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Shattered Dreams to give students rude awakening

By Skylar Jones
 Guest Correspondent

It was May 5th, 2011, a quiet afternoon at Post High School, when suddenly all the high school students were hurried out of the building by their teachers. They gathered around two crumpled vehicles and stood in silence, staring at the shattered glass and the blood-covered bodies that lay in and around the vehicles. As the students arrived at the bloody, dreadful scene, sirens began to fill the air. Soon two ambulances quickly arrived to find a crowd gathered around a senseless tragedy. Officers and paramedics began to check the victims and assess their injuries. They found one teen to be already deceased at the scene. Another had a serious head injury. Injuries ranged from minor cuts and bruised to more severe fractured and broken bones. As they questioned the passengers and drivers they soon discovered the driver of one of the vehicles was an under-aged, intoxicated young man who was responsible for the accident.

Rescuing the victims began with cutting passengers out of the cars, checking pulses, placing the wounded in the ambulances, and even one needing to be air-lifted on a flight for life helicopter. A body covered by a white sheet lay in stark contrast to the

pavement the victim's body lay on. A young, innocent life lost, one who had not been guilty of the distracting behaviors that teens often do while driving, such as drinking and driving, driving and texting or any one of the many things that can easily distract even an adult. In this mock scenario, two teens would lose their lives on this beautiful May morning. Instead of looking forward to a summer filled with family, fun, and the many things teens look forward to in the summer, this family was looking at facing the devastation that drinking and driving would have on their family. The tragedy of the sight before the students was a display of Shattered Dreams.

Shattered Dreams is a mock wreck site in which the scene is acted out by students and volunteers of the paramedic and police departments. No one is truly harmed, but the scene is set to make an impact on the students who observe. Shattered Dreams works to warn students about the dangers of drinking and driving.

A "memorial service" for the 'victims' was held the following day, Friday the 6th. The students were gathered at the sports arena where the two teens who had lost their lives were eulogized by the school Superintendent and their family and an officer of the Garza County Sheriff's



Department who is also a minister. The Alex Brown family came to the service to share their tragedy with the students of how they lost their daughter who was texting and driving. She rolled her truck several times, the last time throwing her out of the vehicle and rolling over her. Alex didn't just make one mistake that day. She failed to put her seat belt on also which would have prevented her being thrown from the vehicle. Their story spoke to me and touched me in many ways. They spoke about the importance of staying off of your cell phone while driving.

They shared their story with the school, explaining that their daughter had lost her life in an accident after losing control of her vehicle while texting. Being a teenager, I know that texting can become addicting. As ridiculous as it sounds, I like to text all the time. I am also behind the wheel of a car frequently. I cannot imagine going through such a tragedy as the Brown family has endured. I cannot imagine putting my parents and my family through the grief and the aftermath of such a tragic event when just my making the choice not to text and drive, to always wear my

seat belt no matter how far I am going; such simple choices, such high consequences. The idea of putting my family through something like that for the sake of a text message frightens me beyond words. I respect the Brown family and thank them for going around to our schools and probably elsewhere, to talk to students about what can and what will happen. I will always R.A.B. (Remember Alex Brown) and respect everything her family taught me about texting and driving, wearing a seatbelt and speeding.

I, Skylar Jones, am a student from Post High

School. I was the dead on the scene student who paid with her life for another's choice to drink and drive. After being involved in this program, seeing the devastation and hearing the words of the Brown family, I can tell you that Shattered Dreams is an extremely important and touching program, and that both drinking and texting while driving are not worth the risks they can cause. Whether the program and the Brown family's testimony is able to make a huge affect on your life or on your attitude, I am certain that it will at least catch your attention as it did mine

Deadly Conduct Filed On Local Resident For Confrontation With Garza County Deputies

By Jodi Lincoln
 News Editor

Deadly conduct was filed on a local resident by the Garza County Sheriff's office on May 5th, 2011. At about 6:47 pm members of the Garza County Sheriff's Department PATROL DEPUTIES/SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM responded to the 200 block of South Ave. E in reference to a possible suicidal man armed with a "long gun." As officers responded to the area, one shot was reported to have been fired by the suspect who was by then alleged to be down. As officers continued to approach the scene, the complainant advised dispatch that the suspect was back on his feet and still armed with the fired "long gun". The suspect then entered the complainant's residence with the weapon. A subsequent tactical operation was instigated and led to the

apprehension of the suspect who had hidden himself inside the residence. Tactical SWAT officers were able to negotiate the suspect's surrender without further shots being fired by the suspect or the officers participating in the arrest. The suspect is currently incarcerated in the Garza County Jail awaiting arraignment. Officers are investigating why the suspect discharged the firearm. Preliminary investigation leads to the belief that the incident stemmed from the consumption of alcohol and a domestic dispute. The suspect was charged with Deadly Conduct, a Third Degree Felony.

Officers involved in the call were Lt. Michael F. Taylor, Patrol Deputy Kerry Clay, Patrol Deputy Bob Zivec, Patrol Deputy Bruce Flounoy. A Texas Ranger and another State Officer assisted officers.

Counterfeit Ring Operating In Garza County

By Jodi Lincoln
 News Editor

On May 4th at 11:45 am a Hispanic male entered into United Supermarket located at 123 North Broadway Street, in Post, Texas and attempted to cash a counterfeit check, which had been issued to him in his own name by a check-counterfeiting ring believed to be operating out of the Dallas Fort Worth area. Upon presenting the check to be cashed, the cashier became suspicious and the Garza County Sheriff's Department

was called. "The checks are very well made counterfeits which appear to be legitimate on the surface, but upon closer inspection, are found to in fact be completely counterfeit," states Lt. Mike Taylor of the Garza County Sheriff's office. He went on to say, "It is believed that at least one check was actually passed on a previous date."

Officers involved in the arrest were Lt. Michael F. Taylor, Detective Marcus Lively and Patrol Deputy Bob Zivec.

The counterfeiting ring's modus operandi is to find local individuals who are willing to have these counterfeit checks actually issued in their names and then transport them to various areas within Texas to cash said checks. If the fraudulent transaction is a success, the individuals keep a percentage of the cash for themselves and the ring keeps the majority of the ill gotten gain. It is not known at this time how many jurisdictions were affected during this criminal episode, but it is

believed that multiple suspects did in fact cash counterfeit checks in the Abernathy and Plainview areas as well.

Lt. Taylor told the Dispatch that "this is not the first time that the Garza County Sheriff's Department has dealt with this type of counterfeiting. Another suspect was arrested on Jan. 18th, 2009 for the same type of offense matching the same modus operandi. This is an ongoing investigation for the Garza County Sheriff's Department."

Post Notes

Graham Ole Opry:

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday May 21 from 7:00pm till 10:00pm 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.

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce will have its annual Job Fair on Tuesday, May 17, at the Algerita Art Center at 131 E. Main, from noon - 3:00 p.m. All employers are invited to have a booth to take applications or hand out information.

There is no charge for Post Area Chamber of Commerce members and \$25 for non-members.

Please call the Chamber office if you are interested in participating in this event - 495-3461.

Garza County Horse Playdays will begin Saturday, May 28 at the Post Stampede Rodeo Arena followed by each Saturday in

June-June 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. The four events will include barrel racing, pole bending, flag race and goat touching or tying for four age divisions determined by birthdays of January 1, 2011. The age divisions are peewees, seven and under; juniors, 8-12; intermediates, 13-15 and seniors, 16-19. Books will open at 8:00am and the peewee class will begin promptly at 9:00am. Entries will be by CASH only, no checks will be taken. To be eligible for year end awards, participants must compete in four of the five playdays. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5.00 each on a pair of Jody Mason handmade spurs. To purchase a ticket, contact one of the participants. For more information contact Sam Butler at 548-0797.

Brown Bag Book Talk

Friday, May 27, 2011, 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)

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Yesteryears

10 Years Ago

Christopher Metsgar named Ambassador for the 2001-2002 academic year.

David Morrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morrow performed with the Opera Orchestra of New York at Carnegie Hall.

Amity Study Club had their last meeting of the year on the ranch of Tommy and Janie Middleton.

20 Years Ago

Post ISD trustees planned for central air and heat for campus buildings.

