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New High School Proposed for Post White River Board Looks at Projects

By Hanaba Munn Welch

A new high school, a new athletic track and a new bus barn are priorities on the official wish list of Post Independent School District.

Wishing won't make the dream come true, but a bond election could.

In a special meeting of the school board Thursday evening, Feb. 9, the Post ISD Facility Advisory Committee presented the results of a months-long study to the trustees.

A hand-out contained the following report:

Our committee has met on five occasions in the past few months. We began the process with a discussion of school finance and the tax structure including the two sides of the tax rate, Maintenance & Operation and Interest & Sinking. At that first meeting we also compared our current tax rate with other tax rates of surrounding districts. During each of the three subsequent meetings we tour our facilities and have arrived at a consensus on some issues we feel like need addressing. The are as follows:

A new facility to house the High School and move the Middle School students to the existing High School building with limited renovation. (priority 1)
A Maintenance & Transportation barn to secure district resources and provide workspace for employees. (priority 1)
Replace the existing Athletic Track (priority 1)
Complete the replacement of the existing High School and Elementary School roofs. (priority 1)
Demolish the existing Middle School building (priority 2)



Photo by E. Moreno

Students congregate on Valentine's Day in front of Post Middle School, a building that still carries the name "High School" over the entrance. Demolition of the building could be an outcome of plans to upgrade Post ISD buildings. But higher on the school board's list of priorities are a new high school building (which would mean middle school students would be moved to the existing high school building), a new bus and maintenance barn, a new track and new roofs for the high school and elementary school.

Construct new Athletic Dressing, Concession Area and Restrooms at the existing Football Stadium. (priority 2)

We realize after reviewing the financial information, we will not be able to accomplish these improvements through our M&O budget, therefore we recommend the Post ISD Board of Trustees to consider a Bond Program.

Members of the school board were receptive to the suggestions of the committee and agreed to take steps to determine how much money would be required to accomplish all the construction, upgrades and demolition.

Ultimately, whether or not any or all of the projects can be accomplished will be decided

by the outcome of a bond election. State laws that govern school finance and redistribute tax revenue from wealthy districts to poor ones complicate the picture. By state standards, Post is a wealthy district.

In a phone interview last Friday, Supt. Mike Comeaux commented on the status of Post ISD and the outlook for financing the proposed projects.

"We are considered by the Texas Education Code as a property-wealthy district ...," Comeaux said. "It's minerals that forces us into that category."

Wealth has its drawbacks. The state does not allow Post ISD to accumulate a fund balance sufficient to finance major building projects.

Money raised for maintenance and operations is subject to recapture by the state.

"TEA (Texas Education Agency) and the (state) government build them (the poor districts) up, and they take us down in the same fashion," Comeaux said, commenting on the states so-called "Robin Hood" system of leveling out tax revenues so that the richer school districts help support the poorer ones.

But if Post ISD voters approve a bond to finance the proposed improvements -- which will mean an increase in the tax rate to service the bond

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White River Board Looks at Projects



Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

White River Lake resident Lynda Huffaker speaks Thursday night, coffee cup in hand, at the conclusion of a meeting of the board of the White River Municipal Water District. Leaning back in his chair and listening with his hands clasped above his head is Silas Flournoy of Crosbyton, a former USDA soil conservationist who has been involved with the reservoir both through the USDA and as a board member, his current status. Behind Huffaker are other guests at the meeting, including marina-owner A. O. Smith, seated at left. Huffaker suggested community involvement regarding tentative plans for ATV and walking trails.

By Hanaba Munn Welch

The board of White River Municipal Water District covered the waterfront Thursday in a regular monthly board meeting, discussing topics ranging from barbed wire fence construction to all-terrain vehicle and walking trail development, not to mention water issues.

The meeting started with the loss of a longtime member.

"It's time for fresh blood and fresh ideas," said Eric Swenson of Spur, declining to take the oath of office after serving multiple terms. "I will not be sworn tonight."

Swenson remained at the meeting as a guest, even offering a comment at one point.

Two new officers -- David Stelzer of Post and Don Kaneski of Spur -- did simultaneously take oaths.

The board is comprised of three representatives from each of the four cities that depend on the lake for water. The city of Spur will be required to nominate someone to replace Swenson.

