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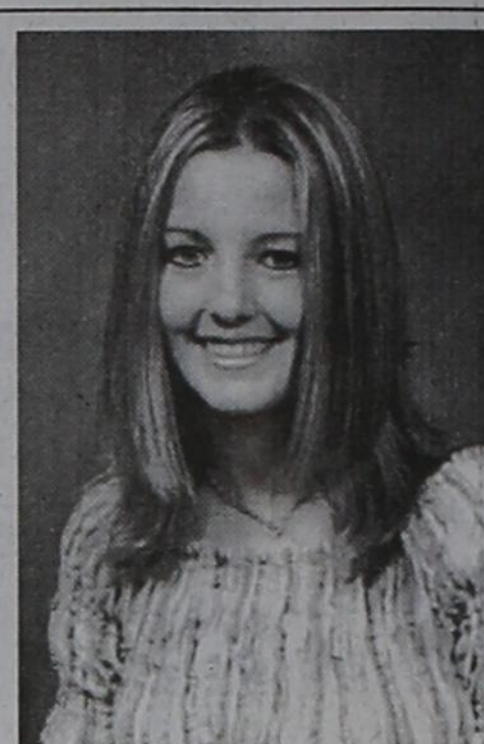


Elementary Patriotic Show honors Emergency Personnel
 Kindergarten, first and second grade students at Post Elementary entertained the audience with various patriotic songs during last Monday's Elementary Patriotic Show at the Elementary Auditorium. Produced and Directed by Karen Nichols, the show honored the volunteer emergency response personnel of Garza County. Among the delightful children are (back row left to right), Joe Adam Perez, Preston Bryant, Carson Mason, Valente Perez, Nathan Walls and Dylan Morris (front row), Alexis Antillon, Lauren Lynch, Triana Curtis and Joelle Williams. (Photo by Andrea Armendariz).

Motorcyclists injured near Southland
 Two individuals were airlifted to University Medical Center in Lubbock Sunday following a motorcycle accident that occurred Sunday morning on U.S. 84 in the construction zone about 10 miles north of Post. Garza County Deputy Eric Williams said he observed two men on the pavement when he arrived at the scene. One man was conscious and alert, although he was somewhat "skinned up," the deputy said. The other rider, approximately 27 or 28 years of age, had sustained what Williams described as an "extremely bad head injury." Neither of the men was wearing a helmet, according to reports. They were riding separate motorcycles at the time of the accident. Williams said he and a passer-by, who works as a nurse in Lubbock, were administering first aid to the more seriously injured rider when EMS arrived. The accident victims were on their way to Lubbock when a pair of Aerocare helicopters intercepted EMS at Southland to expedite the trip to the emergency room. The names of the victims and their medical conditions were unavailable as of Tuesday evening; however, both are reportedly from Sweetwater, according to reports. Although the cause of the accident remains unclear, Williams said statements from other motorcyclists riding with the men indicate the 27- or 28-year-old may have veered off the roadway, overcorrected and inadvertently struck the other rider's vehicle. Garza County Constable Eric Cravy assisted at the scene, and Crosbyton Department of Public Safety Trooper Vandergriff served as lead investigator. Vandergriff was unavailable for comment.



Avnee Bhakta



Kayla Dunn

Post Rotary Club recognizes PHS Students

Two Post High School students were recognized by the Post Rotary Club this month. Avnee Bhakta, daughter of Mukesh and Daxa Bhakta, and Kayla Dunn, daughter of Lance and Tonya Dunn, were September honorees. Bhakta is a member of the National Honor Society and 4-H and has been involved in varsity track, varsity golf, varsity and junior varsity basketball and UIL competitions while maintaining an A average during her high school career. Her hobbies include photography and volunteer work in the community, and she plans to attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock. "I know I want to do something in the medical field, but (I'm) not sure if I want to do radiology or physical therapy," she writes. "There (have) been many obstacles that I have overcome, and I am always willing to work. I will take advantage of every opportunity I have in life, and I will do my best in college to make my parents proud." Dunn also is a National Honor Society member, as well as a representative of the Post High School Student Council. She has participated in junior varsity and varsity basketball, varsity track and UIL literary events while attending high school. Her awards and recognitions include being listed in the A honor for each six-weeks grading period from 2001-2004; being named a UIL literary regional qualifier for three years; UIL literary district top scorer in 2004; listed as Academic All-District Track for two years and Academic All-District Basketball in 2004; and regional qualifier in 2003 in the 1600 m relay. Dunn's hobbies include life guarding, working in the Garza Theatre's Serendipity Shop and volunteering time to help local youths in athletic activities. She, too, plans to attend Texas Tech where she will study either nursing or attend medical school to become an orthopedic surgeon. "I truly feel that there are great opportunities in store for my future," she writes, "and I plan to take advantage of such opportunities. I am prepared and anxious about my college career and plan to make the best out of it in order to have a successful career as an adult."

Driver disappears following rollover

Authorities were called out early Saturday to investigate a one-car rollover near Southland, but the driver of the vehicle was never located. The Ford automobile was traveling southbound on US 84 about half a mile south of Slaton when it apparently rolled over once, coming to rest in a cotton field. Garza County Sheriff's Deputy Eric Williams was called to the scene at about 7:30 a.m. Despite a thorough search of the field about 25 to 30 yards surrounding the vehicle, Williams said he found evidence of no one who might have been traveling in the car.

No blood or evidence of injury was found, the deputy said, although there were footprints around the car. The vehicle also contained several alcoholic beverage containers and a loaded 9-mm magazine. The vehicle was crushed on the rear passenger side, Williams said, which may have enabled the driver to escape the wreckage with little or no injury. It is possible the driver may have hitchhiked from the scene. The registered owner of the vehicle, a Levelland resident, told authorities his car had been borrowed and may have been driven by either his girlfriend or one of her friends. Garza County Department of Public Safety Trooper Watson served as lead investigator on the case but was unavailable for comment.

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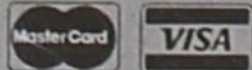
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Garza Theatre opens "Witness for the Prosecution" Saturday

Agatha Christie's "Witness for the Prosecution" will be the next play to be offered at the Garza Theatre. Directed by Jeff Conner, performances are set for Sept. 17, 18, 24 and 25 and Oct. 1, 2 and 3. Show times will be 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. for the Sunday matinee show. Cast members include Mark Martin, David Johnson, Jason Grimes, Brittany Joyner, Rob Holton, Mickie Klafka, Chris Davis, Valerie Conner, Wayne Jennings, Steve Berry and Sally Berry. Tickets to the production, made possible in part by a Texas Commission on the Arts grant, cost \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12. For more information, contact the theatre box office at 495-4005.

Lorene McCrary honored by ABWA

Lorene McCrary, a 37-year member of the Top O'Texas Chapter of the American Business Women's Association, was recently awarded an honorary lifetime membership in the chapter. McCrary, a longtime Amarillo civic worker, had 33 years of perfect attendance in the organization and has served in every office. A member of numerous committees, she was the recipient of the club's Woman of the Year honors in 1972 and 1994. McCrary helped found the Amarillo Meals on Wheels in 1971, serving as chairman of the interviewing committee. She assumed a paid position as executive director of the program in 1972 and retired in 1988. She was active in the National Association of Meal Programs, serving as state representative for all Texas Meals on Wheels programs from 1986-87. She also was instrumental in the formation of the Amarillo Senior Citizens Association and was recognized when the group observed its 30th anniversary. She was an active volunteer with the Task Force on Aging and the Potter County Extension Service. McCrary also received the Governor's Award for Outstanding Service to Senior Citizens and the Community. Other activities included service on the Alzheimer's Association board of directors; member of Beta Sigma Phi, including service as president, vice president and secretary; corresponding secretary and courtesy chairman for the Texas Gamma Phi Master Chapter; and membership in the Senior Singles Sunday School Class at Paramount Baptist Church. A longtime Amarillo resident, McCrary recently moved to Lubbock.



The Lubbock Gold 10 & Under Allstars Team are (back row left to right), Coaches Joey Cowley and Matt Driskell (middle row), Breanna Villareal, CJ Hernandez, Chelsey Driskell, Rebecca Neel, Lauren Heinrich and KK Horton (front row), Kyla Perez, Bailey Wipff, Gabriella Aguirre, Teraka Cowley, Sara Whitson and Miranda Hair.