Bryan Williams IV, son of Bryan William III awarded the Parents Council Certificate Merit at Miami University. Douglas

30 Years Ago

10 PHS seniors graduate with honors were: Holly Giddens, Amy Thuett, Patricia Hair, Ronnie Bilbo,

Luann Kennedy, Dee Dee Redman, Sharla Macy, and Drew Kirkpatrick.

Kevin Craig was valedictorian and Donna George was salutatorian.

Cindy Basquez and Melissa Striblin, won the State 4-H Roundup.

LaDonna Scott was first place winner in the Landscape Horticulture at the District 4-H contest held in Lubbock.

40 Years Ago

A Women's Division of the Post Chamber of Commerce was organized at a luncheon held at Jackson's Cafeteria. Mrs. Ruby Kirkpatrick was elected president.

Mrs. Rosemary Chapman became the first Post woman to earn her pilot's "wings."

50 Years Ago

Newly organized Hospital Auxiliary and full-time

nurses are; Elsie Campbell, hospital surgical nurse; Mrs. L.G. Thuett Sr., Mrs. Mason Justice, Mrs. J.M. Hutchins and Mrs. Patsy Sanders.

Natha Jo Meers, 11-year-old, won two first places, one second place and three thirds in the rodeo at Rotan.

60 Years Ago

Miss. Marian Sue Gillham, bride-elect of Bobby Ray Pennington, was honored at a tea shower, in the banquet room of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Forrest Moyer was honored at a layette shower given in the home of Mrs. Paul Jones.

Funeral service for Mrs. Mary Jane Ritchie was conducted at First Baptist Church.

The Melody Five, a group of Texas Tech students, will play for the rodeo dance.

Chamber News

The Post/Garza County Job Fair will be Tuesday, May 17, from noon - 3:00 p.m. at the Algerita Art Center. We have several businesses coming to set up to share information and take applications for employment. Anyone looking for a job is invited to attend, including students looking for employment after graduation or a job for the summer.

Both theaters will have performances this weekend.

Ragtown is holding over "Heaven - A Divine Comedy" for performances on Friday at 7:30 and Saturday at 3:00. The Garza Theatre will have "The 39 Steps" Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The High Plains Junior Rodeo is coming to Post on May 21 & 22. The event will be held at the Post Stampede Rodeo Arena and our Varsity Girls Basketball Team will be running the

gate and concession stand.

Community Recovery Center will be hosting our quarterly Chamber Members Meeting on Thursday, June 2. All Chamber members are invited as well as anyone interested in becoming a member of PACC.

Congratulations to our Members of the Week: Silver Member - LA POSTA and Silver Member - CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER

Job Fair slated for Post/Garza County

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Workforce Solutions South Plains, will host a job fair on May 17th. The event was designed by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce three years ago as a response to the demand of area businesses needing full-time, part-time and seasonal employees.

The job fair will be held from noon - 3:00 pm on Tuesday, May 17th. The event location is 131 E. Main Street in Post. Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility, Caprock Heirloom, McDonalds and WorkForce Solutions are a few businesses that will be available to discuss possible employment and share information.

All job seekers are invited to come by and speak to potential employers in this area. The event is free of charge to anyone seeing employment or information.

We also have space available for other employers. If you would like to set up a booth, please contact the PACC office at 806-495-3461.

Firefighters to hone skills at wildfire academy in Lufkin

LUFKIN, Texas — Firefighters from across the nation will gather next week for the 14th Annual East Texas Interagency Wildfire and Incident Management Academy.

Texas Forest Service is joining with the City of Lufkin and Angelina College to host the firefighters attending the 10-day academy that kicks off May 17.

Courses offered at the academy are part of a standardized, national training curriculum developed by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group, an organization that facilitates coordination between par-

ticipating wildfire management agencies.

The coordinating group also teaches the incident command system, a standardized method for managing an incident safely and effectively.

Classes include dozer operations, GPS orientation, resource ordering and firefighter training at beginner and advanced levels.

Knowledge and expertise of wildland fire fighting increases the capacity of local firefighting resources and strengthens protection efforts.

"A key benefit of the wildfire academy is that person-

nel from state, federal and local agencies can come together and share experiences as well as expertise," said Meredith McNeil, Texas Forest Service business coordinator and Wildfire Academy registrar.

To register, visit the Texas Interagency Coordination Center or email Meredith McNeil.

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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!

Level: Beginner

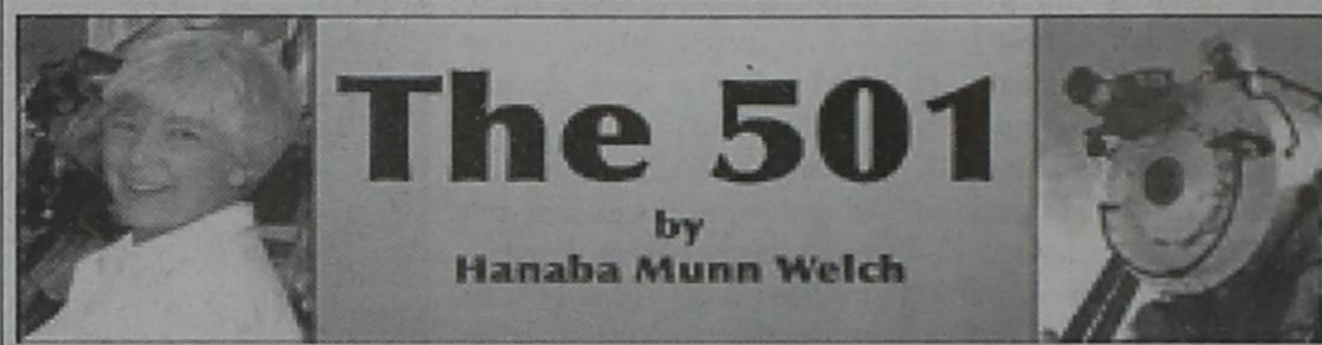
Here's How It Works:

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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9	8	2	9	6	1	7	3	4
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6	3	8	1	2	7	9	4	5
4	5	7	8	3	9	1	2	6
1	2	7	4	9	6	8	1	3

ANSWER:

United Supermarkets



Waiting rooms are like airplanes. You get stuck with whoever's in them; they get stuck with you. And you're there for the duration.

Sure, the crowd changes more in waiting rooms than on airplanes, but not by much. D. B. Cooper comes to mind. Waiting rooms are like elevators too. But unless you get stuck between floors, the elevator experience is mercifully shorter.

Like elevator passengers, people in waiting rooms tend not to show emotion. Sticks flourish. They wear facial expressions about right for a police lineup, except you can't see the faces buried in magazines. Yesterday, in the Internal Revenue Service waiting room, there were no magazines.

If I'd walked in the door wearing a mask, I might have been able to liven things up. I did that once, and it worked. I was about 5. It was the doctor's office. My mother let me do it.

A mask would not have amused the IRS guard. He was grim and vigilant in his dark uniform. We got off to a bad start when I tried to use my cell phone to let my husband know I'd not be home for lunch. The guard made me leave to make the call.

Sure enough, when I returned I saw signs prohibiting cell phones. But the guard told me texting was OK. I don't text.

Anyway, there I sat, packing not one cell phone but two, wishing I could feel cocky about getting away

with breaking a posted rule, despite the guard's OK. But all I felt was suppressed. It's the waiting room effect.

Another sign prohibited cameras. The English-Spanish poster reminded me the word "camera" - or "camara" - literally means "room." If somebody could just prohibit waiting rooms, the world would be a happier place.

Case in point, my husband, who doesn't even like to wait in line at McDonald's, is already dreading getting his driver's license renewed a year from now. In his own mind, he's there already. If he puts off the event until the last possible moment - which is likely - it will be his birthday. He's heard the process can take up to four hours. Poor man.

Some enterprising church should figure out a way to minister to the suffering victims of waiting rooms and long lines. The IRS would soon have to post one more sign on the wall in English and Spanish:

No ministering allowed. Speaking of ministries, maybe waiting rooms are my personal calling. The challenge to inject life into stagnant settings prompts me to act. I can't help it.

In the IRS space, I met a home health worker named Diane. We talked. We laughed. By the time they called our numbers, I'd given her an idea for a sideline business:

Home pedicures. I didn't even have time to suggest a business slogan like "No waiting in line for a pedicure by Diane."

