stitchin' Club will meet at The Heritage House the first and third Thursday night, 6 to 7:30 p.m. and the

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Trailblazers Menu

Feb 21st - Feb 25th		
Monday	Hamburger Steak, Broccoli, Ranch Potatoes, Roll, Fruit	Lemon Pepper Chicken, Mix Vegetable, Rice, Biscuit, Mandarin Cake
Beef Enchiladas, Mexican Hominy, Salad, Mexican Wedding Cake	Wednesday Tacos, Refried Beans, Rice, Salad, Fruit Salad	Friday Brisket, Beans, Potato Salad, Roll, Banana Pudding
Tuesday	Thursday	

Southland ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu for February 21- February 25	Friday Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Burrito, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk
Monday Holiday	Lunch Menu for February 21 - February 25	Thursday BBQ Chicken, Au gratin Potatoes, Peas, Hot Roll, Pears, Milk
Tuesday Pancakes, Bacon, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Monday Holiday	Friday BBQ on a Bun, Corn on the Cob, Baked Chips, Pickles, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Tuesday Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrot Coins, Fruit, Milk	Wednesday
Thursday Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Wednesday	

Post ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu February 21st - February 25th	Milk	Pizza, Salad, Corn, Peaches, Milk
Monday Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk	Friday Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Wednesday Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Cherry Bar, Milk
Tuesday Pop Tarts, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk	Lunch Menu February 21st - February 25th	Thursday Fajita Chicken over Rice, Broccoli & Cheese, Seasoned Corn, Bread Sticks, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday Oatmeal, Bacon, Toast, Fruit, Milk	Monday Burrito, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit Choice, Sugar Cookie, Milk	Friday Popcorn Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Chilled Pears, Milk
Thursday Donut, Sausage Link, Fruit,	Tuesday	

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

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

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4	8	9	3	1	7	2	5	6

ANSWER:

United Supermarkets

Obituary

BERNICE COCKRUM

Bernice Cockrum Obituary Services for Bernice Cockrum, 94, of Ballinger, formerly of Seminole, were Friday in Post. She died Tuesday, Feb. 8, in Ballinger.

Bernice was born Aug. 5, 1916, in Lynn County. She was the last surviving child of 13 born to John B. and Josie Hudman. She was a graduate of Post High School and married Jack Cockrum on Sept. 30, 1933.

The Cockrums lived in Post, Tahoka, Chicago, and Franklin, Ind., and were residents of Seminole for more than 50 years before moving to Ballinger in 1992 to be near their daughter and family. Jack died Oct. 18, 1998.

They were parents of a daughter, Neica Jo, who died shortly after birth in 1936. Bernice is survived by a daughter, Berna Loy Schooler, of Paint Rock, and son, Bob, of Lubbock, by four grandsons and their families, and by numerous nieces and nephews.



DANNY GUNN

Danny Keith Gunn, 49, of Idalou, Texas, died Saturday, February 12, 2011 in San Antonio, Texas. A burial service was held Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at Terrace Cemetery at 2 PM in Post, Texas, under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home. A memorial service was then held at 4 PM in the Antelope Arena in Post, Texas. Steve McMeans and Kerry Hurst both of Lubbock, Texas, will officiate.

Danny was born on August 30, 1961 in Garza County to Oneita Jones Gunn and the late Clarence Gunn. He married Melinda Tatum on July 12, 1986 in Post, Texas. He and Melinda were both 1979 graduates of Post High School. Danny then went on to graduate from Angelo State University. He spent his early married years working in the oilfield for George R. Brown before returning to college to pursue a career in Agricultural Education. Danny and Melinda were married over 24 years and enjoyed raising their three children in the communities of Post, Lamesa and Idalou.

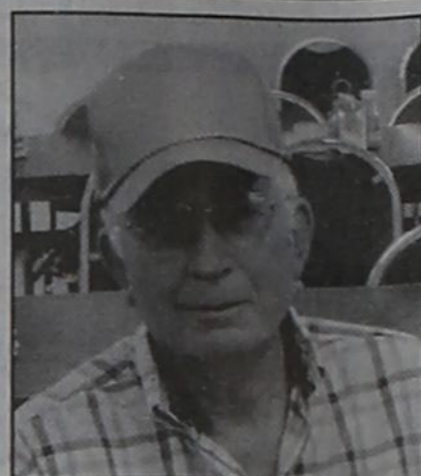
Danny began his teaching career at Klondike High School and later continued at Lamesa High School, where

he was a leader in the Area II FFA Association. For the past seven years, Danny taught at Idalou High School in the Ag Ed Department. During his Ag career, Danny had a special talent with wood working which he passed along to his students. Danny also enjoyed helping students feed their animal projects and traveling to stock shows. As FFA advisor, Danny accomplished many outstanding achievements in leadership development events. This was evidenced in his own children. Tatum was the State FFA First Vice President in 2007-2008 and Garrett was the FFA Area I President in 2009-2010. Brady is currently Student Council Vice President at Monterey High School. Danny shined the brightest when his children excelled in their activities. He rarely missed a sporting event that involved his children. He was so proud to know that all of them would receive their college education from Texas A&M.

Danny was an advisor of Texas FFA State Star winners, state speaking contest winners, public relation team and farm skill team state qualifiers. Danny also advised a national job interview semi-finalist. Danny was a class sponsor and also named Soil and Water Conservation Teacher of the Year. He was most proud, however, of all of his students' accomplishments and has impacted innumerable lives throughout his teaching career.

Danny is survived by his wife, Melinda Tatum Gunn, and his children, Tatum Gunn Dorow along with her husband Andrew Dorow, Garrett Gunn and Brady Gunn. Tatum and Garrett are students at Texas A&M. Brady is a senior at Lubbock Monterey High School and plans to attend Texas A&M next year. He is also survived by his mother Oneita Gunn, his sister Darlene Gunn Speck along with her husband, Gary, his brother-in-law, Bobby Heckaman, along with their children. Danny was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Gunn and his sister, Nita Jo Gunn Heckaman. He leaves behind many lifelong friends as well as countless friends from the Ag industry and the communities in which the Gunns lived. Danny was loved by many and impacted numerous lives through his teaching, service, and Ag efforts. He was a good man and will be missed immensely. He was best known for his big smile.

Memorials may be made to the Danny Gunn Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Troy Stegemoeller at Vista Bank, PO Box 858, Idalou, TX 79329.



JIM NORMAN

Jim "R" Norman, 78 of Lake Brownwood and formerly of Garza County, died Monday, February 14, 2011.