The Lubbock Blue 18 & Under Allstars Team are (back row left to right), Coaches Emilee Smith (Lubbock) and Amanda Cedillo (Lorenzo) (middle row), Kayla Osuna (Crosbyton), Amanda Rodriguez (Lorenzo), Patty Delgado (New Deal), Kendra Quincy (Ralls) and Ashley Young (Post) (front row), Brittany Osuna (Crosbyton), Monique Janssen (Lubbock), Traci Nelson (Post) and Allison Blevins (Post).

Post girls compete in Odessa softball tourney

Eleven Post girls participated in the West Texas All Star Tournament in Odessa July 16-18.

In the 18 and under bracket, Traci Nelson, Allison Blevins and Ashley Young played on the Lubbock Blue Team coached by Jaquita Blevins, Danny Nelson, Sherry Young and Hector Osuna. In the 12 and under bracket, Alex Miller, Kelsey Overton, Syrina Perez and Sabrina Sanchez played on the Lubbock Red Team coached by Roy Delgado. In the 10 and under bracket, Teraka Cowley, K.K. Horton, Miranda Hair and Kyla Perez played on the Lubbock Gold Team coached by Joey Cowley and Matt Driskell.

Seventy-six teams represented 22 cities and more than 900 girls participated in the tournament.

Teams were introduced at an opening ceremony on July 16, followed by the beginning of the tournament with pool play—one-hour drop-dead time limit games that serve as warm-ups prior to tourney play. Each team played two pool games.

The 18 and under Lubbock Blue team played San Angelo and won 5-0 in its first pool game, then lost the second contest to Midland Blue 8-0.

On the second day of the tournament, the Lubbock Blue won its first game against Midland Red 6-5, then lost the next two games to Monahans (16-1) and Alpine (10-0). The team's second loss put them in the consolation bracket game on the tournament's final day against San Angelo. The team won that game 7-1 to take first place in the consolation bracket and fifth place overall in the 18 and under bracket. The Midland Blue team defeated Midland Red for the championship.

Allison Blevins played pitcher and outfield, Ashley Young played shortstop and outfield and Traci Nelson played catcher, second base and outfield positions in the tourney.

The 10 and under Lubbock Gold team played Midland Red and lost 3-0 in the first pool game, but won the second game against Seminole 15-0.

Lubbock Gold lost its first tourney game to Alpine 10-4, then put up a four-game winning streak by defeating Coahoma 10-1, Odessa Blue 5-3, Jal, N.M., 4-2 and Lubbock Blue 7-3. The team was eliminated from the tournament by Midland Red 2-1.

Midland Red won the tournament championship, with Lubbock Gold placing fifth out of 23 teams.

Teraka Cowley played pitcher, K.K. Horton played catcher, Miranda Hair played first base and Kyla Perez played shortstop in the tournament.

The 12 and under Lubbock Red team played Lamesa and Monahans,

logging wins in both of the pool games.

The team opened tournament play against Andrews Black with a win, but lost the second tournament game to Lubbock Blue. Lubbock Red won its next two games against Lamesa and Andrews before being eliminated by Midland Blue.

The Lubbock Red team earned a fifth place finish in the tournament out of 20 teams.

Alex Miller played second base and outfield, Kelsey Overton played outfield, Syrina Perez played second base and outfield and Sabrina Sanchez played outfield during the tournament.



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I learned much about law in general as the Municipal Judge for the City of Post and as a magistrate for the State of Texas for 5 years (1997-2003). Before being appointed judge, I served on the Post City Council. Before moving to Post in 1992, I spent 15 years in the radio business, mostly in Lubbock. During my radio days, I graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in Mass Communications and a minor in Business Administration. I share my life with my wife of 18 years Janice and our daughter Marlee, who is a freshman at Post High School. We are members of the Post United Methodist Church. I participate on business and civic boards including, the Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau, Old Mill Trade Days, Bed and Breakfasts of the Llano Estacado, and Historic Accommodations of Texas. In all business matters, private and public, I take a conservative approach. So, please consider me as your next Garza County and District Clerk. If you decide to vote for me, you must write in, Jim Plummer for county and district clerk, my name will not be on the ballot.

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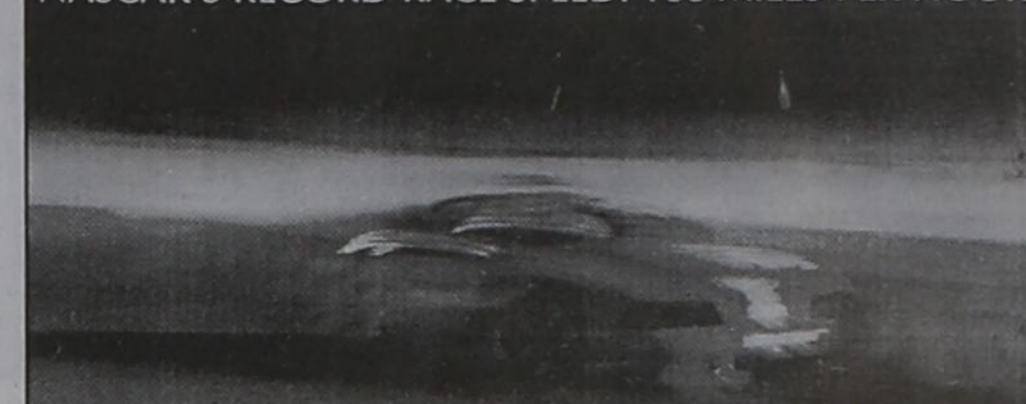


T.J. Copeland (left) was baptized by his grandfather Ronnie Riggs recently in the new Graham Chapel Church of Christ baptismal. The painting behind the baptismal is a reproduction of the original painting that was done by J. Rodgers in 1950. The original painting was painted directly on the wall at the original Graham Chapel Church of Christ and was unable to be moved. This reproduction was done by Darren and Dee Jones, the son-in-law and daughter of Dean and Lana Daniells and was donated to the church by them, and was presented to the church on Sunday, September 5, 2004. The framing of the photo is the ceiling tile and is also from the original Graham Chapel Church of Christ. The designing and placing of the photo was done by Neol and Orabeth White along with Ted and Barbara Tatum. The original Graham Chapel Church of Christ has recently been torn down and the first service at the rebuilt Graham Chapel Church of Christ located 15th and Ave. S was used for its first services on November 8, 2003.

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by Timothy W. Burnett

Receive holy spirit ... use of Greek word "epi"

Continuing on the subject of speaking in tongues in the context of receiving holy spirit, there are at least five areas in the book of Acts that use the Biblical Greek word "epi." This word is mostly translated "to fall upon," "fall on" or simply "upon" (among other uses). In The Companion Bible, E.W. Bullinger provided the following definition of epi, "With the Accusative [case] it implies the downward pressure on that upon which a thing rests; active motion being suggested (e.g. 2Cor. 3:15, 1Tim. 5:5). Hence, it denotes any extended motion downward (Matt. 13:2; 18:12; 19:28; 27:45) from heaven to earth (Mark 4:20. Acts 11:15, 2Cor. 12:9) ... epi marks the point to be reached." (Appendix 104 ix 3). Although the word epi is used many times throughout the New Testament, its uses in the context of receiving holy spirit warrant more attention.

The first usage of epi, as related to holy spirit is found John 1:33, "And I knew him not: but He that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, 'Upon [epi] whom thou shalt see the spirit descending, and remaining on [epi] him, the same is he which baptizes with the Holy Ghost.'" Now, because Jesus is the risen Lord and Savior, it is available for holy spirit to permanently come upon anybody. This condition is unique to the period of time known as the Administration of the grace of God (Ephesians 3:2-6).

Acts 1:8, "But you shall receive [lambano] power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon [epi] you..." During the past teachings it was established that to receive holy spirit means the point in time that people speak in tongues. Here, we get more information. After people start speaking in tongues,

the holy spirit is considered to be pressing downward from heaven to earth, and has truly reached its mark (see above definition of "epi").

Acts 2:3, "And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon [epi] each of them." This scripture directly ties speaking in tongues with holy spirit pressing downward from heaven to earth, having reached its mark (Greek word, epi). Please notice that "epi" is not used in the context of being filled with holy spirit, but with speaking in tongues. The first 12 were first filled with holy spirit. Then they got the vision of cloven tongues sitting upon each of them, and they immediately began to speak in tongues.

Acts 8:16 "For as yet he was fallen upon [epi] none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." Seen in the context of verse 15, the word "epi" is used in direct relation to the condition of receiving [lambano] holy spirit.