Isn't that just how it goes in a waiting room? Just when you're starting to have fun, they make you leave.

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Water Duck... the school year... making several... OS Ranch... In the fall of... building in the... Bul and I went... The County was... and Bud Boren... Lino Ranch in... to move out and... them in the fa... to Hereford, wh... days. I was thro... ride back home... until they shippe... had a job with... Bud was over... thanks for Mr. Po...

By Mike Comaux... Post ISD Superint... The end of the... us and we have... events going on in... Thursday of this... was the 2010-2011... Dreams" program... of our students... collaboration with... County Sheriff's Dep... Garza County EMS... a program to dem... effects of underage... the impact drinking... can have on a con... had a memorial... Friday May 6, wit... Brown family givin... testimony to distra... We are extremel... our kids and our... organizations fo... together to pull t... together!

Two of our high... athletes qualified... the regional track... Villalon qualified... and Corbin McDona... in the high jump... jump. The student... compete in the State... in Austin on May 1... Friday aftern... elementary schoo... special program to... volunteer fire depa... entire elementary... and students cong... the lawn in front of... sang a song to the...

Plat... Ragtown... Heaven... Comedy" has been... widely attended... to date, with ma... returning to see... times. It is a joyf... look at your fir... Heaven, and one... interesting perspe... the Gospel that we... presented. If you h... able to come until... some friends and... enjoy one of these...

Legends...Garza County Historical Museum by Linda Puckett

Duckworth Family History Part-II As written by W. S. Duckworth

Walter Duckworth's story continues as he reflects on finishing the school year in Snyder, then he came back to Garza County, making several more trips in 1906 with the Llano Ranch and the OS Ranch.

In the fall of 1907 I finished school at Snyder. Post had started building in the meantime. We had rented a house and moved in. Bud and I went to work for Mr. Post and the Double U Company. The County was organized in 1907 and O.B. Kelly became sheriff and Bud Boren was the county judge. Mr. Post had bought the Llano Ranch in 1905, giving the Llano people two or three years to move out and get rid of the cattle. I made one more trip with them in the fall of 1906 after school was out. We drove the herd to Hereford, where we had to wait on the cars (train) for four days. I was thrown from a horse and broke my ankle and had to ride back home in the calf wagon. I stayed in a hotel in Hereford until they shipped out the thousand head. Back in Post, I soon had a job with the Double U Company for the winter.

Bud was over a gang of men grading streets and building tanks for Mr. Post, and the last tank they built was on the north

side of the town section. They worked on this tank for several months before it was finished and it took a regular flood to fill it. It was the largest tank in the county and people began going in swimming. So on Mr. Post's next trip to Texas, he saw the need for the tank for recreation, fenced it off in a pasture and called it Two Draw Lake. It got to be a regular show place, and was long a favorite spot for fishing and swimming.

In the meantime Post had grown into a full sized town and a very popular place. In one large rock building, Mr. Post had left all the upstairs in one large room for entertaining and dancing. On holidays and at Christmas time we would have all-night affairs, with all the ranches "moving in."

Our family had a house built in town and George was made manager of the Llano Ranch. Bud still had a gang doing dirt work on various jobs. He had dug a reservoir just under the caprock. He also was working on waterworks in town, as we had outgrown the temporary system built earlier.

We had all grown up here in Post. Ira Lee completed his elementary education at Graham Chapel and was a member of the second graduating class of Post High School in 1914. After graduation he attended the University of Texas in Austin. He

joined the U.S. Army during WW-I and upon his discharge in 1919, he returned to Post. In November of that year, he married Miss Janie Warren, who worked at Warren's Drug Store as a pharmacist.

During the 1920's, the First State Bank became Citizen's National Bank, which in 1933 merged into the First National Bank. Ira Lee managed the bank from the early 1920's until he sold his interest and retired in 1954.

Ira Lee and Janie had two daughters, Francis Lee Camp and Mary Margaret Norman.

Walter continued with his job at the Double U Company, changing jobs each time something better came along. He worked in the cotton mill until 1925 when he started working for Texaco, Inc., as his first agent in Post, and staying with the company for 30 years until his retirement in 1955. Bud and George worked until their jobs were finished and then went into the cattle business.

I hope you are enjoying reading the Legends series from the archives of the Garza County Historical Museum. If you have comments or have suggestions for a family history, contact Linda Puckett at lgpuckett@gmail.com.

Spotlight on Education *What's that smell?*

How is your educational dollar spent in Post, Texas?

The following is a breakdown of how your dollar is spent in your district:

11	Instruction	\$	5,011,076.00	52.2 cents
	Instructional Staff (Teachers and Aides)	\$	4,495,597.00	46.8 cents
	Other Instructional Expenses	\$	515,479.00	5.4 cents
12	Library Staff and Expenses	\$	219,199.00	2.3 cents
13	Staff Development Expenses	\$	171,735.00	1.8 cents
21	Instructional Leadership Staff and Expenses	\$	79,313.00	0.08 cents
23	Campus Administration Staff and Expenses	\$	595,877.00	6.2 cents
	(Principals, Asst. Prin, Secretaries)			
31	Counseling and Compliance Staff and Expenses	\$	323,273.00	3.4 cents
33	School Nurse Staff and Expenses	\$	75,770.00	0.08 cents
34	Transportation Staff and Expenses	\$	301,735.00	3.1 cents
36	Extra-Curricular Staff and Expenses	\$	548,183.00	5.7 cents
	(Athletics, Band, UIL, etc. (AD, GAC, Coach/UIL Stipends)			
41	District Administration Staff and Expenses	\$	568,215.00	5.9 cents
51	Maintenance Staff and Expenses	\$	1,147,226.00	12 cents
52	Security Staff and Expenses	\$	123,747.00	1.3 cents
53	Data Processing and Technology Staff and Expenses	\$	165,051.00	1.7 cents
240	Food Services Staff and Expenses	\$	263,500.00	2.7 cents
		\$	9,593,900.00	\$1.00

By Mike Comeaux Post ISD Superintendent

The end of the year is upon us and we have numerous events going on in Post Schools. Thursday of this past week was the 2010-2011 "Shattered Dreams" program. A number of our students worked in collaboration with the Garza County Sheriff's Department and Garza County EMS to produce a program to demonstrate the effects of underage drinking and the impact drinking and driving can have on a community. We had a memorial service on Friday May 6, with the Alex Brown family giving a powerful testimony to distracted driving. We are extremely proud of our kids and our community organizations for coming together to pull this program together!

Two of our high school track athletes qualified for State at the regional track meet. Kaly Villalon qualified in the discus and Corbin McDonald qualified in the high jump and the triple jump. The student athletes will compete in the State Track Meet in Austin on May 13th and 14th.

Friday afternoon, the elementary school held a special program to honor our volunteer fire department. The entire elementary school staff and students congregated on the lawn in front of the cafeteria sang a song to the firefighters

and then presented them with a "big" check for \$26,385.00. Our students and staff worked extremely hard raising funds to help out the department. The firefighters showed the students the three trucks they were able to purchase with the funds the students raised. The students were extremely proud of their efforts and trucks their money purchased. We are equally proud of all of those involved as well.

This Thursday the Elementary School put on their annual musical - this year it is "JOUST" - A medieval twist of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. Under the direction of Karen Nichols the 3rd grade demonstrated talent worthy of a Broadway production.

The Post High School FFA organization has named their chapter officers for the 2011-2012. These students are: President - Matti Smith, Vice President - Taylor Osborn, Secretary - Katie Dunn, Treasurer - Sara Greer, Reporter - Kari Dunn, and Sentinel - Paden Babb, and Student Council Representatives Stephen Rodriguez, and Blaine Osborn.

The Post High School Athletic Booster Club hosted their annual banquet. It was a great night celebrating our student athletes' accomplishments. For the 2010-2011 sports year, Sydnee Jones

and Caitlin Cravy were named best all around female athletes and Ernie Saldivar was named the best all around male athlete. Macy Blair and Amber Wilson received the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Academic All State Awards.

Here is something you may find interesting; over the last month we have looked extremely hard at how each dollar that comes into Post ISD is used. We have broken the results down into different areas that we service. Here are the results:

I hope you have a great week!