Services were held at 3:00 pm Thursday, February 17, 2011 at the First Baptist Church in Post with Rev. Jackie White of the Church On The Rock in Lubbock and Rev. John Bill Hedrick, Graham Chapel United Methodist Church officiated. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery in Post. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Born May 4, 1932 to Erwert M. and Voy (Chapman) Norman here in Garza County, he was raised in the Grassland and Graham Communities. He attended school at both Graham and Post. He later attended McMurray College. Jim married the former Johnnie Fay Graham on Aug. 20, 1955 in Clovis, New Mexico. They farmed in the Graham and Grassland areas and retired to Lake Brownwood. He is preceded in death by a son: Jeffery Lynn Norman and his Farther and Mother. Jim was a member of the Heartland Church in Brownwood. Survivors include his wife: Johnnie Fay Norman of Brownwood. Two sons: Jimmy and his wife Nancy Norman of Post and Jay Norman of Orlando, Florida. Two daughters: Jamie Norman Cooper of Abilene and Jarita and her husband Steve Nowlin of Rotan. One brother: Gerald and His wife Laveta Norman of Post. One sister: Mary Etta Fleming of Meadow. Seven grandchildren: Ryan and Amber Jeffrey of Sweetwater, Justin and Bandi Norman of Lubbock, Aaron and Ashlei Cooper of College Station, Jarrod Greene of Abilene, Nikki Norman of Stephenville, Joel Clary of Rotan and Bryan Nowlin of Rotan. Five great-grandchildren: Kaegan and Zoe Jeffrey, Cain Cooper, Breeley and Jaxon Norman.

Pallbearers were: Justin Craig Norman, Aaron Jay Cooper, Jarrod Lee Greene, Joel Norman Clary, Bryan Russell Nowlin and Rynn Norman. Honorary Pallbearers were: Kim Norman, Andy Williams and Ryan Jeffrey. Memorials are suggested to be of your choice.

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10 Years Ago
Dr. Larry Mills, voted Citizen of the George Duck resident of Post years, was honored Pioneer Cowboy of Paul Jones presented with a of recognition contributions community for Post Channel 31

20 Years Ago
Doris Giddens lucky winner of Merchants Valentine's Bas goodies. Presenting was PMA member Jackson.
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By Linda Puckett
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Yesteryears

10 Years Ago
 Dr. Larry Mills, DVM was voted Citizen of the Year George Duckworth, a resident of Post for many years, was honored as Pioneer Cowboy of the Year. Paul Jones was presented with a certificate of recognition for his contributions to the community for operating Post Channel 31.

20 Years Ago
 Doris Giddens was the lucky winner of the Post Merchants Association Valentine's Basket of goodies. Presenting the prize was PMA member Benny Jackson.

Irma Garza, sophomore law enforcement major at South Plains College, was crowned Queen Feb. 7 during half-time festivities at the SPC annual homecoming basketball game.

Graveside services were held for Frances Murry Tunbo, 73. She was born April 30, 1918 in Post.

30 Years Ago
 Rhonda Rogers was

crowned FHA Sweetheart, with Sharla Macy as first runner-up and Penny Davison elected second runner-up.

Funeral services for Mitchell John Malouf, 90, a resident of Post for 53 years. He Moved to Post in 1927 where he opened the first of what became the famed Malouf's Dry Good store.

40 Years Ago
 Melvena Steward was crowned FHA Valentine Sweetheart with Stephanie Davis as First runner-up, Ritalyn Butler as second runner-up.

Ed Scott, 97, who was one of the oldest pioneer cowboys in this area died at Garza Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness. He worked of the O. S. Ranch for many years.

Chapter Valentine sweethearts were crowned by Mayor Giles McCrary, Linda Richardson, Mu Alpha sweetheart, and her husband Danny. Sue Dorner, Xi Delta sweetheart, and her husband Billy.

50 Years Ago

Mrs. Jess Cornell is named Post "Teacher of the Year".

Mayor Powell Shytlies crowns sweethearts of Beta Sigma Phi sorority at their valentine dance. Crowned were Mrs. Douglas Hill and Mrs. James Minor.

Post has its first candidate for the U. S. Senate race when Mr. John Hopkins runs for the senate seat.

Louis H. Howard, 70, who was the contractor of Post's first street paving project was buried in Terrence Cemetery.

60 Years Ago

Mrs. Ruby Kirkpatrick is chosen as the Head of Founder's Day PTA Program.

Hudman Funeral Home has added a second ambulance, complete with oxygen and other latest equipment. This is a "combination funeral car and ambulance," says Victor Hudman of Hudman's Funeral Home.

The crowd went wild as Jennie Peel sank a free shot as to give Graham Chapel an 8 to 7 victory over Post Jr. girls in Graham gym.



The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

You've heard of snow ice cream. Now there's snow coffee. I'm having some right now.

Stuck on the farm and lacking store-bought water, I opted to gather snow to brew my morning cup of java. I could have used gyp water from the well, but gyp water makes bad coffee. How did my parents drink gyp water coffee all those years? And how did I drink it straight? And I'm just talking about the water.

Never mind that the temperature this morning is between zero and ten. And never mind that I'd recently heard that snow ice cream is bad for you, meaning that snow coffee likely would also kill me.

After I melted the fresh snow in the microwave, strained it through a paper towel to removed foreign matter (the stuff you eat when you make snow ice cream) and coaxed my one habitual cup from my little espresso machine, I searched the Internet to see exactly why I shouldn't drink it, already intending to drink it anyway.

In the background, morning television show hosts were talking about newly discovered dangers of drinking diet sodas -- not one of my vices. The news should have made me feel bad for people who drink diet drinks. Instead I felt a little smug.

Besides, as I drank coffee made from what I feared to be radiation-laced snow, it was comforting to think other people were killing themselves with diet Coke or whatever. Maybe it's the misery-loves-company syndrome. Or maybe it's just the idea that everything sort of

balances out, as in "name your poison."

But, as I perused the Internet, coffee in hand, to learn what dangers lurked in snow, it became apparent that all the warnings about ingesting snow seem to be urban legends. My cursory search turned up nothing about radiation. I was almost disappointed. Instead, the bogus rumor seemed to be only that children who eat snow thereby stunt their growth.

Hmmm. If only that were true, maybe snow ice cream could be the remedy for today's epidemic of juvenile obesity. But nothing's ever that easy.

Also, if it were true that snow stunts growth, then my cup of coffee might be a diet drink, except for the half-and-half.

Like I said, nothing's ever that easy.

Except last night I saw on television that a new way to get rid of fat is to freeze it. No kidding. It's like liposuction but requires no surgery. Instead, an external suction machine latches onto flab and freezes the fat cells without damaging the skin. Nifty.

Is it painful? Apparently not. The woman undergoing the procedure was reading a book.

It almost looked easy enough to figure out a way to do it at home.

Maybe someone will at least start an urban legend:

Lying on your belly naked in the snow will help you lose unwanted fat.

Me, I'd rather believe in the legendary stunt-your-growth properties of snow and have a bowl of snow ice cream. It's really good with half-and-half.