A time for public comment preceded the main agenda.

"I'd just like to commend Tom and his workers for the work they've been doing cleaning up around the lake," said Jesse Gillham, referring to Tom Fulton, general manager of the reservoir. (Gillham and his wife, Gwen Gillham, run the restaurant at White River Marina.)

Regarding a water system annexation request from Rio Blanco Estates, the board declined to annex the system for fear of putting the number of people served by the district over the 10,000 mark, a critical number relative to funding

possibilities. "Over 10,000, we may run into problems in receiving funding from the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture)," Fulton said. "My opinion is that ... it would be detrimental to our district to add them on at this time when we are seeking funding from the USDA."

Fulton mentioned both the USDA and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) as potential sources for grants and loans.

"In essence, in the future we may be looking for USDA, Texas Water Development Board -- whatever we think will be most affordable for us," Fulton said.

Phil Elledge, an engineer with the Longview-based engineering firm Johnson & Pace, talked to the board about meeting a March 1 TWDB deadline for obtaining funds from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

"Get this (intended use plan) in by March 1," Elledge said. "It doesn't commit you to anything. It just gets you in line. There's no guarantee you'll be funded. There's no commitment at this time. ... It's a 2013 intended use plan. We will probably know in August or September how you'll be ranked."

Elledge also recommended working with the Texas Water Infrastructure Coordination Committee (TWICC) in the process of seeking funding from the TWDB and the USDA.

"I would like your permission to submit form work to them," Elledge said.

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Building Permits Up Here

The year 2012 is off to the sound of nail guns and the smell of paint and asphalt from Caprock Drive and Ridge Road to Avenue F. Building permits are up in Post.

"So far it's kicking off pretty good," said Eddie Pitts, city code officer.

Compared to last year, construction and remodeling projects are setting a faster pace.

The city issued ten building permits in January compared to 64 for all of 2011.

"A lot of remodels" is how things are starting, Pitts said.

Most of this year's projects are under \$10,000. Dollar-wise, the biggest project so far this year is an \$80,000 remodeling project at 119 N. Avenue H according to a permit issued to Mason Bros. Construction Co.

"We had some big ones last year," Pitts said. "The

biggest one was \$350,000. The completely redid Allsup's down on North Main."

So far, this year's projects range from house remodeling and storage building construction to parking lots, a driveway and a sprinkler system.

Commissioners Study GCAD Budget

By Hanaba Munn Welch and E. Moreno

Meeting in regular session Monday, county commissioners looked at an amended budget presented by the Garza Central Appraisal District -- a budget that ups the salaries of the chief appraiser, the deputy chief appraiser and the GCAD clerk.

The proposed new salaries accompany a personnel change for the appraisal district. Shirley Smith, chief appraiser, is retiring, effective at the end of February.

"Irene Fry has been appointed as the new chief appraiser beginning March 1, 2012," Smith wrote in a Jan. 19 letter to the district's tax-

ing entities -- the county, participating school districts, the hospital district and the city.

Smith's letter also reported the action taken by the board of the appraisal district regarding salaries:

"The Chief Appraiser's salary was raised to \$63,000, the Deputy Chief Appraiser was raised to \$40,689.66, and the Clerk's salary was raised to \$33,336.65. The new salaries will go into effect March 1, 2012."

Former salaries were \$47,062.99, \$32,551.91 and \$26,669.04, respectively.

"Well, we have to pay for the cost of qualified employees," Judge Lee Norman commented.

But he didn't make the comment without reservations.

Nor is the budget guaranteed to go into effect. The amended version is subject to disapproval from the county and other taxing entities.

"I have a lot of reservations," Norman said Tuesday, speaking by phone. "It is very challenging for me to increase the appraisal district -- the chief appraiser's job -- ... because she's currently paid as much as the highest paid official in the county ... the sheriff. He is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