By Dr. Kerry Wink, DVM Contributing Correspondent

Isn't it amazing how a certain smell can take us back in time? A smell so powerful it triggers memories of lost loves, special family, or important milestones in our lives. For me, the smell of mentholatum takes me back to my younger days visiting my grandparents. With a 5 hour drive we would always arrive after my grandparents retired for the night, and since my grandmother always used Vicks Vapor Rub before going to bed the house always had this smell when we arrived. I will always associate that smell with my grandparents. The same applies to veterinary medicine.

First, let me take a second to warn anyone thinking about a career in veterinary medicine about this not so glamorous aspect. You better have a good stomach for disgusting smells! Vet school first-years can be spotted from a mile away by their greenish tint and pale features, reflecting someone being assaulted by smells from every direc-

tion. I'll never forget my first year anatomy class at A&M which had smells so overwhelming they made not only your eyes burn, but your sinus's too. Let me tell you, it's not a pleasant experience! Since vet school, I've been exposed to stenches so strong they would not only strip paint off furniture, they could prime and repaint it back to mint condition. It just so happens some of these smells bring back not only memories, but recognition and knowledge in veterinary medicine.

So what smells can be important in helping diagnosis and/or treat an animal? Anal sacs would be top of the list of strong smells. Once you've had a whiff of this, it's etched in your brain forever. Yes, this is a very sen-

sitive topic for pet owners. Some don't even want to be in the same room with their pet when they come in for this problem, but hey, even though it's uncomfortable for us, can you imagine what 'Buffy' feels like?

Parvo virus also has a distinct smell associated with it. Most of you know my wife, Kristi, worked as my technician during our first six months being here in Post. I will never forget the first time I had a sick puppy come into the clinic. After taking its temperature with a rectal thermometer which came out covered in mucousy stool, she about fainted when I held it to my nose and smelled it. Judging from the look on her face, I'm sure she was proud to be married to me at

See SMELLS on page 8

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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

(Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

You may call (806)495-3518 to discuss your protest

with a CAD employee & try to come to a

settlement

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The CAD might ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

(Insert address.)

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Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal with the applicable filing fee.

Tax Payment

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at (Insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number.)

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You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

(You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.)

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

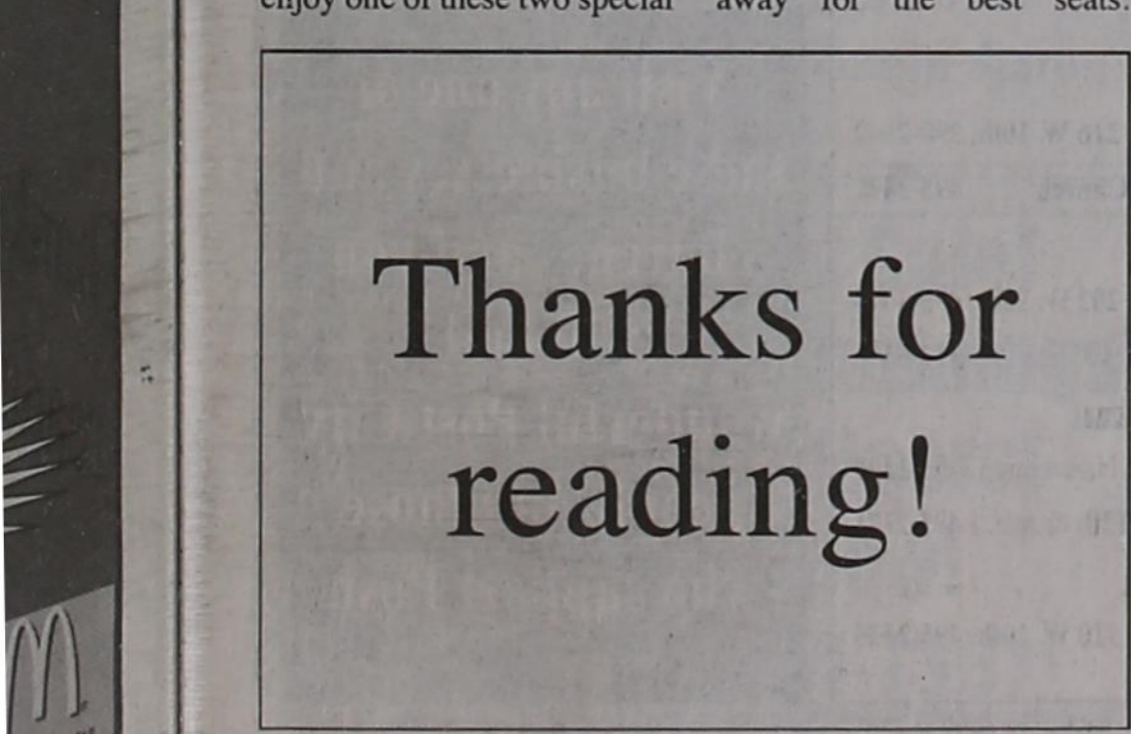
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Thanks for reading!

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

News
Hope this day finds all of you well. Things are running pretty smooth out here; we had our annual Stockholders Meeting last week feeding around 90 people. Joe gave our audit report of a good year as well as regional reps from PYCO, PCCA and Farmers Compress. We also elected new board member, Ronnie Graves and gave door prizes away. We are very proud of our little gin and take pride in keeping it open and a fun place to come

each morning...we have a great group of farmers and landlords that help us to do that; to each and everyone of you, THANKS! I also have to say thanks to everyone who may have donated a prize and also to Julie Aten and Andra Dunn for helping me to set up and to Mike, Julie, Ryan and Raegan for helping me to load everything back up. Now we are ready for the start a new season and we want a good one so keep praying for that rain.

Grady tells us that all is well

with his mom, Sue Shytles as they have moved her back to Post. She is in Golden Plains so stop in a say hello to her sometime.

Congratulations to the Wilke family as they have a new member. Chris and JoAnn Wright are the proud parents of a baby boy, Landon Howard Wright born on May 6th in Lubbock. Proud grandparents are Jerry and Lilly (Wilke) Wright of Lovington. Aunts and Uncles are, Efrain and Jenny Gonzalez, GB Wilke and

Robbie Wilke. Landon is also welcomed by cousins Lexi and Jacob Gonzalez.

Its great to see Jack Morris back out and about, he came to the gin Wednesday morning; he says his foot is healing up just fine.

Don't forget to check out our page on Facebook under Close City Community. Feel free to write on our wall or post pictures. It's a fun place to keep up with friends and happenings.

Did you know?

All porcupines float in

water.

Close City Birthdays

Well...I left out Ms Emily Ellis' birthday last week, so this week we say

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EMILY. She turned 4 on Monday May 9th
May 15th - Angela Massey

May 16th - Traci Freeman
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; Doug and Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham;

Sue Shytles 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.

EYI

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

Everyone have a great week, be safe, come see us and keep rain and our troops in your daily prayers and send me your news! See ya next week

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Weekly Inspirations

ZZE, PLANE, BOSS, ZZE PLANE

BY MICHAEL F. TAYLOR

Several years ago, Joyce and I were scheduled to attend a week long District Church Pastoral Training Retreat. And due to the distance, we decided that flying would be much quicker and safer than driving such a long way. Everything seemed to be going wonderfully and we had a marvelous time, right up until the time that we made our final flight connection. It seems that as we traversed through several states, our beautiful weather here in West Texas was replaced with some "no so pleasant" weather a few states north. In fact, we wound up in a pretty rough rain and wind storm which the pilot couldn't seem to get above. Now, knowing that we were on a trip for the church, I had worn my pastoral clothing which made it rather obvious that I was a minister. The plane would shake and shudder every twenty to thirty seconds and you could actually hear the power of the wind and rain as it pelted our aircraft. And then, without warning of any sort, our plane hit a particularly strong part of the storm and I guess an air pocket developed. The plane which was flying at a horizontal angle, suddenly dropped at least a thousand feet! Not by nosing forward as the pilot would do to lower our altitude, but simply dropping like an elevator does as it descends from the 100th floor to the basement. It was fast, it was scary, and it was unannounced!

Joyce looked at me with concern on her face, but the poor older lady sitting on the seat next to us had an expression of sheer terror. She grabbed my arm and stared directly in my eyes and uttered these words, "Pastor, don't you think you ought to do something to stop this about now!" with a hushed and subdued voice. I immediately replied back, "Well yes ma'am. I'd be happy to pray, but understand one thing. I'M IN SALES, NOT MANAGEMENT!"