Legends....Garza County Historial Museum

By Linda Puckett

Part-II of the Tuffing family history in Justiceburg, Texas continues as Mrs. Tuffing becomes seriously ill with an attack of appendicitis or so she thought. Any illness was hard to care for in those days. Doctors knew very little about what to do. Mr. Tuffing wanted to put his wife in the hospital but there were none near, so he took her to Light to stay in the home of a doctor until she was better, since her temperature was so high. The nearest hospital was in Fort Worth, and it would be a rough ride to Colorado City to catch the train. Finally, Mrs. Tuffing recovered without surgery or hospital care. While she was recovering she wanted some ice and lemons. Mr. Tuffing went to Snyder get them. On the return trip, the wagon broke down. When he finally made it home he had lemons but the ice had melted away. This siege of illness took all the money they had, but they received a fifty dollar gift just in time.

Because of their lack of experience in a dry country such as this was, coupled with Mrs. Tuffings illness, their nest egg was almost depleted. Mr. Tuffing decided it was time to seek work elsewhere. So they left the land and took their two sons, Lee and Forrest, and moved to Denver, Colorado.

Forrest loved the wild and primitive land they left behind, so much so that he

ran away and came back. Of course he had to return to his family, but he still remembered how he loved being here, and so finally after several attempts to keep him in Denver, they gave up and let him come back to Texas and the land that he loved.

Forrest worked at any job he could find to do on the area ranches, he wrangled horses, carried wood, anything he could he could find, just so he could be around cowboys, horses and cattle. Then as time went on he was able to get day work and he became a very good cowboy. He broke horses for Mr. Dave Sims and also worked for the Fuller Ranch near Polar. He became a good roper, a left handed roper at that. It was about this time that everyone started calling him Tuff, a name he carried the rest of his life.

His very good friends were Mr. and Mrs. Morris Neff and Sam Neff. He always called Morris "Cuz", which seemed to have a deep meaning to each of them.

In 1923 he met and married Winnie Ramsay of Post. They moved to Justiceburg on the two sections his father owned. It was here where they started out on their own in the ranching business. Droughts and low prices were hard to overcome, but they kept trying. Those years together in Justiceburg were wonderful years for the couple.

Sunday school was held each Sunday in the Justiceburg school house. It was kinda hard to rope these old cowboys into going to Sunday school, although they did have a high respect for religion, and an abiding faith in the Man upstairs, but attending Sunday school was foreign to the life they had lived. The girls all worked at it, and sometimes managed to get them there. We would all get together for dances, musicals, games and fellowships and Sunday night suppers. When the Smiths were coming to supper, we always had chocolate pie that was Cecil's favorite. The food and fellowship was wonderful.

A daughter, Gloria Forrestine, was born in 1925. She was Forrest's pride and joy and loved to ride and go everywhere he went. Once Tuff went up the trail for Mr. Wallace and was gone about three weeks. He was greatly missed, and when he did come home it happened to be a full moon. Gloria said, "You know Mother, having Daddy come home on a moon-lit night, is like having corn on the cob, with all he butter you need." You can tell by that remark that we didn't have lots of butter and corn at the same time.

Tuff passed away in 1934, but time cannot erase the cherished memories of one who loved and lived the free and wonderful life of a cowboy.

Local Historical District established

The Caprock Cultural Association recently received recognition from the Post City Council and Mayor Thressa Harp for the establishment of a local Historical District. The proclamation presented in the January City Council meeting states that "a Historical District generally signifies a group of buildings, properties or sites that have been designated as historically, culturally or architecturally significant."

The district within the City of Post is between Avenue F and Avenue S; and includes 10th Street, Main Street and 8th Street. Historical structures and sites within this area will be recognized and promoted by the Caprock Cultural Association. The organization will in the future expand the Historical District to other areas of Post as well as outside the city limits in Garza County.

The CCA will also establish an audio tour via cell phones to help promote the Historical District. "Visitors can use their cell phones to call a number given on signage and brochures," said Rosa Latimer, Executive Director of the Caprock Cultural Association. "The caller will

hear a recording that provides the history of the building as well as information for the organization or business occupying the building. The audio tour allows the opportunity to connect with our visitors 24/7 and will strengthen heritage and cultural tourism in the community," Latimer continued.

The mission of the Caprock Cultural Association, established as a non-profit organization twenty-five years ago, has been to promote, encourage, direct, sponsor and otherwise develop cultural and historical activities with in Post, Garza County and the Region. "Our community has always been very aware of our unique history, architecture and character and the importance of preserving our history. We hope the Historical District will put further emphasis on recognizing and encouraging the preservation of significant structures and sites," Latimer said. "The CCA also believes this type of recognition will nurture a sense of community pride in all ages of our population." Latimer also explained that the local district will not place any

restrictions as to future use, construction or restoration of historical buildings within the local district as with some federal and state historical designations.

"At this time we have almost twenty buildings to consider as part of the local Historical District," Latimer continued. "We'll be contacting the owners during the next few weeks and hope to have signage in place within a couple of months."

Post City Celebrations, Inc., another local non-profit, has received a grant to print brochures about four historical aspects of Post and Garza County including a walking tour of the newly established Historical District. "The brochure will be an important piece of the promotion of our historical sites," Latimer added. The brochures will be distributed at the Visitor Center and in the Post Area Chamber of Commerce brochure holders in Post.

For more information about the local Historical District or to suggest a building or site for this designation, call Rosa Latimer, Caprock Cultural Association, 806-495-4148.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather
We've had pretty nice weather this week; a few windy days but hey.....we're used to that aren't we?

We still really need some moisture so keep those prayers a going; planting season is just around the corner and of course we want a good start to a good crop.

News
Well I am starting off the news this week with a heavy heart.....we have lost some good people this week. Danny Gunn passed away in San

Antonio on Saturday. Danny is the son of Onieta Gunn and the late Clarence Gunn and the husband of Melinda Tatum Gunn. Danny's family has always been a big part of our community and our thoughts and prayers are with his entire family during this difficult time.

Jim Ruth Norman also passed away over the weekend. Jim was one of our landlords here at the gin; he and his wife Johnny moved to Brownwood a few years back. Our thoughts and prayers are with this family

as well.
On a happier note..... Charles Morris had a story for us the other day. Kayla, their granddaughter, and her husband Dan'l are in the Marines and are stationed in Quantico in Virginia. They were at a convenience store the other night getting gas and Kayla saw a man come out of the store with a "Ragtown" cap on. She had to know who in the world was in Virginia wearing a Close City cap, so she got out and went up to the man only to find out it was Russel Graves,

son of Ronnie and Diane. I told ya'll our caps are everywhere! Haha.....small world.

