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## Thressa Harp, Melba Cimental Higginbotham's winner sworn into office Tuesday

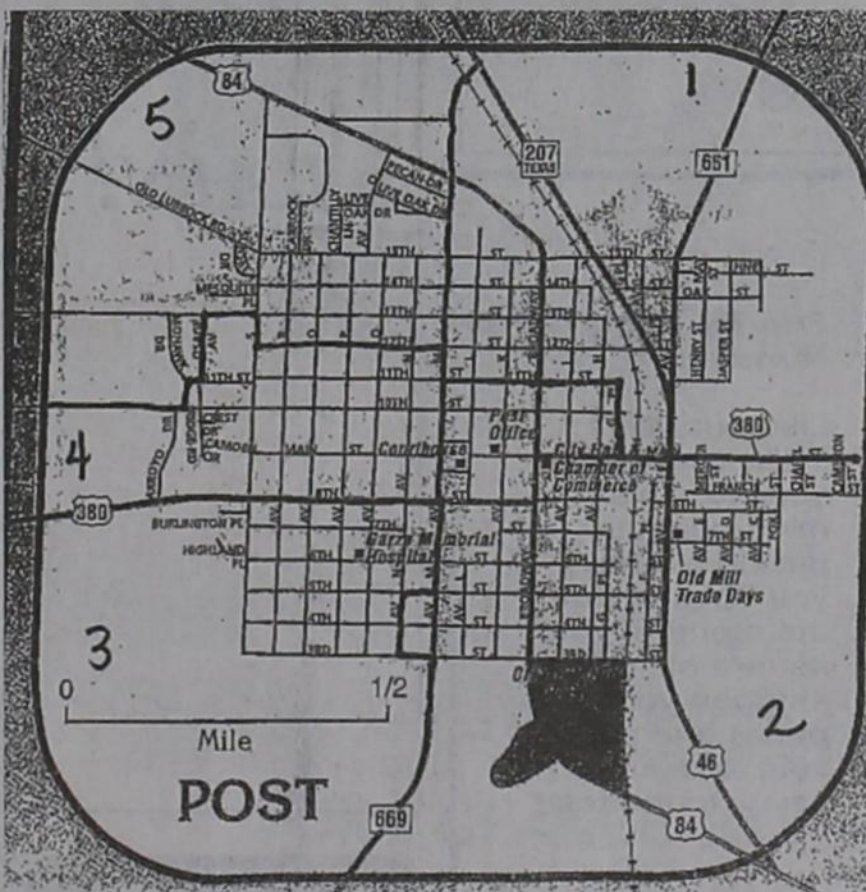


Photo By Jodi Lincoln

Mayor Thressa Harp and Councilwoman Melba Cimental being sworn in for another two-year term.

**Citizens of Post,**  
 The election has come and gone. Our Mayor, Thressa Harp, and Ward 1 Councilwoman Melba Cimental have both been sworn in for another two-year term. The problem now is that Ward Two is without representation on the Council. Before the election, Councilman Dickie Odom decided not to run for another term. After twelve years on the Council, he decided it was time for a new voice. No one signed up to run in that Ward. The

City Council, according to State Law must now appoint someone to fill the vacant seat. Therefore, the Council is asking that anyone who might be interested in serving Ward 2 to please call City Hall and place your name into consideration. Once everyone who is interested has contacted City Hall, we will then give the list of names to the Council. The Council will decide on whom to place in the position by a majority vote of the Council.



Courtesy Photo

Store Manager Dusty Clary shown presenting winner Randy Lewis with a gift card.

### Post Notes

Holy Cross Church will be selling Plates, Gorditas and Chili Relino with rice and beans Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> 11:00am - 2:00pm. \$7.00pm.

up your free reading log, bookmark and plan your summer success. Reading can save you from: "I'm Bored, what can I do?" Dig in...Let's READ!

### POST ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK STILL ON SALE

2010-2011 elementary yearbooks are still on sale. The cost is \$20.00 per book or \$25.00 per book if you want to include the zoom insert. Order forms were sent home with Post Elementary students again this week, or you may contact Mandi Criswell at 495-3414. Hurry in and reserve your copy today.

### Summer Rec is Around The Corner!

Registration for this year's Summer Rec Program begins Tuesday May 31 - June 30<sup>th</sup>. Participants must be registered prior to joining in the activities. Sign-ups will be held at the Middle School Gym. Program runs from 8:00am - 12:00pm. Breakfast and lunch are being served at the Post Cafeteria. Lunch is at noon, and we ask the parents to pick-up their children in front of the cafeteria between 12:15pm and 12:30pm. Any questions contact Lorie Rivera at 495-3253 or 441-8465.

### Post Public Library Presents: "Dig Into A Good Book"

the Texas summer reading theme for 2011. Summer reading registration begins June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Research shows a drop in literacy skills among students who don't read over the summer. Encourage your kids to read what they want...as long as it is on or above their grade level to maintain what they have worked so hard to achieve this past year. Summer reading can also help fill an achievement gap. Plan your summer schedule to include reading each day. Keep track of what is read, try new authors and interests, encourage older family members to read to younger siblings; it's like earning double points! Talk about your books, or to organize your own book club. Parents must accompany children who don't have library card. Library cards are free. During registration pick

### Calvary Baptist Church:

Calvary Baptist Church hosts Inspirational night with country music recording artist, Daron Norwood. This country hit maker has a heart for the church and believes families can come together to pay tribute to Christ through song. Daron grew up as a gospel singer before moving to Nashville and performing in the Grand Old Opry. His motto is to perform and let God touch those that need Him most, drawing closer through the words and music Daron was given by the Lord. Daron has written 10 new praise songs that were laid on his heart and is eager to share a few with the congregation. Begins June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:00pm.



### Pet of the Week

My name is Max. I am a 1 1/2 year old Great Pyrenees/Lab mix. I was adopted from the shelter last summer when I was just 8 months old and lived until last week with a nice lady who loved me a lot. I just got too big for her back yard. I need lots of room to run and lots of love. I am the night watchman at the shelter and do a really good job keeping an eye on everything. I am looking for a forever home to love and protect. If you interested in adopting me or any of the other dogs at the shelter, email [postarc@yahoo.com](mailto:postarc@yahoo.com) on contact the shelter on facebook at Post Arc.

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Memorial Day celebrated in Post.