Have you ever felt like that? Like your plane was going down! Well, if you have I would like to encourage you today. I may not be able to calm all the storms of your life, but I know the Man Who Can! And His name is the name above all others. He is the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, and the Calmer of all the storms. In Luke, Chapter 8 we all recall the account of the Disciples as they were in distress over the storm, "22 One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. 23 As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. 24 The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. 25 "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him." NIV

And if you read on in Luke, you see that not only did Jesus calm the weather, but he also casts out a Legion of demons from a man, "26 They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. 27 When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" 29 For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. 30 Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. 31 And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss. 32 A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. 33 When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned." NIV

Did you catch that part where the demons themselves acknowledged who Jesus is? Son of the most high God! Wow! Isn't it wonderful for us to know that the Son of the Most High God is there to calm all of our raging storms. God bless each of you this week and don't worry about this old plane you are flying in. God is still in control.

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deuteronomy 6:5

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Post ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu May 16 th - May 20 th	Pop-Tart, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk	Milk
Monday	Waffles, Sausage, Syrup & Butter, Fruit, Milk	Wednesday Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Salad, Cantaloupe, Garlic Bread, Milk
Tuesday	Muffin, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk	Thursday Fajita Chicken Over Rice, Broccoli w/Cheese, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday	Oatmeal, Bacon, Toast, Fruit, Milk	Friday Hamburger, Salad, Chips, Pickles, Fruit, Milk
Thursday		
	Lunch Menu May 16 th - May 20 th	
	Monday Nacho Grande, Salad, Orange, Combread, Milk	
	Tuesday Pizza, Salad, Corn, Peaches,	

Southland ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu for May 16 - May 20	gurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk	rots w/Ranch, Crackers, Fruit, Milk
Monday	Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Wednesday Chicken Fajita Salad , Re- fried Beans, Tossed Salad, Pudding, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday	Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Thursday BBQ Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas, Hot Roll, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday	Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Friday Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Corn, Tossed Salad, Cheese Stick, Fruit, Milk
Thursday	Breakfast Bar, Cereal, Yo-	
	Friday Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk	
	Lunch Menu for May 16 - May 20	
	Monday Sloppy Joes, Lettuce, Pick- les, Oven Baked Potatoes, Cinnamon Apples, Milk	
	Tuesday Grilled Cheese Sandwich , Chicken Noodle Soup, Car-	

Trailblazers Menu

May 16th - May 20th	Cobbler
Monday	Salmon Patties, Spinach, Sweet Potato Fries, Biscuit, Peach Crisp
Tuesday	Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Black-eye Peas, Combread, Pie
Wednesday	Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Roll,
	Thursday Swiss Steak, Mixed Vegetables, Beet Salad, Biscuit, Cake
	Friday Chicken Strips, Ranch Potatoes, Fried Zucchini, Roll, Strawberry Bread

Are you causing your pet to be stressed?

You might not realize it, but if Fluffy or Skippy are listless, disobedient and getting sick all the time, chances are that your pet doesn't have some mysterious disease - he or she may simply be stressed out.

"A lot of people think that stress is something that only affects humans, but it's a very real threat to the health and happiness of their pets, too," said Dr. Paul McCutcheon, a veterinarian with more than 45 years experience and co-author of **The New Holistic Way for Dogs and Cats** from Random House (www.newholisticway.com). "Better pet care will result when pet lovers and veterinarians understand that stress is the underlying cause of every form of health problem a dog or cat can have."

Dr. McCutcheon believes that stress, combined with diet and other environmental concerns, can present serious - but unspecific - symptoms that can worry both the pet and the pet owner.

"It is important to distinguish between acute stress, immediate and intense, versus chronic stress, a real drag on wellness that results from a long-standing cause of stress," he said. "The best way to support your pet's present and future wellness is through stress prevention. Tune into the kinds of stress that affect your pet and stress-proof the ways you look after their daily needs. For instance, boredom and loneliness are probably the most damaging stress factors in a pet's life."

Dr. McCutcheon's tips for pet owners who want healthier, happier pets include:

Think Before You Adopt

It's critical to ask yourself serious questions about your lifestyle and future before you adopt a pet. In that sense, you can better choose an animal whose needs are similar to your own. By being honest with yourself about your personal circumstance, you can ensure that your pet won't face a stressful future and inevitable health problems.

Establish Your Role - You need to see your role and your veterinarian's role in a different way. While you are in the best position to influence your dog or cat, your veterinarian can be a good coach who provides you opinions and advice that help you make better choices regarding the care and feeding of your pet.

Watch Their Diet - Just as processed foods are being blamed for an increase in obesity for people, causing a wide variety of health problems, processed food is a danger for pets, as well. Look into switching over to a new trend in pet food, raw foods. They can be found in pet specialty shops and grocery stores in the refrigerated section. They are also known as "fresh" foods for pets, so ask your store managers about them. They provide a balanced diet with none of the dangers associated with processed food, which makes up the majority of the pet foods available at pet stores and supermarkets today.

"There is a new holistic way of caring for your pet that incorporates a combination of many different approaches

Pet...

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Al-Anon

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The Safe and Serene NA Group of Post now meets on Fridays at the Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Avenue C. For meeting information please contact: Miranda at 806-632-7367.

We want to send our sincere appreciation to all the many wonderful friends and family that has been there for our Family during our loss of Whitey. Thank you all so very much for your prayers that was so needed. Your sympathy and kind words have helped us find strength we all need. Thank you so much for the calls, cards flowers and food we have received. We send a very special Thank You to Dee and Janet for our services and friendship. Our words are inadequate for all the gratitude we feel for so many friends. Please know that when you meet us on the street or include us in your prayers, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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Public Notice

A meeting will be held May 25th at 7:00pm at Post City Hall Council chambers located at 105 E. Main in Post. The topic being discussed is the possibility staffing variance, which allows the operation of an ambulance within Post-Garza County EMS with one state certified, crew member and one non-certified driver in times of low staffing. Texas Department of State Health Services personnel will be on site to answer any questions. All citizens are invited to attend.

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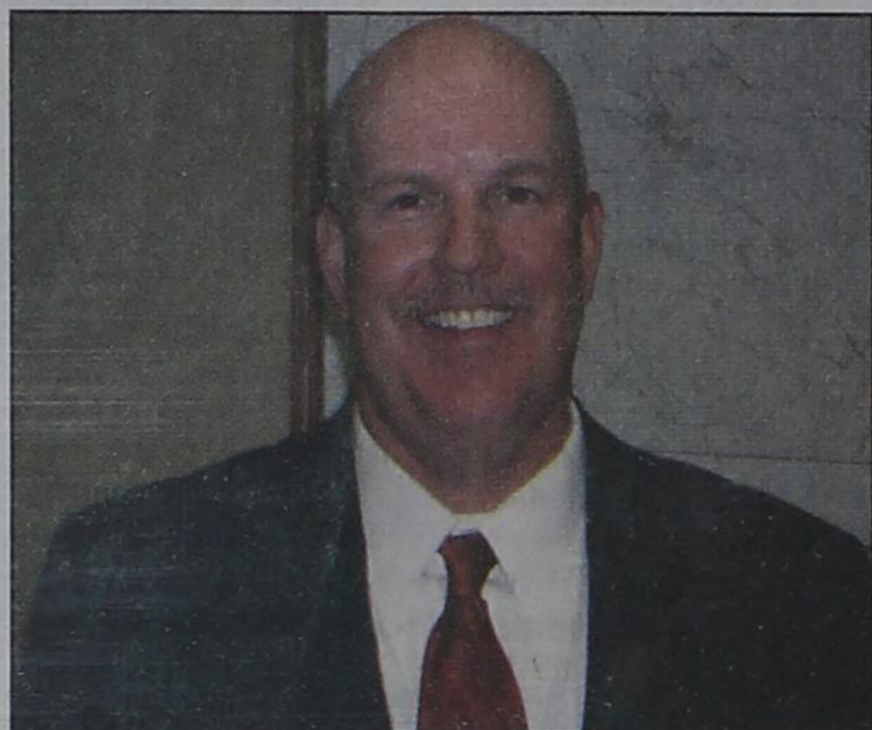
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By Jim Plummer
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After the screening committee sifted through 108 applications and interviewed the eight best candidates, the Post Independent School District Board of Trustees offered the job to Steve Smith, Archer City's Head Football Coach and Athletic Director.