Visitors
Breena Payton, Trevah, Kale and Will Yarbro, Ronnie Gradine and Addi, Irene Fry and Shirley Smith were our visitors for the week. Ya'll know we love visitors so come out have a snack and visit with us sometime.

FYI
Our Close City Community BINGO night tentatively set for March 19thwe'll let you know the exact details as it gets closer. Anyone wishing to help

in anyway can give Nancy or I a call.

We'd like to add some pics to our Facebook page. We have several left from doing the cookbook but if you have some of your "Close City" family let us know so that we can put them on there.

Get your cookbooks and T-shirt order forms at CoCara's downtown or you can come by the gin and pick one up.

Close City Birthdays
February 19th - Jordan McCampbell

February 23rd - Mandy Shults McDonald; Martha Miller Baker

If you or your family are not on our birthday calendar shoot

me a line and I will add them. Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are.....W.C. and Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; George Miller in Lubbock; Doug and Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham and Joyce Nelson in Post; Odie Kemp in Tahoka; Jean Tipton in San Angelo; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Slaton; Doris Wilson in Castorville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock; Lula Jo Stewart also in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Everyone have a great week, be safe and keep rain and our troops in your daily prayers! See ya next week.



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Weekly Inspirations

TAKE PRID IN WHAT IS IN THE HEART

By: Michael F. Taylor

Henry, the Master of Ceremonies stood to his feet and happily strode to the podium to make his introduction of the Keynote Speaker for the night. The two gentlemen had known each other for many years and Henry was very excited that his good friend Bill had finally received the recognition which he deserved. Henry also knew that Bill was a dynamic speaker who loved to spin stories which culminated in the entire audience laughing so hard they almost fell out of their seats. Henry, wanting to be a little mischievous, had prepared a speech that he hoped his friend would appreciate. As he stepped up to the microphone, Henry cleared his throat and said these words enthusiastically, "Well, it is great to see each and every one of you here tonight and I know that you are in for a treat. It is my distinct honor to introduce to you the most articulate, the funniest, the most outstanding and most talented individual I know- BY THE WAY WHO WROTE THIS INTRODUCTION - , Mr. Bill Watson."

Well, I'm not sure that is the kind of pride we need to take, but Paul teaches us in 2 Corinthians 5 about the right kind of pride, " 11 Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. 12 We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. 13 If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again." NIV.

It seems to me that Paul is encouraging us to take pride in what is in the heart rather than what is seen. In the love of God! Paul goes so far as to say, "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all..." And then in Galatians when men were arguing and boasting about circumcision, Paul affirms, "14 May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. 16 Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God." NIV.

What counts is the new creation! Paul is telling us that what really counts is the Saving Grace of a God who loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to atone for all our sins. Not about what we do to follow ritual or tradition, but what is in our Hearts. I believe that is a fitting message just following Valentines Day this week! A day dedicated to matters of the Heart. And God sent the greatest Valentines Card ever in his Son, Jesus Christ. God bless and have a wonderful week.

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Deuteronomy 6:5

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Fluitt family gathers for special Saturday evening visit



Courtesy photo

Jeniece Fluitt Reno with her brother W.O. Fluitt and a few of her nephews; Lanny Fluitt, Delwin Fluitt and Jerry Bush.

Harold and Jeniece Reno were in Post last weekend, while here they got to spend a little time with some of their family. Everyone met at Trailblazers for visiting and a bar-b-q meal with all the fixings. Those enjoying the

evening were: Harold and Jeniece Reno of Brownwood, WO Fluitt, Jerry and Judy Bush, Daniel, Trevah, Kale, Will and Clinton Yarbro, Traci Freeman, Ryan, Reece and Raegan Belongia, Allisha Jones, Delwin, Kathy and

Patrick Fluitt, Robert and Belinda Brown, Laurkyn Fluitt, Jake and Leah Fluitt, Adam Meridith, Blanche Dorsey, Jerry and Marinette Tyler, Lanny and DeSanne all of Post. Also attending were Jerica Tyler

of Dallas, Jerin Tyler and Whitney Justis of Lubbock, Cambry Navarro of Dallas, and special guest 2-month-old Brinleigh Merritt of Kerrville, granddaughter of Lanny and DeSanne.

Lack of moisture affects crops across Texas

COLLEGE STATION -- Since New Year's, some Texas counties had received from 2 to 6 inches of moisture, but much of the state remains behind as far as long-term accumulations go, said Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

From the Panhandle to South Texas, the lack of moisture affected winter wheat and other crops and caused concern about the future success of spring plantings, according to county reports from AgriLife Extension agents.

"Producers have had a productive week in the field this week with above average temperatures but no moisture in the area," reported Rick Auckerman, AgriLife Extension agent for Deaf Smith County, west of Amarillo. "Winter wheat continues to deteriorate with the lack of moisture and extreme drying conditions in our area."

"Soil moisture is very short with no measurable rainfall since late October," said Jay Kingston, AgriLife Extension agent for Kent County, east of Lubbock. "Wheat is in

poor to very poor conditioned along with native pastures."

"Pecos County has gone 120 days without any measurable precipitation," said Norman Fryar, AgriLife Extension agent for Pecos County, south of Odessa. "Continued winds and diverse temperature ranges are impacting the overall agricultural industry of the county."

"Conditions remain dry in Foard County. Producers are debating on whether to top-dress wheat," said Seth Manney, AgriLife Extension agent for Foard County, west of Wichita Falls. "Many would like to contract wheat, but are reluctant with this weather pattern."

"It has been very cold this week, we still have not received any rain," reported Greg Gruben, AgriLife Extension agent for Scurry County, west of Abilene. "Rangeland and wheat were really struggling due to the lack of rainfall. We certainly do not have any underground moisture to start next season's crop."

"We had from 0.5-1.5 inches of snow Sunday and

Monday with some scattered rainfall late Monday," said Rick Hirsch, AgriLife Extension agent for Henderson County, west of Tyler. "Hay supplies are rapidly depleting with increasing cold weather. Soil-moisture conditions were helped by snow and rain but it was not enough to sustain production."

"We went from a 100-percent topsoil moisture shortage to a 100-percent adequate topsoil moisture," said Larry Perez, AgriLife Extension agent for Jim Hogg County, east of Laredo. "A 1- to 2- inch rainfall event will do that in this area. Very cool temps with significant moisture and lots of clouds means no evaporation and moisture retention; lots of smiling faces in the county."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

West Central: Extremely cold weather and dry conditions continued. All counties needed rain to keep winter pastures and crops going. The cotton harvest was completed in most ar-

reas. Winter wheat was in poor condition due to lack of moisture. Farmers were preparing fields for spring plantings. Rangeland and pasture conditions continued to decline. Forage availability was very low.