Salaries for local government officials vary greatly from county to county. Nor-

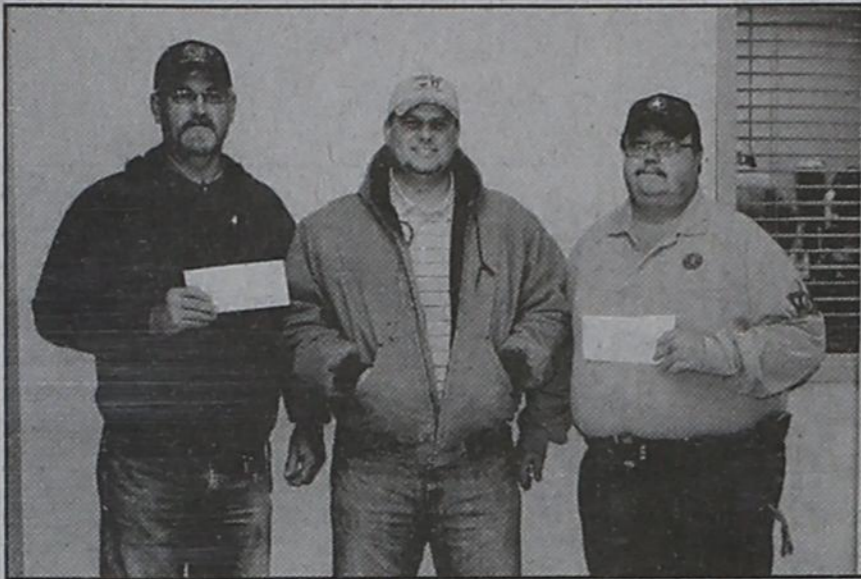
man presented a salary survey compiled by the state controller's office to the commissioners.

"I try to bring substantial data to the court," Norman said, calling it a "big picture review."

"You've got to find your niche," he said.

If as many as four of the seven taxing entities served by the appraisal district are not happy with the new appraisal district budget, the salary increases are likely not to go into effect. For disapproval to be expressed, a resolution to that effect must

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Picture left to right Les Looney Post Fire Chief- Tye Mason Lynn Garza County Farm Bureau Board Member- Daniel Yarbro Justiceburg Fire Chief

Recently, Lynn/Garza County Farm Bureau Board Member Tye Mason presented Post Fire Chief Les Looney and Justiceburg Fire Chief Daniel Yarbro with donations to their volunteer fire departments in the amounts of \$334 from Lynn/Garza County Farm Bureau and \$1000 from Texas Farm Bureau. Texas Farm Bureau matched any county donation 3 to 1 up to \$1000. These donations were given due to the amount of natural disasters that took place in the year 2011.

Photo by Steffi Scott

Right: Mitch & Allison Holly helped served popcorn and refreshments at last week's Marriage on the Rock Simulcast Conference.



Photo by Steffi Scott

Left: Nancy Gordon, Billy Max Gordon & Abby, Louder take a break from selling t-shirts at last week's Marriage on the Rock conference



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We are truly blessed to have such wonderful friends and family support.
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Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

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ANSWER:

United Supermarkets

Ragtown Debuts New Comedy

By Jodi Lincoln

When one reads about the twelve Apostles in the Bible and the trials and tribulations they endured during their time on this earth, we do not detect any humor or comedy touching their lives. And one cannot help but wonder if they indeed did ever find anything humorous about life then.

We know all but one died at the hands of non-believers and that their existence was fraught with danger because of their willingness to follow the teachings of Christ.

John the Baptist was exiled to the isolated island of Patmos because of his teachings about God, His son Jesus, and life eternal.

But suppose...just suppose John the Baptist was to meet a modern day televangelist while exiled on Patmos? Just the time warp alone would be enough to astound St. John.

And what would the televangelist think were he to discover

the kind, older gentleman who has offered to share his meager meal with him, the man whom he had been referring to as "Johnny" was actually John, the Baptist?

The differences in technology, the terminology, and the plain and simple fare of hundreds of years ago to the difference in attire would be enough to dumbfound John the Baptist. And for the televangelist to discover that modern technology did not yet exist, that no search and rescue planes would be looking for him, nor did he have cell phone coverage...and the little black box carried on all planes was useless on the isolated island of Patmos. The comedy and chaos that ensues from each little discovery or difference in time will keep the audience in stitches.

Actor Bill Woodard does a wonderful job of acting as a surprised and somewhat confused John the Baptist as he welcomes a strange visitor into his "home." He even offers to cook his visitor

some gopher, which his visitor kindly declines, but does offer in return to share his microwavable nude-noodles with John. John loves this new food source. To learn what a nude-noodle is, you will just have to go see the play for yourself!