At 8:00 PM on Wednesday, May 4, the board gave its unanimous vote to offer the position to Smith who accepted

the offer pending minor contract details which he and Superintendent Mike Comeaux tended to immediately following the called meeting.

Coach Smith explained why he was interested in the Antelope leadership position: "the Post community and ISD have a great reputation for doing things well. I think the desire to do great things exists within academic and the athletic settings of Post ISD and I relish the opportunity to work in a system that mirrors my own pride and drive to be the best."

Smith brings with him a 60-39 overall win-loss record as a head coach over 9 seasons: seven at Archer City (2004-present) and two at Anton (1998-2000).

Prior to coaching at Archer City, not including time at Anton, he was offensive coordinator at Mineral Wells (2000-04) and at Midlothian (1996-98), and assistant coach at Cleburne (1994-96) and Alvarado Junior High (1992-94).

Smith was born in Lubbock, lived at New Deal through 7th grade, graduated from Brownfield High School in 1986 and from Texas Tech University in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. Currently he has nine hours completed toward an educational leadership masters degree.

He replaces Chris Jones who is now at the helm at Giddings ISD, a 3A school.

Steve and his wife Regina have been married for 19 years and have four sons: Adam (a sophomore), Bryan (8th grade),

Colton (6th grade) and Zach (4th grade).

Comeaux and Smith agreed that the target start date for Post's new coach is May 16th.

Coaching, A Family Tradition

Steve Smith's dad, Bobby, won more than 100 games at New Deal between 1967 and 1981 and was quarterfinal co-champs twice. Rick, his brother, was part of two state finals and a state championship as an assistant coach at Odessa Permian.

Accomplishments

According to his resume, Archer City ISD has made great strides in most of its programs during Smith's time as Athletic Director including and not limited to the following:

- The football team broke a twelve year playoff drought and has played beyond Thanksgiving three of the past five years.
- The upstart volleyball program has made it to the regional tournament the past three years.
- Both the boys and girls basketball teams are regulars in the post season.
- The baseball team was state champs in 2006 and make deep playoff runs annually.
- Softball has a six year playoff run including two district championships.

Read the Coach Smith Q & A session online at PostSportsPage.com.



Picture courtesy of Post Sports Page
2011 Antelope JV Baseball Team Top (l-r): Campbell Kirkpatrick, Troy Copeland and Ramon Hernandez. Middle: Zack Bush, Paden Babb, Caden Dean and Matt Nava. Bottom: Elijah Garza and Blaine Osborn. Not pictured: Coach Jimmy Toney.



Picture Courtesy Post Sports Page
2011 Antelope Varsity Baseball Team Top row (l-r): Aaron Macy, Aaron Perez and Nathan Gill. Center: Campbell Kirkpatrick, Dalton Holly, Chess Postell and Matt Soto. Front: Vance Blair, Pake Jones, Paden Babb, Chris Yarbrough and Ernie Saldivar. Not pictured: Head Coach Jerry Pyles, Assistant Coaches Jimmy Toney and Billy Quinn.



Lady Lope Kaylyn Villalon (right) and Antelope Corbin McDonald are in Austin this Friday and Saturday (May 13 & 14) to participate in field events at the Texas State High School Track and Field Meet. Both qualified for state at the 2-A Regional meet at Odessa last week. Villalon qualified in the discus by placing 1st with a throw of 135' 9". She will be throwing Saturday at 10:30 in Austin. McDonald is in two events at the state competition. At the regional meet, he took 1st in the triple jump event with a mark of 45' 8" and in the high jump, he placed second with a jump of 6' 3". Corbin will be in action Friday night at 7:00 in the triple jump and on Saturday at 10:00 A.M. in the high jump at the state event in Austin.

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OPINION

The Paperboy



The American Nightmare

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Do you pay federal income taxes? Are you sure?

According to the latest data, over 50 percent of U.S. households pay no federal income tax.

On your refund, was it larger than the amount the government withheld from your paycheck?

There are 23.1 million tax filers who benefitted from the Earned Income Tax Credit. If you were one of these filers, you were effectively put on welfare according to the Congressional Joint Tax Committee.

Out of those 23.1 million, 15.5 million actually received more money in a refund than was paid in by either themselves or their employers through various payroll taxes.

These "taxpayers" did not ask for a welfare handout. The tax code, written by federal bureaucrats, determined these taxpayers did not make enough money on their own so now they are part of a new welfare class - a working welfare class.

I don't like paying taxes anymore than anyone else, but the country cannot withstand this growing welfare class.

We most certainly can't continue on this path with the government taking in less and less money while spending more than it ever has.

The U.S. is quickly becoming a welfare state. This will end the country as we know it and will effectively crush the American Dream.

When more than half of the country doesn't pay for the government they use, is it any wonder we can't cut government spending? After all - we've got more and more people the government thinks can't provide on their own.

When you were a child, were you taught to chase your dreams? Were you taught that you can achieve through hard work and desire? Were you taught to pay your way and take pride in your work?

That mindset is leaving us quickly and it's something we change now or we might as well call ourselves a Banana Republic.

"Tax the rich" has become a popular mantra in this country. If we changed that to "tax the job creators," I wonder if it would be so popular?

We need massive tax reform in this country to go hand-

in-hand with massive government reform. Right now, we can't even get government officials to seriously consider paying as we go. Even with our near \$15 trillion debt, we continue to operate with a massive deficit yearly. I have bad news for you: There are not enough rich people in this country to ever pay down the national debt.

The voters in this country need to begin to elect people who realize that the days of the United States are coming to an end. We have set our own execution date and the only way to stay this demise is to do smart things and once again make the American Dream a possibility by having LESS people depend on the government.

The lessons of history are staring at us in the face and we continue to say "that will never happen here." I'm sure the Romans once thought this way. I know for a fact Europeans thought this way. They were wrong...

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An EPA Attempt to Re-Extend Its Regulatory Tentacles

By VICTOR MORAWSKI

In a well-produced brochure touted as its Clean Water Framework, the Obama Administration last week announced its updated and revised policies governing the Nation's Waters. Included in the initiatives it discusses is "updated draft guidance regarding Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction."

Those of us now familiar with the Administration's attempts to use the EPA as a vehicle for circumventing the wishes of Congress and the Courts are naturally prone to want to look past the slick ad copy and beautiful glossy photos of National Park scenes and families on vacation for something far less wholesome.

A matter of contention for the last thirty years has been what is to count as "waters of the United States" as it is these waters that the EPA is charged with protecting via the CWA. Ceaselessly and relentlessly this Agency has tried to broaden its jurisdiction by broadening its definition of what is to count as these waters.

Two important Supreme Court cases in the past ten years have reined in EPA's attempts. Declaring in 2001 that "isolated, non-navigable intrastate ponds" could not be taken to come under CWA jurisdiction "based solely on the presence of migratory birds" it freed them from the clutches of EPA

regulatory hands.

Of particular relevance to the current updated EPA Guidelines is a 2006 ruling asserting that CWA jurisdiction should be limited to only those waters having a "continuous surface connection" to other "jurisdictional waters."

Its efforts significantly hampered in the wake of this ruling, the EPA simply chose not to pursue hundreds of potential water pollution cases in its pipeline, according to MSNBC, because of what the recently released Clean Water Framework brochure calls "the complex evidence needed to establish that [various river] tributaries" fell under the CWA. It now had, said MSNBC, the burden of showing that, "intermittent streams, swamps and marshes flowed into navigable waters."

Accordingly, 2007 EPA Guidelines instructed its officials to "first analyze whether an ephemeral stream or seasonal wetland leads to federal waters" before attempting any legal action alleging pollution.

The whole point of the recently released EPA Draft Guidance is to supersede these previous instructions by once more allowing it to bring as many of these Court-shielded waters as possible back into its regulatory reach - thus thwarting Court wishes under the guise of following them.

Under its new Guidance, EPA officials freely admit that

compared to how things stand currently, "the number of waters identified as protected by the CWA will increase."