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JV BOYS

COLORADO CITY 25, POST 11 (2/11/11)

C-City 9 5 0 11 - 25
Post 1 6 3 1 - 11

Post scoring: Pake Jones 2, Travis Greathouse 2, Dakota McDonald 2, Nathaniel Gill 2, Chris Yarbrough 2, Mondo Martinez 1. Post Record: 9-16.

8TH GRADE BOYS, A-TEAM

Post 22, Coahoma 18 (2/14/11)

Coah 3 0 7 8 - 18
Post 6 4 4 8 - 22

Post scoring: Blake Boren 12, Jayson Walden 4, Freddy Araiza 6.

Post's Final Record: 8-8 (season), 4-6 (district)

7TH GRADE, A-TEAM

POST 64, COAHOMA 12 (2/14/11)

Coah 4 5 1 2 - 12
Post 7 19 25 13 - 64

Post scoring: Kyle Jones 17, Blaine Reece 10, Jaybren Rodriguez 10, Cambry Gilbert 8, Jarred Curtis 8, Jordan Solorzano 6, Shandon Wiley 5.

Post's Final Records: 12-4 (season), 7-3 (district)

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VARSITY GIRLS

ROOSEVELT 60, POST 34 (2/8/11)

8TH GIRLS

DENVER CITY 34, POST 11 (2/7/11)

Post scoring: Kelbie Oden 7, Anahica Duran 3, Chelby Morris 1.

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Varsity Girls DISTRICT 3-2A BASKETBALL STANDINGS (as of 02/09/2011)			
TEAM	DISTRICT	OVERALL	
* Roosevelt	14-0	24-7	
! Slaton	12-2	21-8	
! Denver City	10-4	16-11	
Forsan	6-8	14-14	
Colorado City	6-8	11-18	
Stanton	4-10	14-18	
Coahoma	3-10	10-17	
Post	1-13	6-22	

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Varsity Boys DISTRICT 3-2A BASKETBALL STANDINGS (as of 02/12/2011)			
TEAM	DISTRICT	OVERALL	
* Colorado City	13-0	22-4	
! Denver City	10-3	18-11	
! Stanton	9-4	21-5	
Slaton	7-6	13-14	
Roosevelt	6-7	10-18	
Forsan	4-9	10-18	
Coahoma	3-10	11-17	
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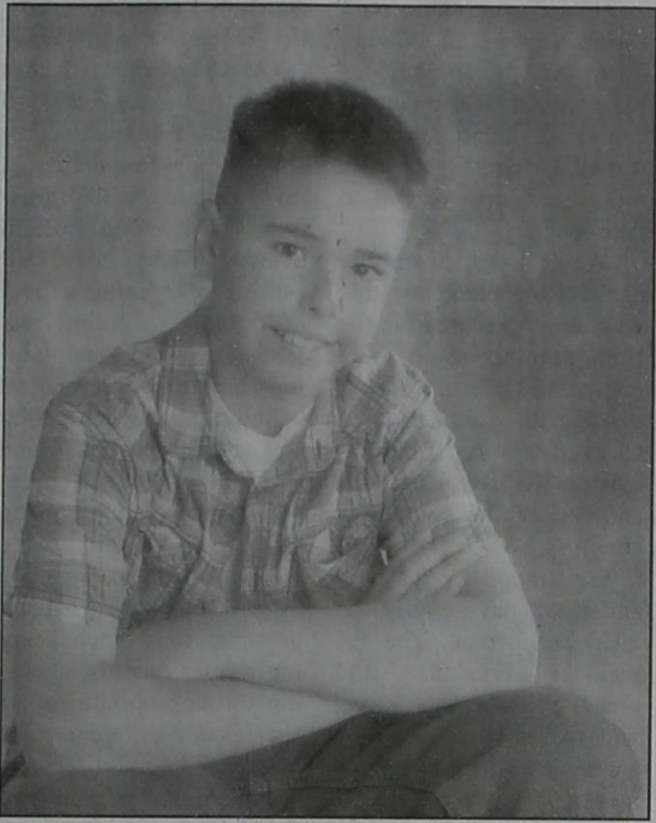
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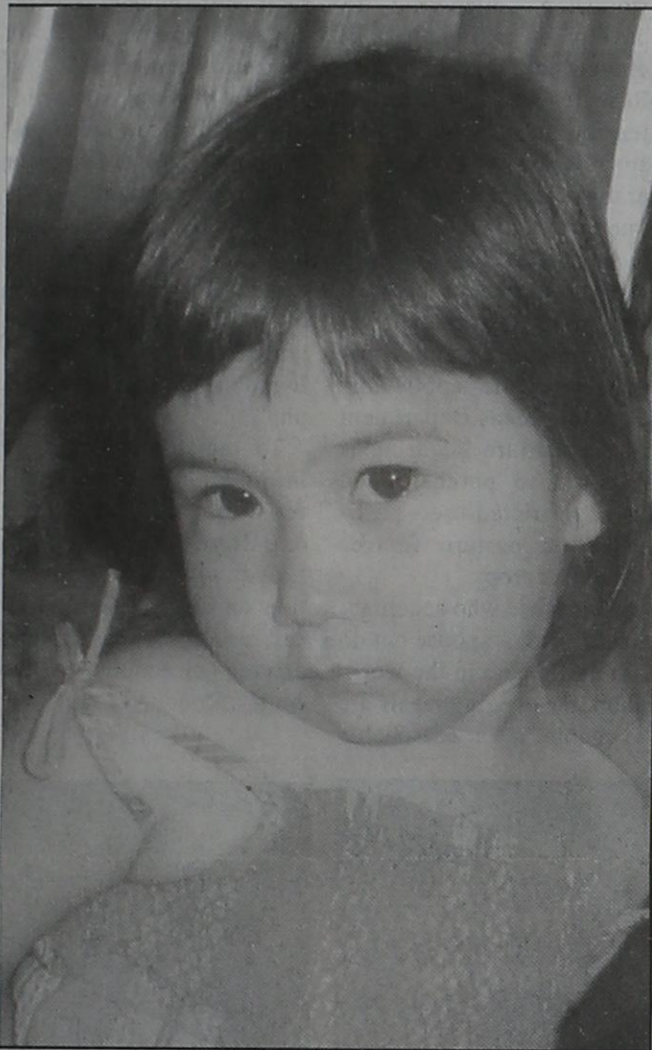
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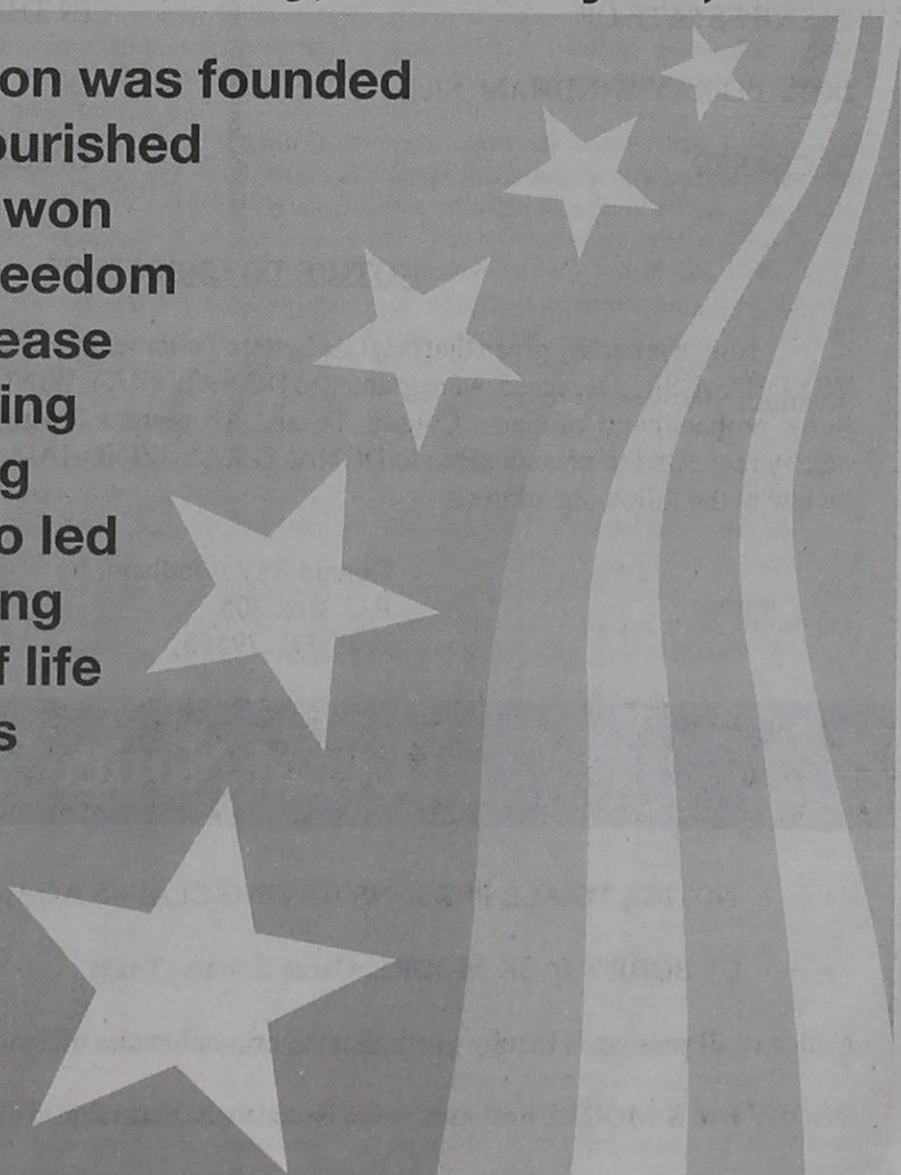
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Original grazing school for novice ranchers accepting students