Actor/director Glenn Polk plays the role of Joey Hallelujah, the televangelist to perfection. The chemistry between the two actors is palpable and they portray their roles so well, it is easy to imagine these two characters meeting.

There is so much more in this play that I will not share in order not to give away the many laughs you will get from seeing this play.

Show times are Fridays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 3 p.m. for "St. John and the Televangelist."

Come on out and enjoy hearing the Ragtown Gospel Singers perform for an hour prior to the show and then get ready to laugh until your sides hurt!

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The board approved Elledge's requests.

Requests from ranchers to lease 2,500 acres of reservoir property raised several concerns: the effects of cattle on existing roads, the costs of fencing, proper pasture management, stock water sources, liability issues and interference with existing wildlife. The board decided against leasing the acreage.

Requests for upgrades to existing barbed wire fencing from two different property owners met mixed receptions with the board tabling action on one request pending the outcome of a grant in the works that would cover the cost of a new fence. The board discussed the other request in light of an existing document regarding fence maintenance between White River and the owner, Ray Goodman, with White River obligated to help maintain the fence.

"It is in bad shape," Fulton said.

The board agreed to honor the agreement and to pay \$4,170 in a cost-sharing agreement with Ray Good-

man, with the understanding that USDA standards would apply to the fencing.

Regarding money invested in certificates of deposits at banks in Crosbyton, Post, Ralls and Spur -- the four cities served by the lake -- the board discussed the advisability of investing the funds with the bank that offers the most interest rather than dealing with institutions in all four places.

Ultimately, the board voted to leave the money dispersed as it is now.

In his manager's report, Fulton mentioned several projects.

"We're going to try to get a dump truck our here," he said, citing the Texas Community Development Block Grant program as the possible source of a grant that would cover 95 percent of the cost of the truck.

He also mentioned extending a water line to restrooms -- three-fourths of a mile of six-inch pipe.

"That's in the works," he said.

Fulton also talked about

Texas Parks & Wildlife funding possibilities for trails for all-terrain vehicles.

"We'd also have a walking trail," he said. "Both of them together ... \$150,000 each. We can cut it back. We're under no obligation. We're just looking at it."

The meeting closed with a second period for comments from the public. Lynda Huffaker, White River Lake resident, asked the board to hold public hearings to allow lake dwellers to air their thoughts about the trails.

"There's not a man in this room that wants to have an ATV trail by their door," she said. "We all have to live with the decisions that this board makes. ... Invite the residents ... to help make some decisions that are good for us. I think in the long run it would be good."

David Pruitt of Ralls, chairman of the board, responded.

"We have made no decision at this time," he said. "It's going to depend on whether we are awarded some funding. ... We would have public hearings."

Huffaker complimented Fulton, new to his job, on his work.

"I think it's wonderful ... amazing what he has done and accomplished in the short time," she said.

Huffaker close her remarks by returning to the trails issue, suggesting all four cities could be invited to a "town hall meeting."

"Get input from everyone because it's going to impact everybody," she said.

In a phone interview Tuesday, Fulton express his appreciation for the work of the board and his regret at losing Eric Swenson.

"His service to our board has been invaluable," Fulton said. "I hate losing him. When you serve 28 years ... that's commitment. Eric will be greatly missed."

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COMMUNITY

Frozen Music

by Hanaba Munn Welch

"Frozen Music," a poetic term for architecture borrowed from German philosopher Friedrich Wilhelm Joseph Schelling, is a regular column about buildings in our historic downtown. Post Dispatch writer Hanaba Munn Welch invites your comments about any of the buildings featured in her 200-word-long "Frozen Music." hanaba@copper.net



Built by town founder C. W. Post, the old stone store building in the 200 Block of East Main Street is like an excerpt from a famous building in Chicago, if architecture can ever be excerpted.

First it should be noted that the building, now Main Street Mercantile, used to be twice its current size. Instead of four bays, there were eight - each with the same arch motif. A circa-1960 fire destroyed the west end of the building.

The Chicago building that almost certainly stood as a prototype for the building in Post no longer stands at all. The seven-story Marshall Field Warehouse building, built in 1887 and designed by the renowned Henry Hobson Richardson, fell to a wrecking ball in 1930.