Engagement Announcement



Bratcher - Baker to exchange vows

Ronnie and Deann Bratcher of Loop, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kelcee D'Shea Bratcher to Blanton Byron Baker, son of Richard & the late Gail Baker of Alpine, Texas. The couple will exchange wedding vows August 6, 2011 at the Historic Baker Building in Lubbock, Texas.

Kelcee is the granddaughter of Don & Allane Ammons and Anna & the late, Glen Bratcher of Post. Kelcee is a 2006 graduate of Loop High School and a 2011 graduate of Sul Ross State University with a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Kinesiology.

Blanton is the grandson of Jean & the late, Ira Y. Blanton and the late, A.P. & Virginia (Gina) Baker, all of Alpine, Texas. Blanton is a 2001 graduate of Alpine High School and is currently employed by 3D Steel Building in Ballinger, Texas.

The couple will reside in Ballinger, Texas.

OBITUARIES



**PAULINA HERNANDEZ**  
Services for Paulina D'Ann Hernandez, 17, of Post were held at 3:00 PM Sunday, May 29, 2011 at the Antelope Arena with Rev. Vicente Villalon officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at her home in Post. She was born October 31, 1993 in Tahoka to Jose and Amber (Perez) Hernandez. She was a junior at Post High School.

Survivors include her parents: Jose and Amber Hernandez of Post, 3 Sisters: Victoria Hernandez, Alexandria Hernandez and Rylee Hernandez all of Post, Grandparents: Jackie and Arturo Vera of Post and Consuelo Rodriguez Hernandez of Mexico and a Great Grandmother: Pauline Perez of Amarillo.

Pallbearers were Ty Perez, Paul David Perez, D. J. Rivera, Georgie Rivera, Ray Perez and Jaime Hernandez. Honorary pallbearers were Lance Gill, Bubba Gill and Christopher Rivera.



**VELMA SUE BOND**  
Services for Velma Sue Bond, 71, of Post were held at 10 AM Tue day, May 31, 2011 in the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ken Hom officiating. Burial was at 3 PM Wednesday in the Morse Cemetery in Buna, Texas. Arrangements were under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home of Post. She died Sunday, May 29, 2011 in Lubbock. She was born

November 26, 1939 in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas to Aaron and Bernice Shaw. She lived in Buna prior to moving to Post. She married James "Cotton" Bond in Beaumont. He preceded her in death in August 1996. She was also preceded in death by 1 son: John Wesley Tittle on October 16, 1983. While in Post she ran Moms Place for a 1 year.

Survivors include 1 Daughter: Deana and husband David Watson of Post, 1 Son: Tim and Wife Barbara Smith of Buna, 3 Sisters: Bonnie Shepherd of Pecos, Judy Jarrett of Woodrow and Jana McHorse of Pecos, 4 Brothers: Herman Shaw of Walnut Ridge, Ark., Carlos Shaw of Balmorhea, Jimmy Shaw of Blythville, Ark. and Ronnie Shaw of Pecos, 10 Grandchildren and 8 Great Grandchildren.

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

ANSWER:

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**PRAY FOR RAIN!**

**Crenshaw graduates**

Marla Crenshaw, daughter of Jerry and Marilyn Crenshaw became an official Marine on May 13, 2011 in a graduation ceremony at Paris Island, S.C. She will now be stationed at Camp Lajeune, N.C.

Marla has a brother, Timothy of Post, and she is the granddaughter of Della Crenshaw also of Post and June Terrell of Lubbock.

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## Legends...Garza County Historical Museum by Linda Puckett

Last issue we recalled that several early settlers of Garza County had fought in the Civil War, the War Between The States. That was a terrible time when Americans killed Americans. A few years ago, I had the opportunity to visit Gettysburg. It was a very moving experience to drive through the site of that terrible battle field. It will certainly fill your heart with sadness. How stupid can man be! If that War was about slavery, why do you see black women in maid's uniforms standing on many street corners in Washington DC, waiting for the bus? Hum.... Somehow it all seems to revolve around politics, rarely about the people, but that is my personal opinion for whatever its worth.

### WORLD WAR I

Wikipedia provided the following information. World War I or the First World War, commonly abbreviated as WWI was formerly called the Great War began in Europe in the summer of 1914 and continued for the next four years, ending in November of 1918. The Archduke of Austria, Franz Ferdinand, the heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, was assassinated on June 28, 1914. The following month the war began with the Austro-Hungarian invasion of Serbia, followed by The Germans invading Belgium, Luxembourg and France.

The United States forces entered the war in 1917. The Russian Empire collapsed in 1917 and Russia left the war. US Forces entered the trenches and the Allies drove back the Germans. Germany agreed to a cease fire on November 11, 1918. That date became known as Armistice Day. At the war's end four major powers had been defeated.

### WORLD WAR II

The Soviet Union emerged from the Russian Empire. The repercussions of Germany's defeat and the Treaty of Versailles led to the beginning of World War II in 1939. Then the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941.

The following is from President Franklin D. Roosevelt's war message to congress with the Vice-President, Henry A. Wallace and The Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn at his side. To the Congress of the United States:

Yesterday, December 7, 1941-a date which will live in infamy-the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.

The United States was at peace with that nation and, with the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its government and its Emperor looking toward the maintenance of Peace in the Pacific.

Indeed one hour after Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in Oahu, the Japanese ambassador to the United States and his colleague delivered to the Secretary of State a formal reply to a recent American message. While this reply stated that it seemed useless to continue the existing diplomatic negotiations, it contained no threat or hint of war or armed attack.

It will be recorded that the distance of Hawaii from Japan

makes it obvious that the attack was deliberately planned many days or even weeks ago. During the intervening time the Japanese government has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false statements and expressions of hope for continued peace.

The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian Islands has caused severe damage to American Naval and military forces. Very many American lives have been lost. In addition, American ships have been reported torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Yesterday the Japanese government also launched an attack on Malaya. Last night Japanese forces attacked Hong Kong. Last night Japanese forces attacked Guam. Last night Japanese forces the Philippine Islands. Last night the Japanese attacked Wake Island. This Morning the Japanese attacked Midway Island. Japan has, therefore, undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the Pacific.

The facts of yesterday speak for themselves. The people of the United States have already formed their opinions and well understand the implications to the very life and safety of our nation. As commander-in-chief of the army and navy I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense.

Always will we remember the character of the onslaught against us.

No matter how long it takes us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory.

I believe I interpret the will of the congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost but will make very certain that this form of treachery shall never endanger us again.

Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory and our interests are in grave danger.

With confidence in our armed forces-with the abounding determination of our people-we will gain the inevitable triumph-so help us God.

I ask that the congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December 7, a state of war had existed between the United States and the Japanese empire.

**Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
The White House,  
December 8, 1941**

In the same newspaper dated December 8, 1941, was featured a chart showing the approximate strength of the United States versus Japan. Battleships U.S. 12-Japan 9; Aircraft Carriers U.S. 5-Japan 5; Heavy Cruisers U.S. 15-Japan 12; Light Cruisers U.S. 14-Japan 27; Destroyers U.S. 100-Japan 112 and Submarines U.S. 75-Japan 59.

There are millions of stories of the brave men and women

who fight for our freedom and the horror they experience along the way. War is a short ugly word that touches everyone in the world-but as the Gospel tells us; there will always be wars and rumors of wars-Matt. 24:6.

Pvt. James Davis Walker

James Walker was born at Grassland, just a few miles from Post. His parents owned the Walker Grocery Store there. James graduated from Tahoka High School and McMurray University. James' time in the armed forces earned him 2-Purple Hearts, The Bronze Star, Infantry Combat Medal, Eastern Service Medal, Europe-Africa-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, American Theater Service Medal, WWII Victory Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. I know this because his daughter donated these treasured memories to the Garza County Historical Museum after his death to be exhibited in the Military Room. She did so with tears in her eyes and sadness in her heart for what her father endured. This is his story:

One newspaper headline read-POST SOLDIER LEFT TO DIE IN THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE.

Left to die on hospital grounds conveniently located by adjoining burial grounds, surviving by sheer will to live. Pvt. James Walker was captured and taken prisoner along with 79 other Americans. These men were survivors of a regiment decimated by an overwhelming majority of Germans during the initial stages of the now historic Battle of the Bulge. They were taken prisoner December 16, 1944. Pvt. Walker suffered countless brutalities at the hands of his captors, being forced to tramp without shoes in knee-high snow during sub-zero temperatures. They were jammed into horrible back to back positions with double the capacity figures in box-cars while exposed to the bitter weather like cattle going to a slaughter market.

Walker was an eye witness to the round the clock bombing of Leipzig, and could testify to the effectiveness of the allied bombings. He later told how the Jerries spent more time in their air-raid shelters than they did outdoors. Americans were prevented from entering the air-raid shelters by German soldiers who stood at the entrance with fixed bayonets.

Revenge came to Walker and his buddies working in the Leipzig railroad yards. Somehow the man in charge neglected to close vital railroad switches, which resulted in a beautifully executed 12-car German troop train wreck! The effect was as neat as a well-placed allied bomb.

Pvt. James Davis Walker was rescued in July of 1945 by advance parties of the 69th Infantry Division. When found, he had been tossed in a pile of starved and dead bodies of prisoners. He had been left to die but American soldiers discovered he was still alive, though in critical condition, suffering from malnutrition and pneumonia. News of his rescue reached his parents from an Army Chaplain.

## Texas is now Swine Brucellosis free

On May 19, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) notified the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) that the state of Texas had been declared free of swine brucellosis. Texas was the last state to be officially declared free of this disease by the USDA.

Brucellosis in swine is caused by the bacteria, Brucella suis. This disease usually affects the reproductive tract in swine resulting in decreased litter size which leads to economic loss for the producer. Brucellosis bacteria can also affect humans and is known as "undulant fever."

Since the mid 1990's, Texas had detected several infected swine herds and surveillance efforts were put into effect to comply with the national program standards. The surveillance efforts included complete herd testing of affected herds and market swine testing to satisfy the USDA requirements. Close cooperation between the Texas commercial swine industry, local swine producers, Texas Pork Producers Association (TPPA) and the TAHC ultimately led to the free status declaration.

"Texas being declared swine brucellosis free is good news for the Texas swine industry," stated Dr. Dee Ellis, State Veterinarian. "This action relieves certain restrictions on the interstate movement of breeding swine from Texas. We will

continue our surveillance efforts, however, to help maintain Texas' Swine Brucellosis Free status."

For more information about swine brucellosis, visit [http://tahc.state.tx.us/animal\\_health/swine/swine.html](http://tahc.state.tx.us/animal_health/swine/swine.html)

Founded in 1893, the Texas Animal Health Commission works to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine animals, and exotic livestock.

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# In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

**Weather**  
Well...I went to town on Tuesday and washed the gin pick up thinking if I did it might rain and it did...for about 30 seconds. I have faith we will get that good soaking rain we need so bad, just keep those prayers going.

**News**  
Mom, Trevah and I traveled to Lubbock on Monday while there I had the pleasure of seeing Elsie Josey Wright who once taught school in Close City. Elsie now lives in Lubbock. We also stopped in to see Sylvia Winder who attended

school in Close City; Sylvia gave us the Royal tour of her new home. Sylvia now lives in her own apartment at Carrillon in Lubbock. It was good to see both of these ladies.

I've been hearing a lot of critter stories lately, they are looking for water. Everyone please be careful and watch where you step because the snakes are crawling; I'm told several have already been spotted in town as well as out here. Also pay close attention as your driving. I always tell Raegan to be careful and watch for deer and hogs when

she drives to Gail well...as I was driving home one night last week I saw about a dozen deer on 380 just west of the Graham cut off. Who ever saw deer in that area??? So it doesn't matter what highway you're on, keep an eye out.

All of us here in Ragtown want to send our sympathies out to Deana Watson for the loss of her mother, Sue. I didn't know her well but the few times I came in contact with her she was such a sweet person, and it was Sue that told me instead of going thru the trouble of putting up black eyed peas in individual

Ziploc bags, just put them in a pillow case in the freezer and dip out what you need when you need it, to this day that is how I do my peas each year. Sue's family is in our thoughts and prayers.

**Did you know**  
Toothpaste, ice cream, and the paper money used to buy them are some of the products that contain by-products of the cottonseed.

**Visitors**  
April brought out our new caps last Friday; Russ and Jake came by with PawPaw (Jack); Ronnie and Diane Graves as

well as Bailey stopped in Tuesday afternoon. Chris with PCCA came out on Wednesday.

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.