By: Robert Burns

OVERTON — Dealing with rising fertilizer and feed prices, new opportunities in wildlife and pond management: all are new topics of the state's original "grazing school for novice ranchers."

Set March 29-31 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Overton, the Pasture and Livestock Management Workshop has operated under different names since the first classes were held in the spring of 2001, said Dr. Monte Rouquette, Texas AgriLife Research forage scientist. But the basic thrust of the instruction has remained the same.

"We originally designed the course for what we saw then as an emerging new demographic, newcomers to farming and ranching," Rouquette said.

Typically, after years of working in an urban area, many baby boomers were either returning to family property or buying land as a retreat from city life, according to Rouquette. Once back in the country, they find just maintaining a large acreage and generating income from it is a daunting learning experience. Many had to start learning the elementary aspects of ranching and farming, as compared to ranchers and farmers who grew up in a rural setting.

"And that's where we start new students out," Rouquette said, "at the grass roots."

Though the grazing school was originally designed primarily for the novice, attendance soon expanded beyond the region,

attracting students nationwide and internationally, Rouquette said. Ten years later, the demographic trend shows no signs of slowing down. And some graduates have found the intensive course so valuable they returned a second — or even a third or fourth year — to take it again.

"We've heard again and again from students that what they've learned in the first morning saved them many times over the cost of the course," said Dr. Greg Clary, Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist and one of the course instructors.

Registration for the two-and-a-half-day course is \$350 per person. The fee includes breakfast and break refreshments along with two noon and evening barbecue and rib-eye steak meals.

Enrollment is limited to 60 individuals. The limitation on class size allows workshop attendees to have plenty of time to visit one-on-one with AgriLife Research and AgriLife Extension faculty to discuss specific aspects of their operations, according to Rouquette.

Attendees also will earn three continuing education units toward renewal or obtainment of their private pesticide applicators licenses. Texas Department of Agriculture licensing is required to purchase and use restricted-use pesticides on pasture forages and other crops.

"For those who accompany a friend or spouse but do not participate in the workshop, the evening meals are available at a reasonable

cost," Rouquette said.

All instructors are scientists and educators with AgriLife Research, AgriLife Extension and Texas A&M University. All hold doctorate degrees related to their area of instruction.

Workshop instruction is divided between the classroom and the field. In-field demonstrations cover all aspects of running a beef operation, including establishing and maintaining high-quality forages, calibrating sprayers, taking soil samples, castrating and vaccinating cattle, and dehorning calves, Rouquette said.

Also included will be training on writing a business plan for a ranch, keeping proper records, choosing the appropriate forage species for different soils, understanding soil fertility, establishing forage systems that minimize winter feeding costs, setting correct stocking rates, choosing the right cattle breeds, promoting good animal health and marketing cattle.

New material on wildlife will include managing small ponds and lakes for fish production, and reducing damage done by feral hogs.

A full agenda can be found at http://overton.tamu.edu/beef_cattle/grazing_school/grazingschool.php.

To register or for more information, contact Jennifer Lloyd at 903-834-6191 or orj11loyd@ag.tamu.edu. Lloyd will have information on class openings, local accommodations and driving directions to the center, Rouquette said.

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OPINION



The Paperboy

People kill people

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Those who advocate gun control take heed: Maksim Gelman, 23, is charged with killing his ex-girlfriend and her mother as well as his father and a pedestrian with a knife.

Gelman is alleged to have stabbed his father to death in Brooklyn. Police say he had a fight with his mother when she refused to let him use her Lexus and his 54-year-old father intervened. Six hours later he arrived in his ex-girlfriend's house, where he murdered her 56-year-old mother, also with a knife.

Yelena Bulchenko, 20, the girlfriend, called the police when she found her mother's body. However, Gelman was still in the house and chased her outside before stabbing her 11 times.