Acts 10:44, "While Peter yet spoke these words, the Holy Ghost fell on [epi] all them which heard the word." How did they know this? See verse 46, "For they heard them speak with tongues."

Acts 19:6, "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on [epi] them; and they spoke with tongues..." The laying on of hands was according to specific revelation from God, and was not a generally required condition for people to speak in tongues. Once again, from the context of verses 2-6, speaking in tongues is inextricably tied to the use of "epi" in the context of holy spirit.

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OS Steer Roping & Art Exhibit

It would be difficult to measure the impact the OS Ranch Steer Roping & Art Exhibit had on Post over the years. A reunion of those exciting days will be held October 1 and 2 this year.

Besides the economic surge it gave local businesses each fall, the event carried Post's banner to all corners of the country. Not since cereal king C.W. Post promoted his complete community of farmers, ginners and weavers and publicized his unsuccessful attempts to drill producing oil wells had Post received so much national attention. Steer, calf and team ropers from all over came to participate in what became the premier roping event in the state — and maybe even the entire country. At one time there were almost 600 ropers and their families adding to Post's economy during the OS weekend.

Dozens of famous artists from as far away as New York, along with their followers, came each fall and stayed in Post or neighboring communities. Art enthusiasts and buyers from many states converged on the art show each fall.

The positive impact on local and area businesses was compounded annually by the thousands of visitors and spectators who came to Post to watch the ropings and view and purchase western art. An art show and a steer roping on a remote ranch perched miles from the nearest town was unheard of prior to the OS Ranch Steer Roping & Art Exhibit. Following the event's success, attempts were made to duplicate the combination, but none succeeded.

Perhaps one of the most amazing elements of the annual event was the formidable task of cooking barbecue outdoors for 5000 to 6000 visitors on both weekend days of the event. Dozens of volunteers pitched in each year, and supplies for the huge undertaking were purchased primarily from local and area merchants. Temporary labor was hired both prior to and immediately following the event to prepare the ranch for the invasion of spectators and clean the grounds afterwards.

It is impossible to pin a dollar amount on the economic impact the roping and art exhibit had on Post between 1971 and 1982. Nor is it possible to evaluate the importance the annual events had on the community's national reputation.

Thousands of individuals have memories of Post and the OS Ranch, and thousands more know where Post, Texas, is. They also know the citizens of Post and Garza County can do the impossible and make it look easy.

Let's clean up and show our pride

by Wes Burnett

A neat and tidy appearance is important for individuals as well as businesses and communities.

In the coming months we'll be urging citizens to take a close look at our town ... especially in preparation for the October 1 and 2 OS Ranch Steer Roping and Art Exhibit, the 2005 United Texas Tour and our centennial celebration in 2007, and of course, our monthly visitors to Old Mill Trade Days.

Abandoned cars, trashy private property ... and just plain trash on the streets, sidewalks and alley ways ... we don't have to wait for city hall to take care of these things ... we all need to pitch in and pick up, paint up, fix up.

Look around, see what you can do to make our town look clean, bright and attractive to visitors.

We're looking at our little spot on Main Street, and we know what needs to be done ... so won't you join us in this clean up and spruce up campaign?

Our current state of affairs

It will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood; if they be repealed or revised before they are promulgated, or undergo such incessant changes that no man, who knows what the law is today, can guess what it will be tomorrow. Law is defined to be a rule of action; but how can that be a rule, which is little known, and less fixed?

-James Madison, *Federalist Paper, #62.*

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Opinions

A sensible approach to agricultural freedom

It's time to plant industrial hemp

by Michael Badnarik

Government often prepares the way for oppressive legislation by exaggerating a current danger, or by rhetorically turning harmless people and things into bogeymen.

Certainly this has been the case with industrial hemp. Although it includes a technical exemption for hemp, The Controlled Substances Act of 1970 generally treats hemp like marijuana, its psychotropic cousin. Smoking industrial hemp to "get high" yields about the same result as smoking the evening newspaper; and while the government contends that hemp can be useful as camouflage for marijuana growth, even laymen can easily distinguish between the two.

What makes current federal policy so tragic is that industrial hemp is estimated to have 25,000 constructive uses. Indeed, until recently the qualities of perhaps the world's most useful plant were widely understood and utilized. Ironically, in early 17th Century America, laws existed REQUIRING farmers to grow hemp. Later, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson both left glowing references to the plant in their writings.

Hemp even has a record of heroism: During WWII, the U.S. war effort needed hemp-based supplies so badly that it instituted the "Hemp for Victory" program. The beginnings of today's repressive policies were already in place by the late 30s, as a result of propaganda efforts waged against hemp by the petro-chemical and timber industries. However, when America's very survival was threatened, the government exempted farmers and their sons from military service if they'd agree to grow it.

The ahistorical perception that those interested in legalizing hemp cultivation are all drug users has far-reaching economic, ecological and humanitarian effects. Consider just a few of the benefits we're missing out on:

- According to a U.S. Department of Agriculture report, "Hemp

Hurds as a Paper-Making Material" (Bulletin No. 404), the core of the hemp stalk produces more than four times more paper than trees in proportion to land area cultivated.

- Raw hempseed oil can be used, without any modification, to power diesel engines.

- Thousands of natural food products, including staples like cheese and milk, are made from hempseed. Its protein content is higher than any plant source except soy — and is more usable than soy as well.

- Although anyone can manufacture and sell hemp products in the U.S., it is illegal to cultivate the plant. An untold number of income opportunities, which would easily be supported by the growing demand for ecologically friendly alternatives, are denied the American work force. Availability of overseas hemp is insufficient to meet demand. Jobs — not just in cultivation, but manufacture of goods — are lost.

If the War on Drugs is senseless and unfathomable in light of reality — and it is — the prohibition on cultivating industrial hemp is even more so. Canada and the European Union have more enlightened — and economically sound — hemp policies than the United States.

The Bush Administration has attempted to ban hempseed food products which were formerly exempt from the definition of marijuana; foods that have no harmful effect whatsoever, and which aren't even remotely associated with recreational drug use.

As your President, I would open the way for free-market exploration and exploitation of industrial hemp. I'd veto legislation funding enforcement of laws against it, and I'd lobby Congress to repeal those laws.

Isn't it time we had a leader who defended the economic freedom which so well serves the interests of the American people?

I'm Michael Badnarik, Libertarian for President. I ask the tough questions - to give you answers that really work!

Hearsay convictions at Guantanamo Bay

by Jacob G. Hornberger

The Pentagon's decision to admit hearsay evidence at its military tribunals at Guantanamo Bay flies in the face of one of the most important principles in the administration of criminal justice — the right to confront one's accuser and cross-examine him in the presence of the jury. In fact, our American ancestors deemed the principle so important that they included it in the Sixth Amendment: "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right ... to be confronted with the witnesses against him."

What's the effect of the Pentagon's hearsay rule?

Let's assume that the Pentagon is prosecuting a person for setting off a bomb at a U.S. embassy overseas. Assume that the military takes into custody another suspected terrorist who tells a military interrogator that he saw the defendant set off the bomb.

If the trial were being held in federal district court, the judge would be bound by both the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees the defendant the right to confront and cross-examine his accuser, and the federal rules of evidence, which, with a few long-established exceptions, bar the use of hearsay in criminal prosecutions. The hearsay prohibition means that prosecutors would have to bring the suspected terrorist into court to testify as a witness against the defendant.

After the witness has testified on direct examination as part of the prosecution's case, the defendant's attorney would have the right to cross-examine him to impeach his credibility by, for example, showing prior inconsistent statements, challenging his version or recollection of the critical events, showing he was tortured into making his accusation, or demonstrating that he has a motive to lie arising out of leniency promised by the government. The jury would have the

opportunity to closely watch and examine the demeanor of the witness as he is testifying to determine whether he is telling the truth and how much weight to give his testimony.

Thus, the vital importance of the right to confront adverse witnesses and cross-examine them in a criminal proceeding cannot be understated. It is one of the primary means by which the defendant in a criminal proceeding is able to show that government witnesses are either lying or failing to disclose the entire truth about important aspects of the government's case.

In the Cuban military tribunals, the situation is completely different. At trial the Pentagon will permit military prosecutors to call to the witness stand the military interrogator to whom the accuser made his accusation and have the interrogator relay to the jury what the accuser has said. The defendant's attorney would be free to cross-examine the interrogator but obviously that's a far cry from cross-examining the person who has made the accusation.