**Close City Birthdays**  
June 4th - Tad Ellis  
June 6th - Trent Laurence; Delaney & Aubrey Melton  
June 8th - Nedra Ellis

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 Clau-

dine 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

### THE BRAVEST MEN

BY: Michael F. Taylor

Well, Memorial Day is behind us now, but I just wanted to say a few words about our wonderful men and women serving in our Armed Forces. Memorial Day is a day to remember those who have fought and given their lives in defense of our country. And, I wanted say a great big thank you to our local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6797. The breakfast was wonderful and the ceremony on the Courthouse Square was moving. But not only do I wish to remember all those who have gone on before us, I personally want to say another big thank you to those who are now serving and those who have served and are still here to recount those days of yore. You have protected the freedoms that we enjoy in this nation and we owe each of you a heartfelt, "God Bless You!"

I once heard a story (I cannot however account for the voracity or authentic nature of said story) about Admiral Halsey and General George Patton. It seems that one particular afternoon, the two commanding officers chanced to meet. And as two Type A personality commanding officers would be like to do, began to brag to each other about the courage and professionalism of the soldiers and sailors under their respective commands. It seems that General Patton began by asking, "Admiral, how are your boys doing?" to which Admiral Halsey replied back, "Why General, my boys are the bravest men in the entire United States Military!"

Not one to be outdone, General Patton shot back, "Well now, don't be so quick to say that, Admiral. My boys in the Third Army are by far the bravest men in the United States Military." And, the two men became involved in quite a heated discussion about it. The argument went on and on and seemed as if neither man was going to be able to prove his point. Right up until General Patton observed a young Corporeal hurriedly walking across the street in an attempt to avoid both high ranking men. General Patton called the young Corporeal over who smartly saluted both officers. "Soldier, I see by the patch on your arm, you are part of my Third Army", General Patton declared. "Yes Sir", the nervous soldier stammered back. "Are you a brave soldier?" Patton asked him. "Well, yes Sir. I think so Sir", the now very nervous soldier answered back sheepishly. Seeing a tank rolling by at that time, "Well then soldier, go stop that tank by throwing your body in its path!" the General ordered. Without time to think or react, the Corporeal blurted out, "No way, are you crazy?" Now the soldier stood there trembling in abject fear, thinking that he was going to receive a court martial. Without missing a beat, the General broke a huge smile on his face and said to the Admiral, "See there now Admiral! No sailor is more brave or fearless than that! That a lowly Corporeal would disobey the order of a General to his face and call him crazy!" The Admiral had to concede.

We are taught not to fear as well by the scriptures. In Psalms Twenty Three we learn, "1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." NIV.

So truly we should not have fear, for the Lord Himself leads us beside the quite waters. My prayer for each of you this week is simply to remember that when you are afraid, remember who guides you on your path of life. God bless each of you and God Bless the U.S.A.!

*"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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Grace Baptist Church	820 N. Ave. S 990-3497	Faith Chapel	1105 Green St., Wilson (806) 628-0018
<b>Methodist</b>		<b>Methodist</b>	
Justiceburg Baptist Church	Justiceburg	First United Methodist Church	216 W. 10th, 990-2942
Pleasant Home Baptist Church	E. 14th & N. Ave F	Graham Chapel United Methodist Church	495-3492
Pleasant Valley Baptist	Hwy 84 & N. 399 (806) 828-4174	<b>Nazarene</b>	
Southland Baptist Church	Southland	Post Church of the Nazarene	202 W. 10th, 495-3044
Templo Bautista	315 W. Main	Grassland Church of the Nazarene	327-5656
Trinity Baptist Church	915 N Ave O, 990-3038	<b>Non-Denominational</b>	
<b>Catholic</b>		Family Harvest Church	111 N. Avenue I, 495-1400
Holy Cross Catholic Church	Ave. K and Main St., 495-2791	Caprock Springs Fellowship	12th & Ave. I 495-2171
<b>Church of Christ</b>		<b>Presbyterian</b>	
Church of Christ	108 N. Ave. M, 495-2326	First Presbyterian Church	910 W. 10th, 495-2135

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**Deuteronomy 6:5**

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## Graham Chapel Church of Christ honors three grads

The Graham Chapel Church of Christ honored their three graduating seniors Sunday with a special fellowship lunch and program. The three honored were Klint Fluitt, Katelynn Short and Amber Wilson.

The morning sermon by Robert Wilson was based on scripture from Proverbs and Luke 2:41 with words of encouragement and admonition to the three to keep close to God, do his will and mature into Christian servants. Their parents were encouraged to let them mature but always be there.

A potluck lunch followed invocation by Bill Short. The serving tables were covered in gold cloths with black and gold graduate centerpieces and lined with multi-color tinsel stars and grad caps.

Noel White emceed the short program and thanked the three honorees for their work and involvement at Graham Chapel. Several in the audience gave words of advice. Funny incidents by the three were told by some of the parents, Steven Short, Timothy Wilson, Kathy Fluitt, Leslie Tatum, Jennie Cowdrey and White.

The seniors then went to their individual gift table to open gifts from their church family. The gift tables featured a collage of pictures from their school years. Each table was covered with a black and gold striped cloth. Letter from parents, siblings and grandparents were enclosed in a folder on their table. Congratulations Klint, Katelynn, and Amber!

## Yesteryears

### 10 Years Ago

Relay For Life collected \$16,000 for American Cancer Society drive.

Rosa Linda Gutierrez, wife of Noah Gutierrez successfully completed the registered nursing program at Covenant School of Nursing in Lubbock.

Jay Young opened the Bee Hive's at its new location, 316 E. Main.

### 20 Years Ago

A group of 22 Post students and director Dedra Adams returned to Post, following a five day tour of Washington, D. C., Annapolis and Baltimore, Maryland Bay area.

Lisa Shults was on the Dean's List at Texas Tech for the spring semester.

Teresa Shults was on the President's List at Texas Tech for the spring semester.

Kim Burnett and Allen Dolberry exchange wedding vows May 25, 1991

### 30 Years Ago

Post's new Circle M Food Store opened at 125 West 8th Street with David Polley as manager.

Luann Kennedy of Post had signed up to play basketball for Coach Joe Cushing at Western Texas College.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neal Clary of Post announced the birth of a daughter L'Shea Lynn, born at Garza Memorial Hospital on May 28.

### 40 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Marks shows off their "Yard of

the Month" sign as the first month's winners in the club's yard beautification contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Myers observed their 50th wedding anniversary May 29.

Veda Clary, certified dental assistant, won first place trophy and plaque at the state convention of dental assistants.

Larry Scrivner singed a track scholarship with the University of Texas following his graduation from PHS.