While fleeing the scene in the Lexus, the suspect hit 62-year-old Stephen Tanenbaum, who later died of his injuries.

The bottom line is this: people have been killing each other forever. If it's not guns, it's knives. If there are no knives around, they'll use rocks.

Let's say the federal government decides to rewrite the constitution and take away firearms from citizens. That's a tall order. How many of you would surrender your guns without putting up a fight?

Like so many problems in the U.S., it's not law abiding citizens which are the problem. The proof lies in the millions of gun owners who hunt or collect firearms with very few incidents recorded each year.

It's safe to say when someone is unstable enough to commit murder, they'll do it by any means necessary.

There are laws on the books which allow for common

sense gun control. When those laws are broken, people with bad intentions obtain weapons.

It's a slap in the face to gun owners to be held in the same regard as gang members and bank robbers.

Consider this, there are currently strict gun laws in Mexico. The law abiding citizens don't have them. So how is Mexico leading the hemisphere in murders? Because the criminals own the guns and can force their will on the citizens.

Last century, Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia took firearms from the citizenry. Shortly after, millions of unarmed citizens were murdered by their own government.

Those who say guns are used only to kill innocent human beings lack an important point in their reasoning. That sentiment fails to distinguish between moral and immoral uses of force. Do the police and soldiers carry guns to kill innocent people? Does a convenience store owner with a shotgun under the counter want to kill innocent human beings?

There is no way the Founding Fathers could envision the guns of today. Fair enough. However, they trusted responsible, well-armed citizens as a hedge against tyranny, whether by individuals or governments.

Keep the guns out of the hands of criminals and those deemed mentally unstable. As far as the rest of us are concerned, as the late Charlton Heston once voiced, "There's no such thing as a good gun. There's no such thing as a bad gun. A gun in the hands of a bad man is a very dangerous thing. A gun in the hands of a good person is no danger to anyone except the bad guys. So they can have my gun when they pry it off my cold dead fingers."

President Obama is off base when it comes to invest-

ments and that mentality is leading to increased spending at a time when we need to cut back.

I don't seem to remember the U.S. government at Kitty Hawk making the first flight.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but the government was not in Detroit rolling Fords off of the assembly line.

The government did not invent the computer and Bill Gates and Steve Jobs have done wonders in this world with their innovative thinking.

I understand Obama wants to turn the economy around, but investing in areas where the private sector sets the pace, is not a way to reduce spending.

This country was built through innovation and competition with little government intervention. In my opinion, that's how it will grow again.

If you recall, Uncle Sam intervened in 2008 to "save" several companies including General Motors. GM, which lost \$26.4 billion last year, has announced it will give \$400 million in bonuses to top executives. The automaker will also give an average bonus of \$4,000 each to hourly workers.

Does that make any sense at all? No, but that's how the government spends your tax dollars.

The government needs to protect us and get out of the way. Instead, Uncle Sam continues to grow to the point of being so large, he can't get out of the way of working Joe. The philosophy of big government is a failed one. One which will eventually lead to our demise as a world economic leader and a country as a whole.

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Other Opinions

A Debt that Cannot Be Paid

By BILL WILSON

This week, Barack Obama submitted his ten-year budget from the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB). With a straight face, he said of the proposal, "[W]e're going to have to get serious about cutting back on those things that would be nice to have but we can do without."

Obama explained, "That's what families across the country do every day — they live within their means and they invest in their family's futures. And it's time we did the same thing as a country. That's how we're going to get our fiscal house in order." Again, all with a straight face.

Unfortunately, Obama does not propose doing "the same thing" as families do every month, which is actually balance the budget.

In fact, under his plan, the budget will never be balanced. The national debt, now \$14.1 trillion, will never be repaid. It will continue to grow into perpetuity, as it has every year since 1958. Even under the rosier of scenarios projected by the Obama Administration, the debt will be growing faster than the economy and be larger than the economy — for the foreseeable future.

By 2021, under the Obama budget, the national debt will balloon to \$26.3 trillion from its current level of \$14.1 trillion, an 86.5 percent increase. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP), on the other hand, will only grow by 69 percent during that same time frame to

\$24.896 trillion.

This year alone, the national debt will grow to \$15.4 trillion, larger than the entire economy for the first time since World War II. Thereafter, the debt-to-GDP levels will stay above 100 percent, growing every single year.

If spending is not cut drastically and the debt paid down at fixed intervals like a mortgage payment, one day the debt will become too large to service, let alone be paid down. Net interest alone will be \$844 billion annually by 2021, a number that will easily double by 2030, if not triple.

But even that number hides the full amount of interest that actually must be paid on the debt. "Net interest" as reported by the government does not include the amount of interest paid into the Social Security, Medicare, and other government trust funds, according to an obscure spreadsheet released by OMB entitled, "Outlays for Mandatory and Related Programs: 1962–2016".

For example, in 2010, the government reports that \$196 billion in "net interest" was paid. What it does not readily mention is that in 2010, the Treasury actually paid out \$413 billion in interest. \$216 billion went into the trust funds, but were subtracted out from the deficit, even though they essentially added to the debt. And even though it is a real obligation that must be paid.

This accounting gimmick allows the government to underreport the real budget deficit

every single year and simultaneously count the trust fund interest payments to Social Security and Medicare solvency. House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan had a similar objection to \$500 billion in Medicare cuts from ObamaCare being counted twice by the government to make its numbers look better.

Of course, nobody believed ObamaCare's claims to being deficit-neutral. And nobody should believe the government's similar claims that these interest payments can be controlled.

Right now, this financing challenge for the Treasury is currently met only by borrowing ever more money. That the challenge is understated by their own government should be alarming to most Americans.

In reality, the total interest owed will actually be over an eye-popping \$1.2 trillion in 2021. And since the government never anticipates the debt being paid down, the number will easily grow to over \$2.4 trillion by 2030. Again, that's a real obligation that must be paid — every year.

But eventually, we will not be able to pay it. What nobody can say for certain is where the tipping point is. But what is certain is that no system can be sustained that always spends more than it takes in and never repays any debt. It has never happened in history, and it never will happen.

That is why Congress must consider real proposals to significantly reduce the deficit and pay down the debt, before these numbers

become reality. Because once they do, and once the debt becomes so large that it cannot be serviced, the U.S. will default on its obligations.

Will we default at 100 percent of debt-to-GDP? 200 percent? 300 percent? Again, it is hard to say when it will happen, but it is certain that we will eventually default on this trajectory.

It is through this lens that all spending proposals must be judged, whether from Obama or congressional Republicans. Does the proposal avert the now-inevitable default? Does it prevent the debt from growing by leaps and bounds? Does it include a repayment plan?