Thus, under the Pentagon's hearsay rule, a person can be convicted of terrorism by out-of-court statements offered for "the truth of the matter stated" (e.g., that the defendant committed a terrorist act) — statements that might not even have been made under oath, might well be false, or might have been induced by duress or threats of violence, bribery, or blackmail. While the jury could watch and examine the demeanor of the military interrogator and honestly conclude that he was telling the truth about what he was told by the suspected terrorist, the jury would be precluded from closely watching and examining, under the pressure of a rigorous cross-examination, the demeanor of the person who has actually made the accusation.

Is it fair or just to convict and punish a person on the basis of hearsay testimony? Our ancestors believed not, which is why they insisted on the passage of the Sixth Amendment. Unfortunately, the Pentagon feels differently, which is why it is permitting hearsay evidence in its Guantanamo Bay military tribunals.

Mr. Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) and holds a law degree from the University of Texas.

Who said that?

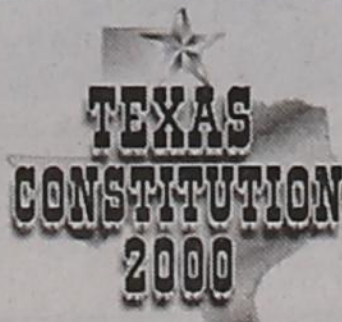
"Those who cast the votes decide nothing. Those who count the votes decide everything." — Josef Stalin.

Houston's Lament

"If the principals are disregarded upon which the annexation of Texas was consummated - Louisiana was a purchase; California, New Mexico, and Utah, a conquest; but Texas was a voluntary annexation - sorrowing for the mistake she made in sacrificing her independence on the altar of her patriotism, she would unfurl again the banner of the Lone Star to the breeze and reenter upon a national career."

Sam Houston

It's About Freedom



Three Myths about Voter Turnout in the United States

by John Samples

John Samples is director of the Cato Institute's Center for Representative Government.

Executive Summary

Critics of American politics and elections often focus on low voter turnout in the United States. They argue that voter turnout is steadily declining largely because of voter cynicism caused by big money campaigns and negative political advertising. Voter turnout is lower than it was in the 1960s, but almost the entire decline happened between 1968 and 1974. Sophisticated and detailed studies of both public trust in government and the consequences of political advertising show that neither factor has a negative effect on voter turnout.

Turnout is lower than in other developed nations, but the United States has a different culture and history than European nations that see large majorities of their citizens go to the polls. European standards are not appropriate for judging American turnout.

Critics of American politics have misunderstood voter turnout in the United States. The proposed remedies—limiting political liberty through restrictions on campaign finance and on political advertising—are neither analytically sound nor necessary for a healthy body politic.

(Editor's Note: the full text is available at www.cato.org)

Longhorns squeeze out 21-20 win over 'Lopes

by Wes Burnett

For almost three quarters the Post Antelopes controlled the football field Friday night at Lockney, but the Longhorns took advantage of two second half fumbles to erase a 20-6 deficit and claim a 21-20 victory.

The 'Lope mounted an impressive drive late in the fourth quarter, but could not convert on fourth down from the Lockney six yard line. Leading 12-0 at half time and 20-6 at the end of the third quarter, the 'Lopes could not stop the clock from running out the final 23 seconds after the fourth down effort.

Quarterbacks Wilson Cash and Sterling Smith shared signal calling duties, taking turns bringing in plays from the sidelines. The 'Lope defense did a great job of bottling up Lackey's leading rusher Mark Ford, but the two lost fumbles was too much to overcome.

First Half Action

Lockney won the toss and elected to receive to open the game. The 'Lope defensive unit stopped the Longhorns, forcing a punt from the Post 49 yard line. The ball fell short at the Post 30, and with 9:43 left in the first quarter, the 'Lopes opened up a two play touchdown drive.

Quarterback Wilson Cash picked up short yardage on first down, then on second down quarterback Sterling Smith lofted a pass deep down the right sideline to Jerrad Grisham, who outraced Longhorn defenders to the end zone. A two point conversion pass play went incomplete... the 'Lopes led 6-0 with 9:00 showing on the first quarter clock.

Again, the 'Lope defense bent a bit as the Longhorns mounted a 16 play drive, ending at the Post 12 yard line as kicker Dahlen McCarter's field goal attempt sailed too far right. The 'Lopes held onto a 6-0 lead.

Making impressive plays for the 'Lope defense were Randon Blacklock, Jonathan McGregor, Blake Nichols and Colter Creech.

The next 'Lope possession was interrupted by a third down pass interception at the Post 26 yard line. The defense continued its tenacious grip, led by Zach Sanchez, Creech and Theo Paiz. A Longhorn fourth down punt set up the 'Lopes at their own 20 yard line.

Although the 'Lopes ran off a big

chunk of time on their next second quarter possession, they were unable to convert the 14 play drive, giving up the ball on fourth down at the Longhorn 13 with 4:49 left in the first half.

Another stiff Antelope defensive stand forced a fourth down punt, putting the ball at the Post 46 with 2:44 left in the second quarter.

Cash and Smith took turns guiding the 'Lopes in an eight play drive to paydirt. Big plays came with Cash faking out Lackey defenders on the option keeper around his left end to the Longhorn 35. Chris Reed followed with a blast over right guard, Jett Lott broke through would-be tacklers to the 25 and then to the 15.

A holding penalty set the ball back to the 44, then Cash fooled the Longhorn defense again with a keeper around left end to the 24. Then Smith threw a pass to Kenneth Garay, who hauled it in at the 10 and slipped past defenders to the three. Lott rammed the ball to the two, then on second down with time running out, Cash squeezed his way to the one. On third down Lott got the ball from Smith and simply bullied his way over defenders into the end zone around his left tackle. Cash was unable to convert the two point conversion, as the ball popped loose and covered by a Longhorn.

With 18 seconds left in the first half, the 'Lopes took what looked like a commanding 12-0 lead. Lockney put on an offensive show, but was shut down by aggressive tackling from Reed, Jannsen Eilenberger and Creech. The bands took the field.

Second Half Action

Antelope fans were pleased with the opening of the second half as the team launched another touchdown drive. Garay got a good return of the kickoff, setting up the six play drive at the Post 36 yard line.

Smith and Cash shared quarterback chores, with Blacklock, Cash and Lott picking apart the Longhorn defense. The touchdown came on third down from the Lockney 18 as Lott took the pitchout from Smith, got a great clearing block from Grisham and rambled into the end zone. Cash took the ball into the end zone for the two point conversion, setting up the 'Lopes with a 20-0 edge.

With 9:25 left in the third quarter, the Longhorns came out scrambling. Again, the 'Lope defense stopped Lockney, forcing a fourth down play from the Post 17. A measurement showed the fourth down effort short by inches. Big plays came from Grisham, Reed, Eilenberger, McGregor, Sanchez and Paiz.

Taking the ball at their own 17, with 3:35 remaining on the third quarter, Lott blasted to the 26, Reed broke through tacklers to the 47 and a first down. Then Cash's pitchout sailed backwards, was scooped up by Longhorn Rance Schumacher, who outpaced surprised Antelopes... trimming the 'Lope lead to 20-6 with 2:49 left in the third quarter. The extra point attempt failed.

The 'Lopes got the ball back with another return by Garay, starting on their own 36 yard line. The 10 play drive ran out of steam, forcing Grisham into a punting situation on fourth down from the Post 44. The short punt set the Longhorns up at their own 42. Nine plays later Schumacher took the ball into the end zone from the Post three yard line, and got the two point conversion from a split offensive lineup.

With 5:00 showing on the game clock, the 'Lopes held onto a slim 20-14 lead.