### 50 Years Ago

Dedication service held for the new First Christian Church June 9, 1961.

The Post Lions Club held their Annual Broom Sale June 7, 1961.

Lillian Tizard entertained members of the needle craft club at the Slaughter Ranch.

### 60 Years Ago

Dr. Glenn E. Kahler, 39, one of Post's outstanding citizens and physicians died suddenly in the hospital at Galveston.

Miss. Maxine Durett, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Herring, Mrs. Alice Parsons, Mrs. L.A. Webb, and, Mrs. Frances Washburn were among 5000 participants of fashion merchants in Dallas.

Mrs. Bernie Jones hosted the Merry Makers Club in her home.

Ross E. Short, airman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Short of Post, graduated from Aviation Machinist's Mate school.

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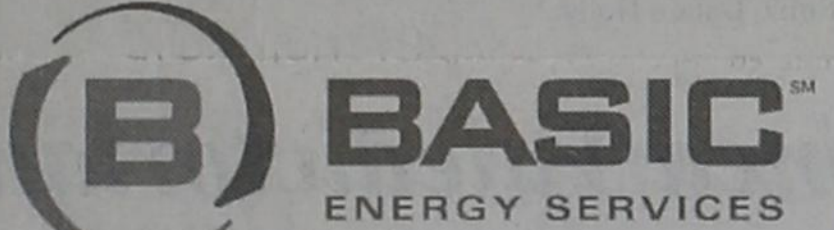
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# For Graduates, New Beginnings

By Darren Weaver  
Correspondent

Those of us outside the realm of public education may hardly notice that yet another year has passed and more high school seniors are walking across the graduation platform, accepting the diploma that will open the doors of the future. To us, it may be just another cycle of nameless faces being moved from the classroom into the world. We may see them as a never-ending stream of workers entering the competitive job market, or students entering the escalating cost of higher education. Yet to those who walk across that floor

and accept the certificate that proves their completed service to public learning, it is a world full of possibility.

How does it feel to finish twelve years of mandated schooling? Many of us may not remember the emotions that played across our minds as seventeen- and eighteen-year-old graduates. For some, it is a time of celebration as the day-to-day schedule finally comes to a close. These are the ones who revel at the freedom they experience upon finishing high school and cannot wait to sleep in for the next three months. For some, it is a time of nostalgia,

as they reflect back upon the entirety of their school years, reminiscing over third-grade recess and kindergarten finger painting. They are the ones whose memories of high school will keep them in close touch with a handful of friends, no matter how far and wide they may travel. For all of these, one thing is certain. The diploma they receive will open the future.

Our graduates give us a snapshot of society as it has been and will become over the next decades. Some of these graduates will enter the workforce, foregoing college in favor of mastering a skill; much

like apprentices did in days of old. Some will proceed directly into college, travelling from thirty-five to thirteen hundred miles to attend the school that best fits their finances, goals, and practicality. Some will languish before making a decision, unsure of what next step to take. Regardless, never again will so much be there for the taking as when one first graduates from secondary education.

A wide vista lays open before these graduates. They are our family, our friends, and our children. We want only the best for each and every one as we eagerly await the decisions

that will come over the next weeks, months, and years. Is this perhaps the most valuable asset of a public education? Certainly these students have learned core curriculum such as English, math, science, and social studies, but is there a greater benefit to education than we realize? After twelve years of structured training, what will our graduates truly take from the public classroom?

If our education system has done its true work, these students will take a very valuable asset from these years spent behind a desk with their classmates. They will leave Post High School with the ability to make wise decisions. As

this incredible horizon opens before these dedicated young men and women, it is the decisions they make that will pave their future.

Graduates, whatever you have learned, whatever you have taken from Post Independent School District, whatever torch you bear into the future, may it light the way for new tomorrows. We can advise, we can coach, and we can plead, but the final decisions will be up to you as individual citizens in our greater society. It is truly now up to you, and our prayers, our thoughts, our hopes, and our dreams go with you all.

## Trailblazers Menu

June 6<sup>th</sup> - June 10<sup>th</sup>

**Monday**  
Beef Enchiladas,  
Rice, Salad, Pineapple  
Cake, Crackers

**Tuesday**  
Fried Chicken, Mash  
Potatoes, English  
Peas, Roll, Cobbler

**Wednesday**  
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Potatoes, Fried Okra/  
Biscuit, Strawberry  
Bread

**Thursday**  
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Potatoes, Carrots,  
Roll, Banana Pudding

**Friday**  
Fish, Pinto  
Beans, Coleslaw,  
Hushpuppies, Fruit

## 9 Lady Lopes Get All-District Kudos

By Jim Plummer  
PostSportsPage.com

The seniors, who just graduated last Friday, highlighted the Lady Lope selections on the 2011 District 3-2A All-District Softball teams.

Shortstop Sydnee Jones repeated twice as a first team selection. Her sophomore year she made the second

team. Jones will take her talents to Lubbock Christian University for the 2012 season.

Other familiar names on the first team all-district list are seniors Caitlin Cravy and Kelsey Overton. Cravy played the hot corner while Overton excelled behind the plate. Both were presented with honorable mentions

over the past two years.

Rounding out the Lady Lope first team selections is junior first baseman Kari Dunn.

She sat on the second team last season and was honorably mentioned her freshmen year.

Senior outfielder Sierra Hodge, sophomores Hailey Berry and Kayla Comeaux

received second team all-district honors. Both Berry and Comeaux still have two more years to play for the Lady Lopes.

Honorable mentions were distributed to pitcher Chelci Hair and outfielder Bethany Curtis.

See more online at [PostSportsPage.com](http://PostSportsPage.com).

## PHS Academic Athletes

Congratulations to the Post High School Antelopes and Lady Lopes who also excelled in the classroom during the 2010-2011 school year.

**Academic All-State** (Must maintain a 94 average during the season.):  
Basketball: Macy Blair and Amber Wilson.

**Academic All-District** (Must maintain a 90 average

during the season.):

Football: Dalton Holly, Aaron Macy, Ben Mason and Chess Postell.

Cross Country: Hailey Berry, Moriah Morales, Taylor Osborn, Katelynn Short, Andi Soliz, and Miranda Solorzano.

Basketball: Shirley Araiza, Hailey Berry, Macy Blair, Skylar Jones, Taylor Osborn, Katelynn Short, Morgan Williams, Amber Wilson, Dalton Holly, Corbin McDonald and Chess

Postell.