Its strategy for bringing these waters back into its fold is to employ as a standard for "waters of the US" in addition to the current one requiring a "continuous surface connection" to navigable waters an alternative one proposed by Justice Kennedy at the time of the original 2006 ruling requiring only a "significant nexus to traditional navigable waters." Defined as occurring when waters in question "significantly affect the chemical, physical and biological integrity of other covered waters" it would include many of the waters it wants to bring back in. New EPA Guidelines will now insidiously consider waters under either standard to be "waters of the US" under CWA jurisdiction.

These Draft CWA Guidelines are currently open for 60 days of comment from the public, so interested and potentially affected readers wishing to voice their opinion on them should go to the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> and identify your comment with Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0409 or e-mail it to owdocket@epa.gov including the above Docket ID No. in their message's subject line.

Perhaps we can have an effect on this EPA attempt to re-extend its regulatory tentacles to these waters.

Pure Thuggery

By HOWARD RICH

For the organized labor movement in America, desperate times apparently call for desperate measures.

With private sector unions continuing to lose favor in the marketplace and public sector unions facing fresh scrutiny from cash-strapped state governments, organized labor finds itself at a crossroads. Even though its coffers have been replenished thanks to a steady infusion of borrowed government money, labor's future is far from certain - and the fear within the ranks of union leaders is palpable.

In an effort to regain the offensive, union sycophants on the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) have fired a shot across the bow of the American free market.

Last month, the NLRB alleged that aircraft manufacturer Boeing's decision to locate a new manufacturing facility in South Carolina (as opposed to Washington State) constituted an illegal retaliation against striking union workers. That claim is laughable - particularly in light of the fact that Boeing has added 2,000 new union jobs in Washington State since announcing its South Carolina decision.

Of course this complaint isn't about law or logic - it is about repaying a political debt, at least in the short-term.

Unions gave more than \$100 million to Barack Obama and Democratic congressional candidates in 2008 - and that's just their direct contributions. They also ran an extensive voter registration and mobilization effort, which was staffed by

an estimated 450,000 union "volunteers."

Not surprisingly, it didn't take long for Obama to begin reciprocating for labor's benevolence.

To start with, he named longtime union-backer Hilda Solis to run the Department of Labor. Then he picked Teamsters' attorney Wilma Liebman to head the NLRB. His first White House political director, Patrick Gaspard, was also a former labor operative.

Obama followed up these and other pro-union appointments by rescinding Bush-era disclosure requirements for labor leaders - re-opening the door to all manner of corruption (at the expense of the workers he claimed to be fighting for, ironically).

These moves were just the beginning, though. Obama successfully steered tens of billions of dollars to unions through his socialized medicine law and his so-called "stimulus." Not only that, he rewrote American bankruptcy law to "reprioritize" Chrysler and GM claims in labor's favor.

Clearly no one should have been surprised, then, when Obama's NLRB goons upped the ante by telling a private company where it was going to locate its new facility. After all, if Obama can make private citizens buy health insurance, what's to stop him from making private companies locate their factories in pro-union states?

Just days after his inauguration, Obama made it clear that his "spread the wealth" mentality applied to unions as well.

"We need to level the playing field for workers and the

unions that represent their interests, because we know that you cannot have a strong middle class without a strong labor movement," he said.

Obviously, Obama knows that this fight is about much more than paying back unions - it's about doing lasting economic damage to right-to-work states. Obama's NLRB isn't just trying to block Boeing from moving to South Carolina - it is putting any company that wishes to move to a more competitive business environment on notice that it must first navigate a hostile federal bureaucracy.

Many companies will likely see that as a sufficient disincentive to relocate domestically - which will naturally result in American jobs going overseas.

Whether the Obama administration wins or loses its Boeing complaint is a short-term issue involving one state - but the "chilling effect" that this complaint could have on jobs and capital investment in right-to-work states is a long-term issue affecting nearly two dozen states. Obama's administration has made no secret of its contempt for the free market. In fact, the only real positive to come from the Boeing flap is that this contempt has now been laid bare for all to see.

Obama and his union allies have moved beyond political payback and into the realm of pure thuggery. The only question now is whether pro-free market leaders in Congress have the courage to stop them.

Is it Jimmy Carter All Over Again?

By BILL WILSON

It feels like we've been here before.

The malaise-filled economic train wreck of the Carter years has risen zombie-like from the ash heap of history to inflict its special brand of pain and suffering.

On May 6, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported that unemployment rose from 8.8 percent to 9 percent in April. That includes a 205,000 increase in joblessness in the household survey.

Coupled with slowing growth, increasing inflation, and a continued recession in housing, not to mention the spiraling \$14.333 trillion national debt, the economic storm clouds emerging on the horizon for 2012 are dark indeed.

Specifically, growth has slowed down to 1.8 percent in the first quarter, and inflation is up over the past year, with producer prices up 5.8 percent and consumer prices up 2.7 percent. Making matters worse, home prices are again on the decline as foreclosures rose 6.53 percent in March.

Fiscally, when Obama's first budget was enacted, the national debt stood at \$11.909 trillion, and it has already increased by \$2.4 trillion. By November 2012, the gross debt will be over \$16.627 trillion according to the Office of Management and Budget, meaning he will have been directly responsible for a gargantuan \$4.718 trillion increase. That's a 39 percent run-up in just four years!

Obama's biggest problem is that none of this was supposed

to happen. The federal government has seen fit to spend, borrow, and print more than \$2.4 trillion to prop up the economy and save government 'jobs' that, in the end, could not be saved. In the past three months, the public sector has shed 60,000 jobs as the so-called 'stimulus' and QE2 runs out this year.

He promised to keep unemployment below 8 percent, to cut the deficit in half, to lay the groundwork for a robust, stable recovery, to prop up home values, and to stop the foreclosures. None of that has happened.

The best the Obama Administration could muster in response to the April jobs' report was that it was "pleasantly surprised" by the news, as top economic advisor Austan Goolsbee said. Huh? Pleasantly surprised? What was he talking about?

Goolsbee disregarded the 205,000 increase in unemployment, saying it was probably because of an increase in job seekers. The only problem there is that those not in the labor force (i.e. those who gave up looking for a job) increased by 131,000 in April, while the civilian labor force measure only increased by a mere 15,000. So, there's not a tremendous increase of those seeking jobs. If anything, there's been a big decrease.

Really, the only source for Goolsbee's optimism was the Bureau's establishment survey, which measured an increase of 244,000 jobs in its survey of employers. However, the household survey, which is a broader measure of all Ameri-

cans, shows a decrease of the employed by 190,000. It's hard to be optimistic based on that.

Also, U-6 unemployment rose again to 15.9 percent, a total of 24.39 million people who want full-time work and can't find it. That number in particular is why Obama will be in big trouble come 2012, because it's one that is not likely to decrease significantly between now and next year, when folks will be making up their minds.

The fact is, \$2.4 trillion of government "stimulus" later, if the recession had simply been allowed to run its course to begin with, the economy would have naturally found its bottom, and resources would have necessarily been reallocated out of the public sector with greater speed. We'd already be in recovery.

The Keynesian "stimulus" that was pursued was a very specific set of policies around a theoretical framework. If borrowing, printing, and spending trillions of dollars were a valid theory to prosperity, then it should have worked - Obama got everything he wanted.