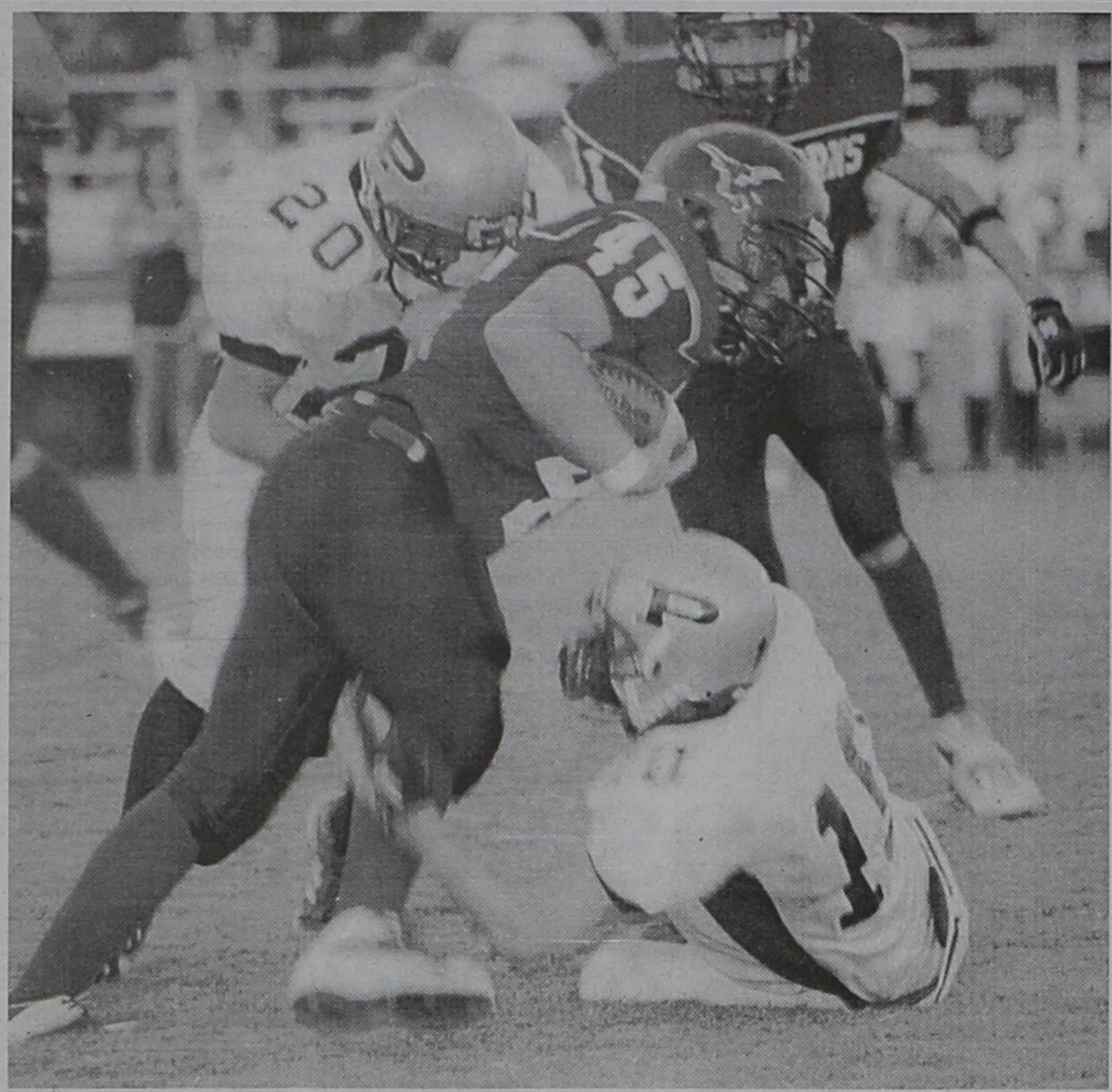
Then disaster struck again on the first play following the kickoff. Smith's pitchout to Sanchez fell to the ground and Lockney covered the ball at the Post 21 yard line.

Four plays later the Longhorns went ahead 21-0 following Ford's touchdown from the seven yard line and McCarter's extra point kick.

The Antelope final offensive push fell short at the Longhorn six yard line on a fourth effort as time ran out.

The team hosts Roscoe Friday evening at Antelope Stadium in the Homecoming Game. Those unable to attend the game may tune in Post City Radio (www.postcityradio.com) and Cebridge Connections Channel 12) for play-by-play action beginning at 7:15 p.m.

The DVD recording will be broadcast Saturday and Sunday on Post City Television on Cebridge Connections Channel 12 (video streaming at www.postcitytv.com) at 1, 5 and 10 p.m.



Zach Sanchez (20) and Trent McDonald (10) bring down a Lockney running back during action there last Friday. The team hosts Roscoe Friday at Antelope Stadium for Homecoming, game time is 7:30 p.m. (Staff photo by Gena Lott).

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Halter Class Showmanship Clinics are scheduled for September 19, 2004. The clinics will start at 3:00 p.m. each day at the rodeo grounds. Youth who do not own but have access to a horse

are encouraged to participate. Call Kim Reiter at 495-2774 for more information and to register. This is in preparation for the Garza County Jr. Livestock Horse Show set for October 10.

Hog Tags & Validation

Anyone wanting to show hogs at the county show or a major livestock show, please call in and order your validation tags. All hogs for the GCJLA and major

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Randon Blacklock (7) races past Lockney defenders as the Post Antelope offense mounted one of its scoring drives at Lockney last Friday evening. (Staff photo by Gena Lott).



PHS pep rally last week featured (back row, left to right) "Villian" Orlando Diaz, "Superman" Jason Smith, cheerleaders Claire Kirkpatrick, Emily Marcum, Jenee Lott, Steffi Norman, "Spiderman" Alana Zubia, (middle row) "Maiden" Christina Zellmer, Xane Mason, Kaci Capps, Kayla Morris, Gentry Creech, (front row) Courtney Short, "Batman" Jarred Smikth and Hayley Massey. (Photo by Gena Lott)

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Post Antelope's Cris Reed (44) shot through a hole with blocking support of Eric Reyna (50) during last week's game at Lockney. The Antelopes host Roscoe this Friday for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff. Get all the play-by-play action live on Post City Radio (Cebridge Connections Channel 12 and www.postcityradio.com). The DVD recorded action will be broadcast Saturday and Sunday at 1, 5 and 10 p.m. by Post City Television on Cebridge Connections Channel 12 and www.postcitytv.com. (Photo by Gena Lott).

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Sept. 9	7-8th	@ Lockney	5:00 & 6:30
	JV	Lockney	6:00
Sept. 10	Varsity	@ Lockney	7:30
Sept. 16	7-8th	New Deal	5 & 6:30
	JV	TBA	7:00
Sept. 17	Varsity	• Homecoming Roscoe	7:30
Sept. 23	7-8th	@ Denver City	5 & 6:30
	JV	Denver City	7:00
Sept 24*	Varsity	@ Denver City	7:30
Sept 30	7-8th	Abernathy	5:00
	JV	@ Abernathy	7:00
Oct. 1*	Varsity	Abernathy	7:30
Oct. 7	7-8th	@ Shallowater	5 & 6:30
	JV	Shallowater	7:00
Oct. 8*	Varsity	@ Shallowater	7:30
Oct. 14	7-8th	@ Idalou	5 & 6:30
	JV	Idalou	7:00
Oct. 15*	Varsity	@ Idalou	7:30
Oct. 21	7-8th	Tahoka	5 & 6:30
	JV	@ Tahoka	7:00
Oct. 22*	Varsity	Tahoka	7:30
Oct. 28	7-8th	@ Slaton	5 & 6:30
	JV	Slaton	7:00
Oct. 29*	Varsity	@ Slaton	7:30
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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones from the files of The Post Dispatch

10 Years Ago September 14, 1994

The sport of barrel racing just took a step forward in the ranks of equine racing. With the first ever Texas state finals held in Abilene. The National Barrel Horse Association members from district six attending were Carey Cox, Heather Dickson, Lori Hudman, Camie Payne, Erica and Monica Schooler.
SRA Dewayne Warren and Tomoko Miyasato exchanged wedding vows Saturday, June 18 at the Post Church of Christ. The groom is the son of Chet and Becky Warren of Post.
City crews were out repairing ruptured water lines Sunday morning. The water mains on this side of town are old two inch lines, some as old as 40 or 50 years. The City has filed for a federal grant so that main breaks such as that between Osage and Mohawk can be repaired.

Post seventh grade won over Slaton in a scrimmage last Thursday. Braden Conner scored twice on two runs with Rocky Gomez returning an interception for a touchdown.

20 Years Ago September 19, 1984

"We played well enough to win," Post Antelope football coach David Thompson comments about last Friday night's comeback win over Idalou. "The team earned the Bold Gold helmet stickers," he added. Last week, following the Kermit contest, the Bold Gold stickers were removed from players' helmets and the coaches emphasized that the Bold Gold label had to be earned.