Trainers: Kari Dunn, Kati Dunn and Kayla Comeaux.

Tennis: Shirley Araiza, Cambry Mason and Amber Wilson.

Powerlifting: Sydnee Jones and Armando Martinez.

Track: Shirley Araiza, Hailey Berry, Macy Blair, Madison Cash, Morgan Deen, Kari Dunn, Cheyenne Gill, Sara Greer, Sierra Isbell, Jacee Johnson, Taylor Osborn, Matti Smith, Andi Soliz, Dalton Holly.

Golf: Chess Postell, Dakota McDonald, Aaron Macy, Madison Cash and Skylar Jones.

Softball: Hailey Berry, Kayla Comeaux, Kari Dunn, Katie Dunn, Sara Greer and Sydnee Jones.

Baseball: Dalton Holly, Chess Postell, Aaron Macy and Campbell Kirkpatrick.

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## Black named Valedictorian

Kenzie Black was named as Valedictorian of Abernathy High School, class of 2011 and plans to continue her education at Texas Tech University. Kenzie is the daughter of Bill and Cynthia Poole Black, both graduates of Post High School. Grandparents are three retired Post ISD Teachers, Chili and Carolyn Black and Shari Poole. Among other awards the Scholar - Athlete award was presented at the recent All-Sports Banquet. Kenzie has been active in her church, community and school.

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## OPINION



## The Paperboy

## To the Queen!

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Calling Miss Manners! President Obama needs to fire his advisors!

Last week when Obama made his eloquent toast during "God Save the Queen," it had to be the most uncomfortable thing I've seen in a long time.

Obama made the toast while everyone in the room stood at attention as the anthem was played. After realizing what the heck was happening, in what must have seemed like an eternity, Obama sat down his wine and stood at attention like everyone else in the room.

Many people gave Bush a hard time with his unorthodox manner of speaking, but the man knew proper protocol when visiting heads of state.

Obama should have fired the person briefing him on the customs when visiting the Queen of England. This is the United States for goodness sakes. We can't have our president getting caught off guard and embarrassing himself and the country in the process.

The president is surrounded by people who are supposed

to know everything about everything. Typically, a president would be wise to have advisors from all political spectrums, but judging by the last two administrations, I'd argue the room is full of yes men.

Whether it's bowing down to other leaders or giving a toast during a state anthem, it needs to stop. We do not need to insult heads of state because our president is ill-advised by morons.

I often list a variety of reasons I prefer rural living over urban living. Traffic and crowds are negatives for me but there is another major factor: violent crime.

Thankfully, we don't have near the problems with violent crime our neighbors in the city do. That's a wonderful thing.

Without digging into statistics, I would imagine one of the reasons is our familiarity with one another in our towns. I honestly think one is less likely to harm a friend.

Our towns aren't perfect. We've got drug dealers and thieves and others who could use some major reform, but we don't have large gangs. We must see to it we never do.

Occasionally I see little pretend gang-bangers putting their

"signs" on things. That's when I really keep an eye out and start asking questions. You can usually find out the leaders pretty quickly and usually, boredom and misguided intentions are the culprits.

Once identified, respectfully address the issues with the leader(s) and the matter will be solved. On the occasion where adults are a part of the problem, get law enforcement involved.

During the last week, gangs across the country have begun to riot. As this continues to make headlines and the hate spreads across the Internet and from phone to phone, don't think our teens are above the influences they are witnessing.

Talk to your children and your neighbors, let's get these kids busy playing ball, working, swimming, volunteering, etc... There are a number of constructive things our youth can be doing despite the fact they think there is nothing to do here.

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## Study shows good news for small papers

Did you know that 80 percent of America's newspapers have a circulation of 15,000 or less?

Did you know that there are about 8,000 community newspapers in America that fit that description?

Did you know that 86 million Americans read those community newspapers every week?

Yet if you read the "the newspaper industry is failing" stories online, in the major daily newspapers and on television, it'd be a good guess that those reporters and bloggers don't have a clue, don't care, or can't be bothered.

Those stories tend to be based on readership and advertising numbers for the major daily newspapers in America, usually the top 100, sometimes the top 250. Yes, absolutely, those are big papers, important papers. But they are not the whole story.

The National Newspaper Association, working with the research arm of the Reynolds Journalism Institute at the Missouri School of Journalism is completing its fourth year of research on the readership patterns of America's community newspapers.

The early data indicates fairly consistent findings all four years:

- 81 percent of those surveyed read a local newspaper each week.

- Those readers, on average, share their paper with 2.36 additional readers.

- Community newspaper readers spend about 40 minutes with their paper.

- 73 percent read most or all of their community newspaper.

- Nearly 40 percent keep their community newspaper more than a week (shelf life).

- Three-quarters of readers read local news often to very often in their community newspaper while 53 percent say they never read local news online (only 12 percent say they read local news often to very often online).

- Of those going online for local news, 63 percent found it on the local newspaper's website, compared to 17 percent for sites such as Yahoo, MSN or Google, and 12 percent to the website of a local television station.

- 60 percent read local education (school) news somewhat to very often in their newspaper while 65 percent never read local education news online.

- Nearly half read local sports somewhat to very often in

their newspaper while 70 percent never read local sports online.

- 62 percent read editorials or letters to the editor somewhat to very often in their newspaper while three quarters never read editorials or letters to the editor online.

- Three quarters of readers have read public notices in their community newspaper.

- 68 percent have never visited the website of local government.

- 47 percent say there are days they read the newspaper as much for the ads as for the news.

- 30 percent do not have Internet access in the home.

- Of those with Internet access at home, three-quarters have broadband access.

The local community newspaper is the primary source of information about the local community for 60 percent of respondents; that's four times greater than the second and third most popular sources of local news (TV/14 percent and friends and relatives/13.4 percent). Readers are 10 times more likely to get their news from their community newspaper than from the Internet (5.8 percent). Less than 5 percent say their primary local news source is radio.

## Other Opinions

## Let the Miners Get Back to Work

By REBEKAH RAST

America is a land of abundant wealth, made up of resources and elements critical to forming the strong nation that it is today. Since the country's beginning, mining these resources was a no-brainer — they were needed to sustain the people, provide jobs and make America stronger.

But due to an overreach of environmental policies and regulations, the mining industry is not what it used to be. Once productive mines are no longer open, mining communities have split apart and as a result, America's imports have increased.