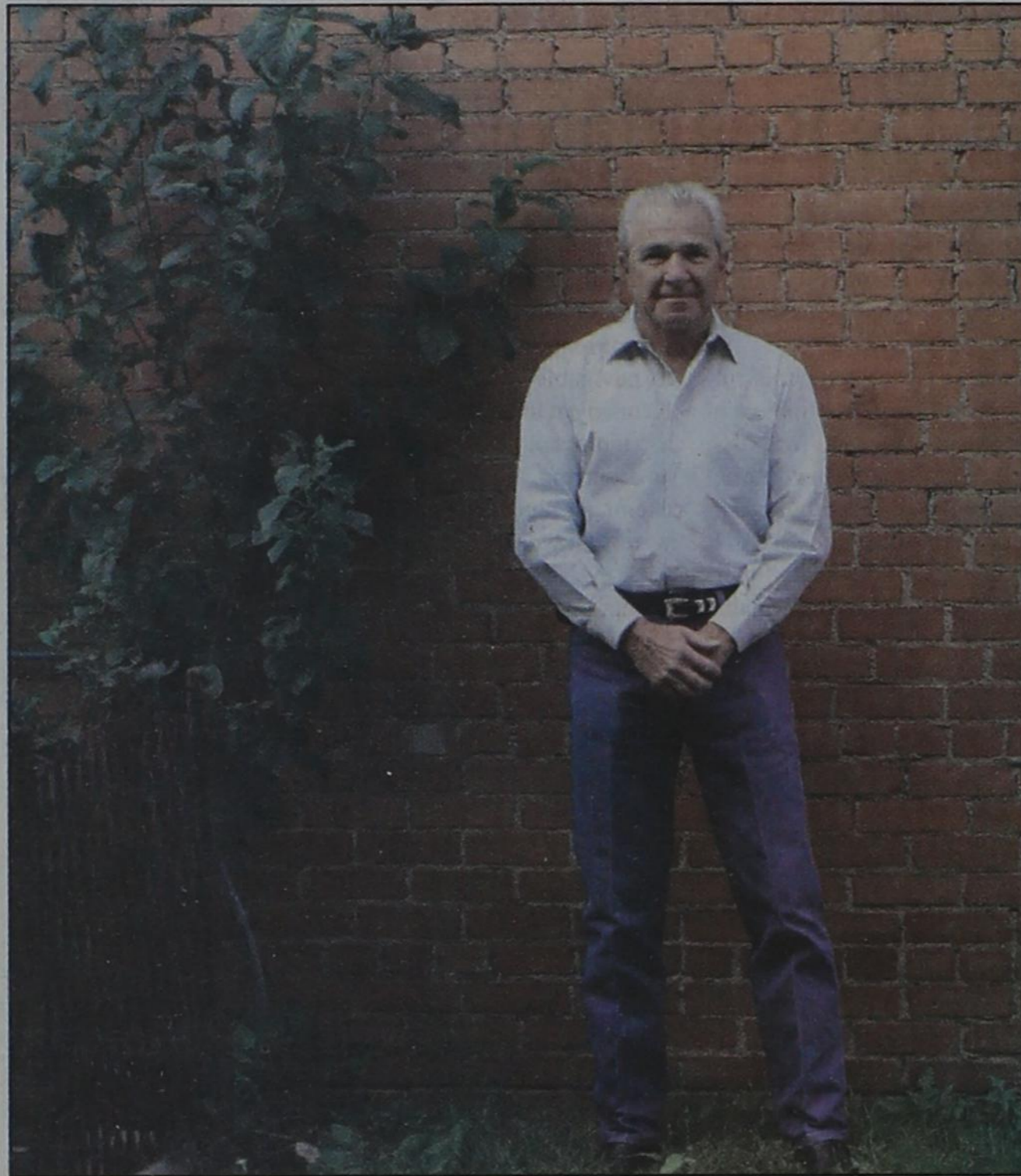
Sadly, it did not work. The economy is in troubled waters, and slow growth, Jimmy Carter-like stagflation is once again here. Until the government gets its spending under control, and removes unnecessary obstacles to capital formation, it will be impossible to conclude that Obama "stimulus" has been anything but a complete failure.

It's déjà vu all over again.



Picture courtesy of Post Sports Page
 2011 Varsity Lady Lope Softball Team Top row (l-r): Caitlin Cravy, Sara Greer and Kelsey Overton. Center: Katie Dunn, Hailey Berry, Kayla Comeaux and Kari Dunn. Front: Bethan Curtis, Sydnee Jones, Ashley Collazo, Sierra Hodge and Chelci Hair. Not pictured: Head Coach Charles Whitfill, Assistant Coaches Tody Allen and Brettne Reed.

Post ISD School Board election



My name is Harry Record, and I am a candidate for the Post ISD board of trustees. I have two grandchildren attending the Post schools. My reason for running for this position is to insure a quality education not only for my grandchildren but for all the students attending Post schools. Because of an increasingly complex and competitive world, it is our duty to provide each student with the necessary tools to succeed. I am a college graduate and spent 35 years in corporate management before retiring. My wife and I moved to Post to be close to our son and watch our grandchildren grow up.

SMELLS

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this point. I also noticed she made sure I washed my face and brushed my teeth at least two times that day, but that's a little TMI right? However, if the smell of parvo is present, this helps me determine a course of action.

The breath of a patient can detect kidney failure. Fungal infections also have a distinct smell. I could go on forever. I'm sure some of you were grossed out before you reached anal sacs, but let's not skirt the number one unforgettable smell.....maggots. It doesn't matter what kind of animal, you can smell them the moment they walk thru the door. This isn't a lovely subject to write about, but

can you imagine being there? I always tell myself and my staff "Think about what the animal is going thru".

Veterinarians are there no matter what the problem or smell. It's our career choice. A career that's comparable to marriage. You have the good times and bad, the sickness and health, the smelly and the stinky. I'm sure my wife will have something to say about that last part. At GCAH we try to keep the clinic as pleasant smelling as possible, but sometimes we can't prevent it. All I can say is just breathe, hold your breath, don't pass out, and think about what the animal is going thru.

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or 990-2149 (Post City Library) for more information.

Post High School Weekly Agenda:

May 09 -

May 13,

2011

Monday, 09 - Library Books, Equipment, etc are due!

- 6:30 PM - Sports Banquet at Cafeteria

Tuesday, 10

- EOC Exams - WG/PHY
- ARD Meetings in Food Lab
- 5-8:00 PM - GED Classes Begin, room 18. Entrance on Southwest of HS bldg

Wednesday, 11

- EOC Exams - AP Eng. Lang.
- 9:45 AM - NHS Mtg. in the Library

Thursday, 12

- EOC Exams - Biology
- 9:45 AM - NHS Bake Sale in the Library Elem. 3rd Grade Program 10:00/1:30/6:30

- May 12-14 - Band Festival at Abernathy, 6th & 8th Grade

- 5-8:00 PM - GED Classes Begin, room 18. Entrance on Southwest of HS bldg

Friday, 13

- May 13-14 - State Track Meet, Austin (Kalyn & Corbin Good Luck!)
- May 12-14 - Band Festival at Abernathy, 6th & 8th Grade

Looking Ahead:

May 6-7 Band Festival, Floydada
 May 8 - MOTHER'S DAY
 May 12-14 - Band Festival, Abernathy
 May 14 - PROM at Heritage House
 May 16-20 - EOC Exams all Week
 May 17 - Drivers Ed Written Test

Lubbock, 5 PM

May 23 - HS Academic Awards Assembly

May 25 - ES Awards Assembly

May 26 - 9:45 AM MS Academic Awards Assembly

May 26 - Last day of School for Students, Early Release Noon

May 27 - Graduation, 8 PM Antelope Arena

May 29-31 - Band State Solo & Ensemble, Pflugerville, TX

June 6 - HS Summer School Begins

June 6 - Basketball Camp, 8-4:30, Arena

Post Middle School Weekly Calendar

May 9-26, 2011

5/17-18-TAKS 8th retest

5/20-AR Reward Trip

5/26-MS End of Year Awards 10:00 Elem. Auditorium

FACULTY BIRTHDAYS

5/9-Amy Abraham. Please look for information coming home with your students about upcoming field trips!

Post Elementary:

May 16-18- 5th grade TAKS math and reading retest

Wednesday- May 25th- Elementary Awards Assembly- 10:00 a.m. in the elementary school auditorium

Thursday-May 26th-Kindergartengraduation- 8:15 a.m. in the elementary school auditorium

Thursday- May 26th- Last day of school. Students will release at 12:30 p.m. Buses will run.

Please look for information coming home with your students about upcoming field trips!

Pet...

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to health care -- traditional, indigenous, energy-based, and recent developments in Western science all contribute to this new method. There is a direct relationship between the emotional health of a pet and that pet's physical health, just as there is in humans. When we're stressed out from work or family issues, our immune systems suffer. We lose sleep, and we are far more susceptible to the bug that's always going around. We're mammals, and so are dogs and cats. What makes us think they are any different? The truth is, when we're stressed out, so are our pets. Just as pets can sense anger, fear or illness in us -- which explains why pets try to comfort us when we're sick -- they can also sense our stress. By addressing the stress in our own lives, we can help keep our pets stress-free and prevent many of the common illnesses that plague them, making them happy and healthy companions for a long time to come."

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