Friends and relatives gathered at the First National Bank Community Room September 16 to honor Mr. and Mrs. Don Greer on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Lela Huntley, Zilla Huddlestone and Mrs. S. W. Goodwin returned home Saturday from a five day tour of New Orleans, La.

The George R. Brown Co. has demonstrated a graphic support of the Texas Sesquicentennial celebration with its new painting on a storage tank just off Hwy. 84 north.

30 Years Ago September 19, 1974

George Pierce, Post High School science teacher, has been selected as session chairman for the 1974 Conference for the Advancement of Science Teachers to be held at Texas A&M University.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Palmer announce the birth of a daughter, Stephanie Ann, born September 14 at Garza Memorial Hospital.

Two former Post Antelope gridders, David Stelzer and Jay Polard, played side by side in the offensive line of Sul Ross State University at Alpine Saturday against Eastern New Mexico University.

Mr. and Mrs. Jurd William Young of Two Draw Lake, Post, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary September 22.

One hundred and five teams last weekend entered the OS Ranch team roping competition set for the ranch's big roping pen Saturday, Sept. 28, and to date 33 girls' barrel racers have entered the special OS barrel race.

40 Years Ago September 17, 1964

Another page in Garza County's colorful history was marked when the new state historical marker atop the Terrace County cemetery gate was dedicated by the Garza County Historical Survey Committee. Two of the three men who constructed the gate and gate piers were among the crowd and received special recognition. They are George "Scotty" Samson, who built the piers of na-

tive rock, and Wm. Zetzman, retired blacksmith, who built the gate. James Napier of Lubbock, who assisted Samson was unable to attend the dedication.

Lana Haynie, senior student, is drum major of this year's Post High School band - the Black and Gold. Lana is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Haynie.

Thursday to Thursday: Among the new TV programs making their debuts this week are "Voyage," "No Time for Sergeants," "Bing Crosby Show," and "Tycoon." Another new one is "Peyton Place."

Leon Miller of Midland, formerly of Post, recently moved to Lubbock as new district executive of the Mackenzie Trail District, Boy Scouts of America. Miller, a graduate of Post High School and a former student at Texas Tech, was a scoutmaster in Post and served four years as a district executive.

60 Years Ago September 14, 1944

In announcing the opening of a tea room this week Mrs. Jennie Scarborough has answered a need for such accommodations for many women of Post and Garza County. The tea room opened in the Scarborough home will accommodate as many as sixty people. Mrs. Scarborough said.

This week's "Soldier of the Week" is John H. Collins, son of Mrs. Anna Collins. He is a wearer of four battle stars on his campaign ribbons. The Post soldier who has been in service four years has seen service in the campaigns of North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

Allen Cash is winner of the first bale of cotton grown on top of the cap. This bale was ginned on the sixth of September. It weighed 610 pounds with seed weighing 1000 pounds. A \$25.00 war bond was given as premium for the bale by the Post Chamber of Commerce.

A 300 bushel truck load of peaches will arrive in Post on Monday. All persons who have registered for peaches should report to the Pure Food Market to receive them.

B. L. Graham has leased the Algeria Coffee Shop and started operation there this week. Mr. Graham comes to Post from Lubbock where he was associated with the Criers Cafeteria.

50 Years Ago September 16, 1954

Officers for the 1954-55 school year were elected by members of the Post High School band. The new officers are: Walter Didway, president; Tommy Mayfield, vice-president; Carolyn Hudman, secretary-treasurer; V.A. Dodson, reporter; Mozelle Edwards, Student Council representative, and Margaret Moreland, band sweetheart.

Pretty Polly O'Neal, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar O'Neal. Polly who was stricken with polio when she was three years old, has been chosen to make a movie short in Hollywood for use in connection with the annual motion picture theater fund drive for the Texas Foundation for Crippled Children.

Miss Oneita Jones, 15, Garza County's 4-H Gold Star Girl for 1954 will represent the county this Saturday in the District 2 Dress Revue in Lubbock.

Post High School's stage band, the "Modernaires," directed by W. B. (Bill) Parks, presented the program Tuesday at the regular weekly luncheon of the Post Rotary Club. Members of the band are: Tommy Mayfield, Mozelle Edwards, Boyd Dodson, Lexa Acker and Janie Gossett, saxophones, Gene Young, Walter Didway, Jimmy Short and Jimmy Bowen, brass section; Kenneth Mills and V.A. Dodson, rhythm section and Frances Dietrich, pianist.



During last Monday's Elementary Patriotic Show, the third, fourth and fifth grade students performed various songs in honor of the local emergency volunteers in Garza County. Shown up-stage are (back row left to right), Maritza Alaniz, Daniela Alaniz, Minnie Soria, Phillip Gonzales and Jasmine Collazo (front row), Nathan Guerra, Katie Dunn, Hunter Fellhauer and Zach Quinonez. Photo by Andrea Armendariz.

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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,
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Snack-time: Help Your Children Snack Smart

Children like to snack. In fact, most young children need to snack. Young children have a high need for calories to support their active play and growth relative to the small size of their stomachs; thus they need to eat more often. But...most of us need to re-think how we look at snacks. We need to think of snacks as a mini-meal that help provide nutrients and food energy our children need to grow, play, and learn. Most children do best when they eat four to six times a day.

Here are some tips you can use to help your children snack smart:

- * Keep food group snacks handy. Stock cut raw vegetables, fruit, 100% juice, peanut butter, hard-cooked eggs, low-fat milk, cheese, and yogurt. Keep fruits and vegetables in clear storage containers at eye level in your refrigerator or in a bowl on the kitchen table where they can be easily seen. You might also try clear containers for other snacks, such as crackers, dry cereal, or raisins in your pantry (note: raisins can be a choking hazard for very young children).

- * Go easy on snacks with added sugars. Offer water, low-fat milk, or 100% juice. Soft drinks and other juices can crowd out vitamin- and nutrient-rich foods your child needs to grow and stay healthy.

- * Avoid strictly prohibiting certain foods. A little candy is okay once-in-awhile. Just make food groups the usual snacks. Overly restricting foods can actually encourage tendencies toward overeating and overweight.

- * Use snacks to fill in nutritional gaps. If your child missed having his/her 100% juice at breakfast, offer juice or fruit at snack time.
- * Keep snacks small. If your child is still hungry, s/he can ask for more. Let your child decide what's enough within reason.

- * Time snacks carefully. Have snacks two hours before meals. This will help your child be able to eat well at each meal without being filled up on snack-time foods.

- * Only offer snacks to satisfy hunger. Try to skip the urge to offer snacks to quiet tears, calm a child, or reward behavior. This can lead to emotional overeating later on. Try other means to deal with emotions. If you need a reward, try stickers, pencils, special time together, hugs, etc. Note: Sometimes children will say they are hungry when they really are thirsty, want attention, or just need something to keep them busy (they're bored). Offer a glass of water, take a little time with your child, or provide a fun activity. Your child will let you know if s/he is really hungry.

- * Snack wisely yourself. It is up to parents and care providers to act as role models. Do you snack when you're stressed or bored * or just when you're hungry? What foods do you typically snack on * are they food groups foods or "Tip" of the Pyramid choices? Remember your children learn from watching you.

Source: Health Hints, Vol. 7, No. 7
* "Childhood Overweight: An Epidemic on the Rise"

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Garza County students earn TTU degrees

Four local residents were among participants in Texas Tech University's summer 2004 commencement ceremonies.

William David Becker of Post was one of 51 students to receive doctoral degrees. Becker earned a doctor of philosophy in agronomy, according to information provided by the university.

A total of 940 students received undergraduate degrees, including Mary Margaret Darden, Daniel Lawrence Fluitt and Melanie Carol Heatherington of Post. Darden and Fluitt each received bachelor's degrees in history, while Heatherington earned a degree in human development and family studies.

Commencement exercises took place in the United Spirit Arena on the Texas Tech campus.