In an attempt to gain a better grasp on the nation's mineral policy, Colorado Congressman Doug Lamborn recently introduced H.R. 2011, the National Strategic and Critical Minerals Policy Act of 2011. As Chairman of the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, Rep. Lamborn is concerned about the foreign dependence America has on other nations for valuable minerals and resources needed for the country's manufacturing sector and defense industry.

Therefore his legislation instructs the Department of Interior Secretary to coordinate a government wide survey of the national mineral policy, mineral supplies, demand and other critical factors impacting mineral development, includ-

ing workforce, permitting and regulations within six months time.

Minerals of particular importance are rare earth elements, or REEs.

"We need to gather material to form a national policy on rare earth elements," says Rep. Lamborn. "These metals are key to technological advances."

REEs are used to make U.S. smart bombs, silent helicopter blades, night vision, missiles, and tank guns, as well as computers, cell phones, DVD players, and other civilian technologies.

Currently, China holds 55 million metric tons of REEs in reserves and 130,000 metric tons of annual production. It now controls more than 97 percent of REE mining and refinement in the entire world.

"By China holding all this supply, at any time they could cut off the supply and then we'd be in a real predicament," says Rep. Lamborn. "These metals are key components to cutting-edge technologies in defense equipment, medical devices, alternative energy equipment and computers. All these products require some kind of rare earth metal."

Despite its name, REEs aren't that rare — America has an abundant supply. In fact, last year, the U.S. Geological Survey released a report revealing 13 million metric tons of

REEs exist within known deposits in 14 U.S. states. However, this supply of minerals has become meaningless as it just sits wrapped bureaucratic red tape.

The metals used to be mined in America but the primary mine was shut down in 2002 after a breach of environmental regulations was found, which later caused the mine's demise. And now the country relies on China to supply the critical material.

Rep. Lamborn's legislation will provide the essential facts to help strengthen and improve the nation's mineral policy and put America on the right track to ending its dependence on foreign nations for these minerals.

"The report this legislation requires will show where key minerals are found in the U.S. and what is blocking their access and how vulnerable to shortages we are," Rep. Lamborn states.

The National Strategic and Critical Minerals Policy Act of 2011 will start the process of cutting through the red tape and help the mining industry get its feet back on the ground. America should not depend on nations like China to provide critical elements for America's advanced technologies.

Let the miners get back to work.

## Other Views

## Pawlenty: I was for Ethanol Subsidies Before I was Against Them

By VICTOR MORAWSKI

Praise has come recently to newly-announced Republican presidential candidate Tim Pawlenty for having the boldness to take on King Corn in Iowa when he officially revealed his decision to run. Said the Wall Street Journal, "Pawlenty has passed an early test of fortitude" by departing from traditional Iowa-Primary wisdom and challenging ethanol subsidies. "The truth about federal energy subsidies, including federal subsidies for ethanol, is that they have to be phased out," declared Pawlenty. "We simply can't afford them anymore."

While endorsing its substance — as an advocate of smaller government should — I wonder how much "fortitude" this announcement actually took for him to make. Was it instead simply a well-calculated move in a chess game for Pawlenty? Had he already decided that he was willing to sacrifice the pawn of his Iowa Caucus votes for a better chance at winning the game of the Republican presidential nomination?

Did he see that, like his former support for cap-and-trade Legislation, another issue on which he reversed himself, his past endorsement of ethanol subsidies could become a roadblock for him in securing the sought-after support of his con-

servative base unless dealt with at the outset of his campaign? And was throwing Iowa farmers under the bus his way of dealing with it? Reasonable questions to ask, I think.

Whether first prompted to do so by his farming constituency as the Wall Street Journal suggests or by his own initiative, there is no doubt that he once vigorously supported ethanol subsidies.

In a September 26, 2005 interview with Minnesota Public Radio, responding to the observation that "critics have questioned" these subsidies, Pawlenty is quoted as defending them by saying, "Every other fuel is subsidized too... The notion that ethanol is subsidized and somehow it's therefore tainted is ridiculous, because we subsidize oil like crazy! Look at the federal tax code and the incentives we give to oil exploration and production and refining."

At the time he also said that "only people on the far margins of the political spectrum oppose ethanol." Maybe now that he has to court the votes of some of those people on the far margins like tea-party conservatives and libertarian Republicans, he has at least had to appear to come over to their side on this issue.

While on the subject of this 2005 interview, let me mention

another troubling aspect of then Governor Pawlenty's push for ethanol acceptance. In 1997, Minnesota became the first state in the nation to require that all gasoline sold in it contain 10-percent ethanol.

Even liberal Minnesota Public Radio Journalist Laura McCallum observed at the time that "many states aren't convinced an ethanol mandate is the best way to increase its use."

Not only did Tim Pawlenty support this mandate, he was pushing then for upping the required volume of ethanol in the state's gasoline to 20-percent — doubling the mandated amount.

Additionally, he urged all states in the union to independently achieve 10-percent ethanol usage by 2010 — presumably by adopting similar mandates.

Given this little piece of history on Pawlenty's ethanol support, is it unreasonable to ask whether a President Pawlenty would want to mandate from the Oval Office what he could only verbally encourage as governor? Would he push for a national mandate on ethanol? Or has he changed his mind on this, too?

## Funding Priorities Needed for EQIP Program

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Garza Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) invite the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues to participate in a Local Work Group (LWG) meeting to be held at Wells Fargo Bank Meeting Room in Post. This meeting will be on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of this public meeting is to receive input from farmers, ranchers, local agencies, organizations, businesses, and other individuals who have an interest in natural resource concerns and needs in Garza County.

Input received will allow the LWG to make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed for eligible practices and ranking for county based funding. Recommendations provided by the LWG will be reviewed by the State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to help implement the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), and other conservation programs offered by NRCS.

The 2008 Farm Bill stipulates that conservation programs must continue to be locally led. Through stakeholder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set

program priorities.

For more information, call the USDA-NRCS office in Post at 806-495-2056. NRCS office locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at [HYPERLINK "http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov"](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov)

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations and/or alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, Large print, audiotape, etc.) associated with this meeting should contact Glen Killough at 495-2056 at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting with his/her specific request.