So far, no serious plan answers those questions. But those are the questions that Americans across the country can easily answer about their own family budgets. They are not in danger of default, because they reduce their debt load every year and make their payments on time and in full. That, in fact, is "what families across the country do every day" and what government has not been able to do for more than a generation.

Americans really do want a government that can live within its means. But that is not what Obama is offering. If his budget is not brought under control soon, it will reduce the standard of living for every American family. When the house of cards comes tumbling down, the dollar will collapse, interest rates and taxes will soar, and it will be perfectly clear that the debt cannot be paid.

Other Views

Wisconsin Takes on Big Labor

By ADAM BITELY

Wisconsin is yet again leading the way forward for the entire nation. Governor Scott Walker, in a bold and brave step, is making drastic and far reaching changes to the relationship between his state and the government employee unions that represent Wisconsin government employees.

The changes could not come soon enough, as Wisconsin is facing devastating budget shortfalls.

The plan proposed by Governor Walker effects most state and local employees, including teachers. Most local law enforcement and fire fighters will be exempt from his proposal.

The proposal that Governor Walker has put in front of the legislature will greatly limit the role that the government employees' unions play in Wisconsin. Walker's plan would:

- Eliminates the ability of state employees to bargain over anything except wages. This excludes benefits and work rules from the bargaining table;
- Makes state & local employees right-to-work;
- Requires an annual vote for unions to remain recognized as workers' collective bargaining representatives;
- Prohibits state agencies from collecting union dues;

- Requires wage increases above and beyond inflation to be approved by a popular referendum;
- Requires state employees to contribute half of the cost of their pension payments, up from nothing now. This works out to 6 percent of their salaries;
- Requires state employees to cover 12 percent of their healthcare premiums.

In effect, Walker's plan completely curbs the power of the union — a good first move to get Big Labor's money sucking tendencies under control.

Of course, Big Labor doesn't feel good about Walker's proposal. Reacting to the Governor's plan, Wisconsin State AFL-CIO President Phil Neuenfeldt said, "Instead of balancing the budget on the backs of hard-working Wisconsinites, we need to come up with a balanced approach that looks at shared sacrifice from everyone."

The statement from Neuenfeldt ignores the fact that the budget shortfall burden is indeed on the backs of hard-working Wisconsinites. After all, the taxpayers in Wisconsin are the ones who pay the bills that the government and the union, rack up.

And why shouldn't taxpayers have the right to decide if

state employees should receive compensation raises that are absurd anywhere else in the marketplace. Governor Walker's proposal would drastically limit the ability of public sector unions to extort absurd levels of compensation from Wisconsin taxpayers.

If passed, the proposal would also severely limit the ability for the extremely partisan union in playing a major role inside of government. For far too long, the AFL-CIO has been allowed to run around the inner workings of government without check. This proposal would tamp down the role that the left-wing labor group can play in Wisconsin — a move that puts government on a more fair playing field for all Wisconsinites.

States across the nation should be looking at Governor Scott Walker's plan as a model for their own states. As state budget crises loom from coast to coast drastic changes are needed more than ever. Allowing state budget malfeasance to continue only invites disaster. Wisconsin has set a path forward for states to reign in their out-of-control spending — we can only hope that others are paying attention.

Post Notes...

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second and fourth Thursday morning, 10 to 11:30 a.m. There is no charge and everyone is welcome! Bring whatever project you are working on or want to begin: crochet, knitting, cross stitch, quilting, etc. Call 495-4148 for more information.

Post Notes:

Class of 61
The Post High School class of 1961 will be having a 50 year reunion on July 2, 2011. Please contact Jane Mason at 495-2980 or Beth Cook at 990-9120 for more information.

Graham Chapel Food Pantry And Clothes Closet

For those who need assistance, Graham Chapel Church of Christ has a food pantry and clothes closet available. To obtain either food or clothing, contact Noel or Orabeth White at 495-3261, Jane Mason at 495-2980 or Frank Tobias at 495-3057.

Post High School Calendar

Feb. 21 & 22 - OAP Festival, Post
Feb. 21 & 24 - OAP Play Practice, 7 PM
Feb. 22 - 5 PM JV/V Softball at Brownfield

Feb. 23 - Boys Golf Tourn. at Denver City

Post Middle School Weekly Calendar

2/25/11 - End of 4th 6 weeks- Early Release 12:00 Buses run at 12:30
FACULTY BIRTHDAYS
2/1-Irene Perez
2/13-Peggy Graves
2/16-Bill Coltrane
2/26-Jessie Collazo

Post Elementary Calendar

Friday, February 25th- 12:30 p.m.- Early dismissal. Buses will run.

Post Elementary

February 21-23: 5th grade students will be taking their TAKS Release Benchmark tests.

February 24: All students will attend the Drug Free Program at the Arena at 2:30. Buses will run as usual and students will be back at the elementary school for parent pick-up.

February 25: 12:30 p.m. dismissal. Buses will run.

March 1: 4th grade Math TAKS test. Information will be coming home that will assist you in preparing your student to take this TAKS test. Please make sure that your student is

well rested and well fed so they may test to the best of their ability.

March 2: Report cards sent home with students.

School pictures have been rescheduled for Friday, March 11th. As with the previously scheduled pictures, money will be due on the day the pictures are taken.

Graham Ole Opry

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday February 26 from 7:00pm till 10:00 pm at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles south on

FM 399.

There is no admission charge; hat will be passed for donations to help with upkeep on the center. Concession stand with drinks and snacks will be available.

For more information contact Noel White at 806-495-3261.

Harlem Ambassadors

The Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Show will be Sunday, February 27, at the Antelope Arena at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Post Area Chamber of Commerce office or at the door - \$9 adults, \$7 students and \$5 six and under.

Home...

From Page 1
controlled frenzy. There are many places in our nation where one may choose to live, but there are few that one would feel comfortable calling home. Post is one of those rare places that fit the latter description. The good news is that the residents of Post are proud of their town and would like to help the rest

of the world see why. And the longer one resides here, the less one finds the need to make that 35-mile trip.

When it comes to safety for its citizens, Post does have an easier pace that caters to even the most vulnerable of residents. Being able to walk alone in an outdoor public place is a rarity in these troubled times, yet locales such

as the track on the school grounds attract lone walkers at all hours. Yes, even a woman, and even at night. Who needs a mall when one can enjoy the crisp air of a mostly mild West Texas winter, lost in the peace of a healthy walk? God has certainly blessed this city.

Post may not have it all, but it has it right.

Lake Alan Henry Report

1. Conservation pool elevation - 2220.00 feet above mean sea level
2. Elevation as of February 14, 2011 - 2217.66 feet, 2.44 feet below conservation pool elevation
3. Water Temperature February 14, 2010 - 42 degrees fahrenheit
4. 2011 cumulative precipitation as of February 14 - 0.29 inches

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