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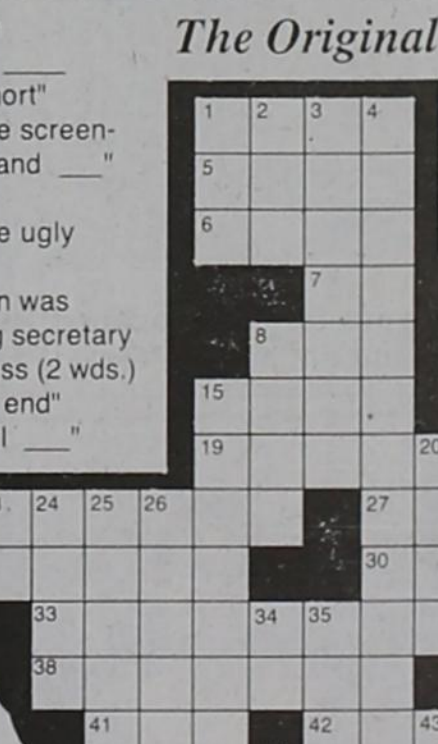
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Post Junior League All Star team member Eric Guerrero. (His photo with other team members was inadvertently omitted in last week's edition of The Post Dispatch)

Antelopes prepare for homecoming test, hosting Roscoe

by Wes Burnett

Although the Post Antelopes came up short last Friday, head coach Tim James reports that the team is making progress and improving each week. "We just need to keep improving," he emphasized.

In the 21-20 loss at Lockney, the 'Lopes had some great offensive highlights, including a touchdown pass and run play between quarterback Sterling Smith and receiver Jerrad Grisham. "I know some folks think I'm crazy for alternating quarterbacks," James added, "but we've got two young men who both have great talents... and we didn't miss a beat as they took turns calling the signals." James also praised the defensive efforts of Zach Sanchez who was credited with eight solo and 18 assisted tackles during the game.

Looking to this Friday's homecoming game, James expects another tough competitor as the Roscoe Cowboys come roll into Antelope Stadium. "They've got an outstanding quarterback in Kale Smith," James observed, "he runs the offense well and is strong at the defensive end slot. The undefeated Cowboys come to Post with a 3-0

season record.

Two injured Antelope players, Travis Mathews with a twisted ankle and Josh Lee with a twisted knee, are probable starters Friday night. Lineman Jace Pollard, who injured his foot in practice last week, underwent surgery earlier this week and is expected to be sidelined for several weeks.

J.V. 'Lopes shut out Lockney 22-0

The Post junior varsity Antelopes pounded Lockney 22-0 last week at Antelope Stadium.

Although the game score was 0-0 at the half, the 'Lopes came out strong in the second half, with Roosevelt Brown returning the opening kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown. D.J. Rivera followed with a successful two-point conversion.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, quarterback Heath Fellhauer scored a touchdown on a one-yard run, and at the end of the quarter Bradley Reed ran 30 yards for another six points. Steven Hair added a two-point conversion to make it a 22-0 game.

Rushing stats show Rivera carried six times for 77 yards; Brown, nine carries for 65 yards; Reed, six for 60; Hair, seven for 42; John Vasquez, one carry for 11 yards; and Fellhauer, 10 for 13 yards. Total rushes were 39 carried for 268 yards.

Lockney was 0-5 in passing and rushed 33 times for 102 yards. The Antelope defense allowed Lockney only 15 yards of rushing in the second half and forced two turnovers. Edgar Garay and Preston Ortiz led all tacklers with eight apiece.

"The kids played well individually, as well as a team," the coach said. "They came together... and were exciting to watch."

Lady Lope Cross Country competitors

The Post Lady 'Lopes participated in the Wilson Runaround Saturday in Wilson and returned home with several individual honors.

The varsity team of Lyndee Strawn, Christin Collier, Christina Zellmer, Rachel Gray, Meagan Hoover, Jenee Lott and Courtney Short finished second in the meet.

Individuals placing in the top 15 and taking home medals were Strawn, fourth place; Collier, eighth; Zellmer, eleventh; Gray, twelfth; Hoover, fourteenth; and Lott, fifteenth.

In the junior varsity division, the Post team of Lauren Gonzales, Sunnie Barbosa, LaRissa Halford, Samantha Hoover and Marlee Plummer finished in second place.

Individuals placing in the top 15 included Gonzales, seventh; Barbosa, thirteenth; and Halford, fourteenth.

Post Pee-Wee team edges Snyder 14-12

The Post Antelopes squared off against the Snyder Packers at the first game of the new Pee Wee League Football league was played Saturday in Antelope Stadium. The Antelopes came out on top, 14-12.

The next game against the Snyder Longhorns is set for 10 a.m. Sept. 18 in Antelope Stadium.

The team consists of fourth, fifth and sixth grade students from Post. Volunteer coaches are Russell Benham, John David Fields and Mike Macy. Fred Postell is assisting.

Local sponsors include Reef Chemical, Strawn Transport, Moore Crop Insurance, Handy Oilfield Supplies, Post Auto, Grubb's, Golden Plains Care Center, Hudman Furniture, Benham's Garage, Palmer Construction, Palmer Oil Properties and Jackson's Meat Locker.

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Shawn Henderson joins staff at Urbana University

Shawn Henderson, who has ties to the Post area, has become a part of the coaching staff for the Urbana University Blue Knights in Urbana, Ohio.

Henderson, son of Natha Jo Arnold and grandson of Bil Hedrick of Post, joined the Blue Knight football staff for the 2004 season as a graduate assistant. He will coach the outside linebackers and strong safeties.

Prior to joining the Urbana coaching staff, Henderson coached the South team in the Kamehameha Pigskin Classic in Hawaii, handling the duties of both offensive and defensive coordinator and play calling. He also coached the Blinn College running backs during the 2003 campaign, seeing his team finish with an 8-3 record and a top 20 ranking.

A graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Henderson was a voluntary assistant for his alma mater where he played safety, linebacker and special teams for the Ragin' Cajuns. While playing at Louisiana, he led his team and the Sunbelt Conference in special teams tackles.

Henderson played quarterback, wide receiver and safety at Cisco Junior College in Cisco and was named Conference Player of the Week three times for individual performances.

He also was coordinator of the Adams Course Program at Ryan High School in Denton where he served as conditioning coach.

Seven of the football players Henderson has worked with are currently playing at NCAA Division I schools.



Middle School cross country comptop 15 medalists at Wilson last week are (left to right) Branda Stevens, Alex Miller and Gaby Gomez. (Photo by Kara Swindell)

Randy Nielsen seeks Constable election

I am Randy Nielsen, Republican Party Candidate for Constable Precinct 1. I am happily married to a wonderful and supportive lady, Lisa, and we have been blessed with three terrific daughters: Paige, LeighAnn and Ashley.

I am also the proud grandpa of two grandsons: Hunter and Harley. We have lived in Post for a little more than two years, and I am employed by a telecommunications company. I am also a member of the Post

Volunteer Fire Department.

Since moving to Post I have developed many new friendships and realized that this is a wonderful place to stay and put down our roots. This has led me to want to make a difference in the future of our community. I am a traditional Republican who believes in smaller government and smaller budgets.

In light of that I will work with the Sheriff's office to identify any duplication of services that might be occurring, and I will also evaluate the budget of the Constable's office to see where cuts can be made. I would greatly appreciate this opportunity to serve our friends and neighbors in Post and Garza County.

Gary McDaniel files as Precinct 1 Commissioner

I am Gary McDaniel, and I am the Republican Party Candidate for Garza County Precinct 1 Commissioner.

I live in Southland with my wife of 15 years, Joy Jean, and our son and daughter. Joy Jean is a horse trainer, and I am a rancher.

After 20 years on the rodeo circuit, I have settled in Garza County to raise our family and make my living. I am currently serving as a member of the Southland School Board.

I have concerns about our property taxes, the condition of the roads and ditches in Precinct 1 and the dual system of law enforcement that has developed in Garza County.

I have been successful in my own business and am a hard worker. I would bring those qualities to the position of County Commissioner. And I will work personally (mowing and hauling gravel) on the roads in our precinct. I am available to anyone at anytime.

If you believe it's a time for a change in Precinct 1, I appreciate the votes of those both in Post and Garza County.