## Summer's heat and your pet health

By Dr. Kerry Wink, DVM Correspondent

Whew! It's officially summer here in West Texas. And with hot temperatures comes endless reminders of protecting your pets from sun, heat, and dehydration. Pets can have the same reaction to heat as humans. They can become dehydrated quickly, get sunburned which can result in skin cancer, or suffer from heat stroke. Your pet's breed, age, and color play an important factor in the summer heat. I won't bore you with repeating any of the standard warnings, but rather give you some information and suggestions regarding animals and weather, which may be new or unknown to you. So are you ready for a pop quiz?

**Pop quiz #1...**Why are animals with 'flat faces' (such as Pugs or English Bulldogs) more susceptible to heat stroke? **Answer...** They cannot pant as effectively due to their short nose and elongated soft pallet prolonging their speed of cooling down. Darker colored dogs, puppies, senior dogs, and those with cardiovascular problems are also more vulnerable to heat.

**Pop quiz #2...** Does shaving a dog's coat during summer help keep them cooler? **Answer...** While this is very effective

with grooming & coat maintenance, this is an often misunderstood concept. Did you know a dog's fur not only keeps your dog warm in the winter, but also protects your pet from heat in the summer? I know...I know...I can hear one of you saying "You mean to tell me it's 104 outside and my Great Pyrenees isn't suffocating under his 100 pounds of fur? That doesn't make sense!" The canine coat is designed to act as insulator against outside elements. In cold temperatures fur holds heat near to the body, and when it is hot the fur will insulate against the heat. It is an all-in-one microenvironment!

Another bonus of your dog's coat is protection from ultraviolet radiation... aka, sunburn. Pets can suffer sunburns that can lead to skin cancer just like in us humans.

**Pop quiz #3...**How can you tell if your pet is sweating? **Answer...**Both cat and dogs have sweat glands located in the pads of their feet. If your pet leaves moist paw prints while walking, that's a sign of sweating. What would you do if your only way of releasing heat were through your feet? Would you be out walking on a hot sidewalk or worse, asphalt? A good rule of thumb, if concrete, asphalt, or any

surface your pet walks on burns your own hand to touch, think what it does to your pet's feet and body temperature.

Let's not forget our large animal friends. Horses drink an average of 12-15 gallons per day per horse. However, this doubles up to 20-25 gallons per horse on a hot summer day. Horses that don't drink enough water may require salt added to their diet either by feed or block supplements to increase water consumption. Side effects of dehydration can occur within 24 hours of lack of water. Colic is the most often result of dehydration in horses due to impaction.

I'll end by saying there are too many important facts out there regarding pets and hot weather to list in one newspaper article. Using common sense such as supplying cool fresh water and having a shady area available can prevent a major emergency and even death. If you suspect your pet is suffering from heat stroke or another hot weather related issue, give us a call immediately, 495-3726. You can also submit topic suggestions or questions you would like to see addressed by calling the clinic, email at [gcah@windstream.net](mailto:gcah@windstream.net), or via our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

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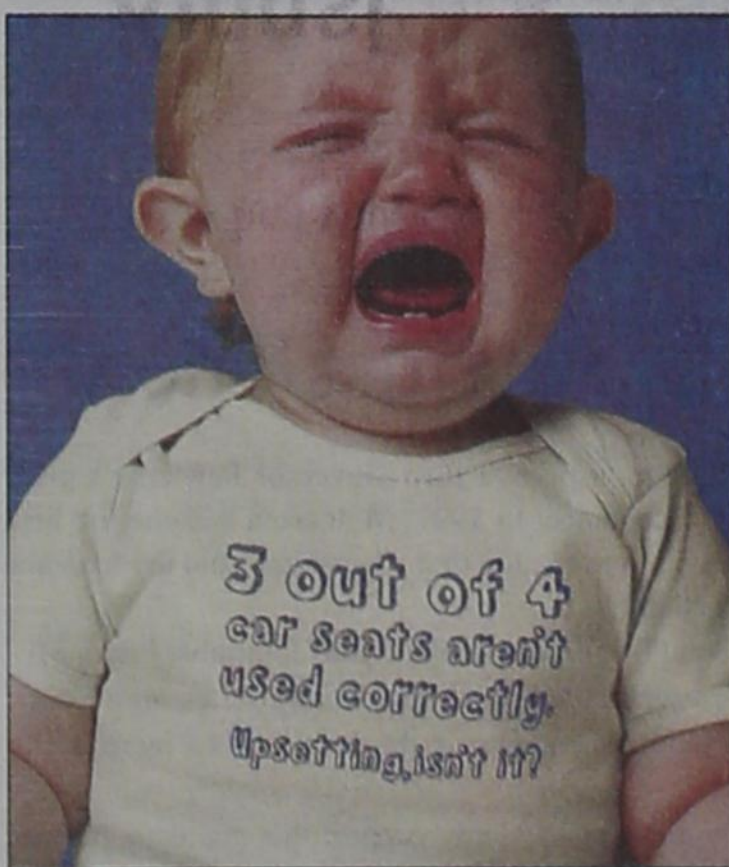
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## White River Municipal Water District

Gauge Reading	Feet below spillway	Rise	Rainfall past week	Rain to date
2355.40	17' 1"	0"	.0"	0.99"

Rainfall for	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	15.57"	28.85"	24.19"	33.61"	12.70"	32.16"

White River Lake has 3,542,326,221 billion gallons left available at the intake or 36% capacity or 10,871 acre feet. Subtract 35,318,943 MG for evaporation this week in May that leaves 3,507,007,278 BG available as of today.

White River's daily average demand for 2010 was 1.40 million gallons per day for all White River Customers.

The Oil Company using water for mining has been stopped until the Lake Level rises.

White River Municipal Water District is in stage 1

of its Drought Contingency Plan, which is Voluntary Water Conservation.

Remember that the Water District is there for you if we can assist you in any way let us know.

**Mickey Rogers General Manager**

## Celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversary



June 1961, College Station, Texas



May 2011, Rockwall, Texas

The Children of Wes and Pat Burnett Invite you to join us Saturday, June 11, 2011 in a celebration of our parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Lubbock, Texas They were married June 10, 1961 in Bryan, Texas

## Post ISD is participating in the Summer Food Service Program

The Post ISD is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all eligible children free of charge. (To be eligible to receive free meals at the residential or non-residential camp, children must meet the income guidelines for reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program. The income guidelines for reduced-price meals by family size are listed on the next page.) Children who are part of households that receive food stamps, or benefits under the Food Distribution

Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) are automatically eligible to receive free meals.

Acceptance and participation requirements for the Program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the sites and times as follows:

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211 South Ave K.  
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