Sheriff Kenny Ratke seeks re-election

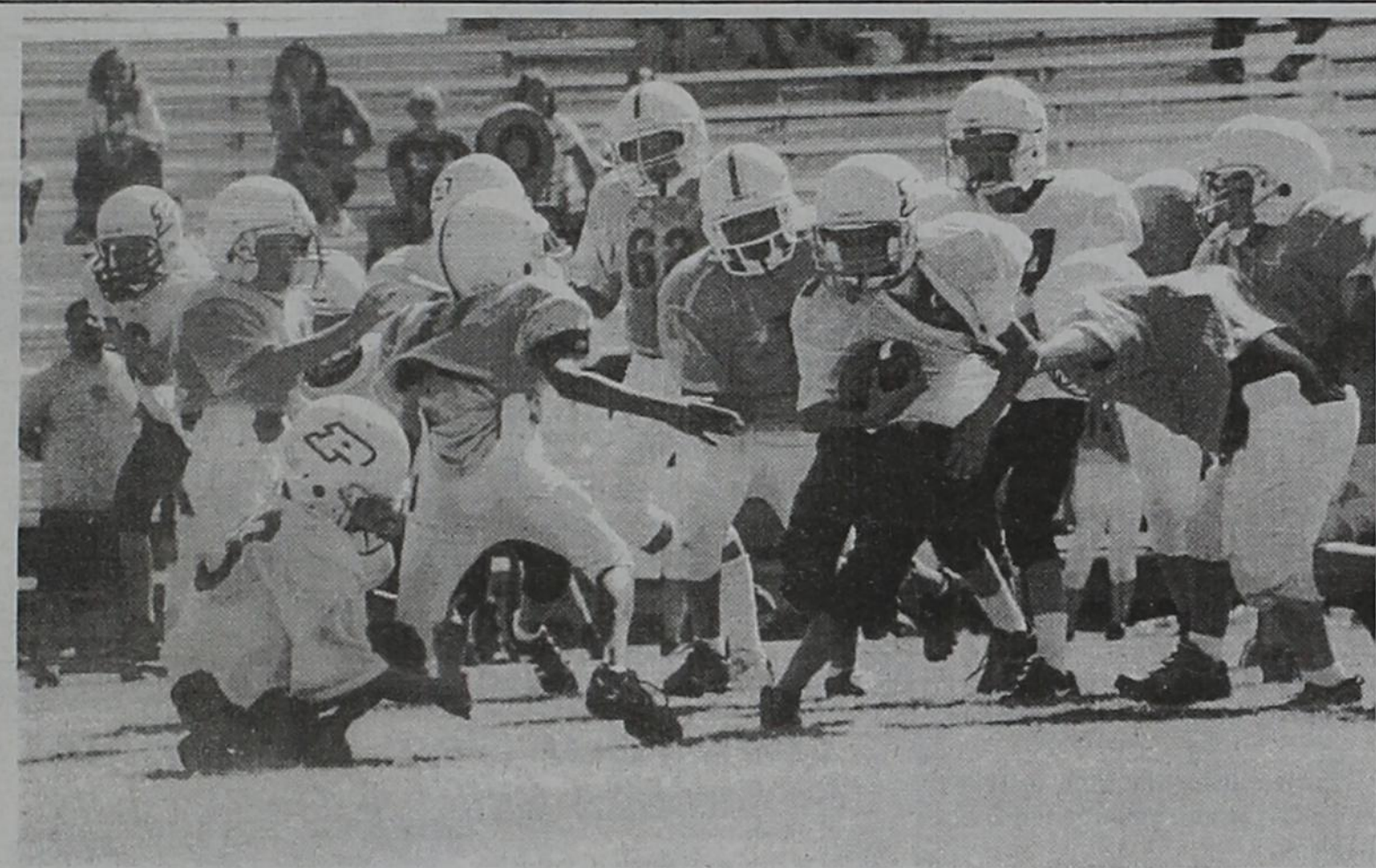
I believe while serving as your Sheriff since May of 1992, I have proven myself to be accessible to the public and have been responsible in performing the duties of my office.

I have a strong record of community involvement and limited spending. We have enjoyed over twelve years of effective law enforcement with limited liability - free of any civil litigation.

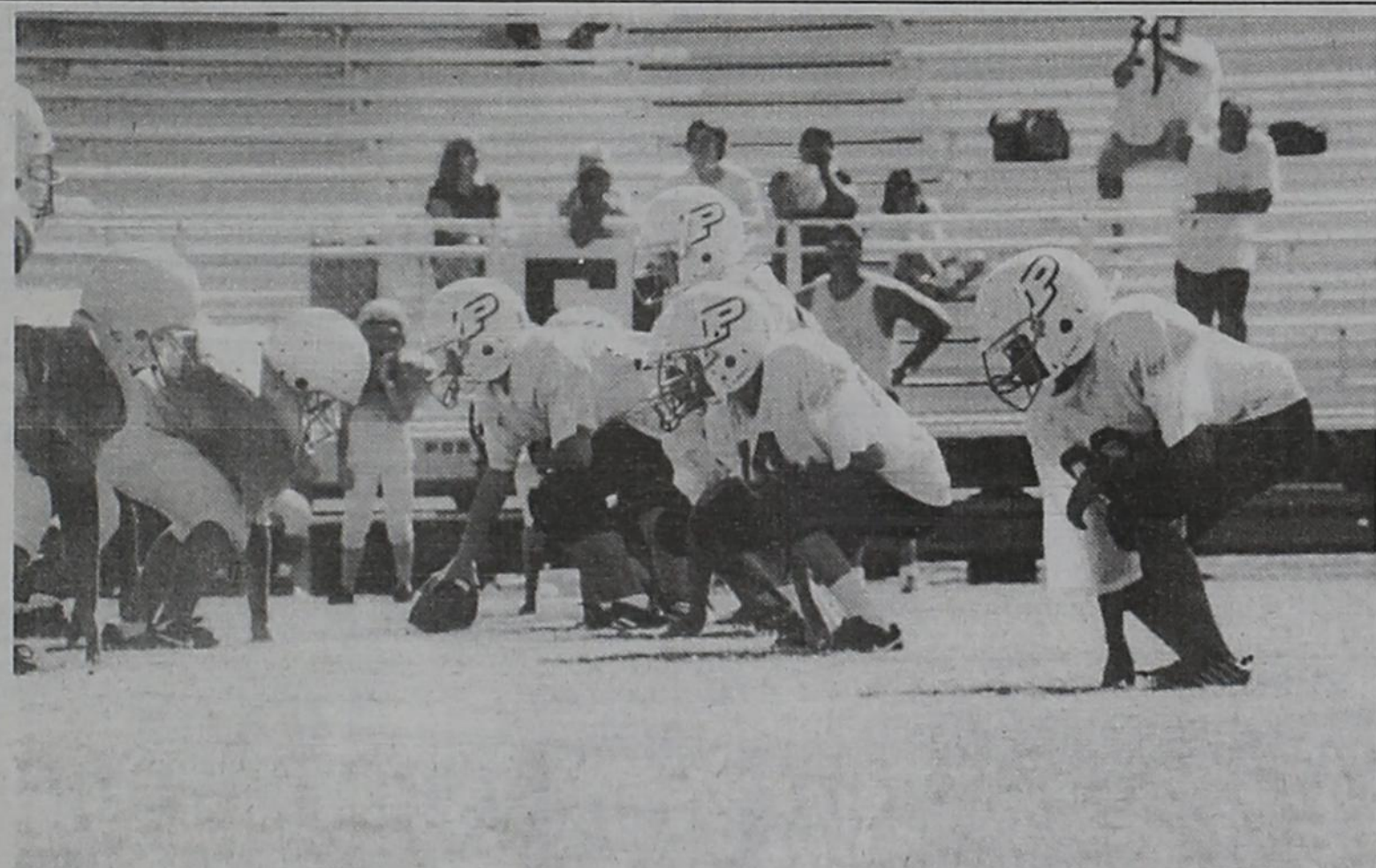
While enforcing the law, I have always stayed mindful that I work for you, and keep a very relaxed open door policy for those who wish to express concerns.

As I manage the county jail on a daily basis, I work to educate those incarcerated, hoping they might make better choices in the future and avoid the criminal justice system.

It is my belief, that while my staff and I make the extra effort with those who violate the law, we also are making Post and Garza County a more appealing place to live, raise our children, and invest in the local economy.



Post Antelope Pee-Wee football players lined up against Snyder are (left to right) Justin Tanner, Jonathan Perez, Ernest Saldivar and Grant James. (Photo by Nancy McDonald)



Post Antelope Pee-Wee football players lined up against Snyder are (left to right) Dakota McDonald, Aaron Macy, Brian Osborn and Jonathan Perez. (Photo by Nancy McDonald)



PHS lady Lope Cross Country team members at the Wilson event recently are (back row, left to right) Meagan Hoover, Courtney Short, Rachel Gray, Christina Zellmer, (front row) Christin Collier, Lyndee Strawn and Jenee Lott. (Photo by Gena Lott)

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