The Chicago and Post buildings are similar for two primary reasons: stone construction and repetitive arches.

Interestingly, the design of the building in Post lightens

the massiveness of the Richardson style by expanding the ratio of window space to solid wall, except for the heavy parapet.

Either way, Main Street Mercantile can't help but reference the Chicago building. It's as if the second, third and fourth floors found a new life in West Texas - much like Mr. Post.

Southland ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu for Feb. 20- Feb. 24

- MONDAY**
Holiday
- TUESDAY**
Quesadilla, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast Bar, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- THURSDAY**
Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- FRIDAY**
Muffins, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- Lunch Menu for Feb. 20-Feb. 24**

MONDAY
Holiday

- TUESDAY**
Chicken Alfredo, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread Stick, Fruit, Milk
- WEDNESDAY**
Taco Salad, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Refried Beans, Fruit, Milk
- THURSDAY**
BBQ Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas, Hot Roll, Sliced Peaches, Milk
- FRIDAY**
Ham and Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch

POST News

Ragtown Gospel Theater will be presenting "St. John and the Televangelist" Friday at 7:30 p.m. with another performance at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. This play will run through March 24.

The Annual Chamber Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, February 25. Tickets are now on sale at the PACC Office for \$25 each. Contact information for the Chamber office is email: chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com, phone: 806-495-3461 or stop by the depot.

Wyman Meinzer, the official State Photographer of Texas, will lead a Night Photography

class as part of a Photography Workshop in Post on February 24 & 25. For more information, contact the Caprock Cultural Association at 806-495-4148.

Also, our Annual Garza County Job Fair will be in March held on March 23. All businesses are invited to have a booth and present information to jobseekers. Booths are free for Chamber members and \$25 for non-members.

Congratulations to our Members of the Week:

- Platinum Member - WELLS FARGO BANK
- Gold Member - ROCKER A

Annual Employee of the Year Awards Held

On 02-09-2012 the Annual Employee of the Year Awards were held at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility. Each win-

ner received a plaque and a \$1,000. Root Beer floats and cookies were served to everyone that attended.



2011 Employee of the Year-Left to right - Warden Kerry Dixon, Warden Hugh Bryan, Employee of the Year Victor Chapa, Captain Susan Little, Warden Larry Bond



2011 Correctional Officer of the Year- Left to right - Warden Kerry Dixon, Warden Hugh Bryan, Correctional Officer of the Year Scott Haynes, Captain Susan Little, Warden Larry Bond

Post Notes

Meet the Lopes & Lady Lopes baseball & softball teams! Tuesday Feb. 21st at 6p.m. at David Nichols Park. Come out and support our boys & girls and watch the Long Ball Contest! (Sponsored by Post Athletic Booster Club)

Banquet Tickets are now on sale at the PACC office. Tickets are \$25 per person

Holy Cross Catholic Church will be held every Wednesday from 5:30pm to

6:30pm. Snacks will be served at 5:00pm. Parents are encouraged to send children's grades pre k-5th. Youth classes will also be held on Wednesday's following C.C.E at 6:45-7:45pm. All Jr. High-High School Students are encouraged to attend.

Post Community Youth We are ready to start another thrilling year with the

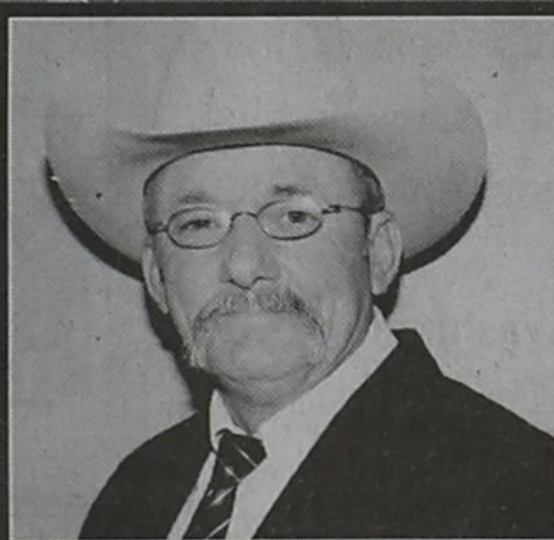
Post Community Youth. All youth are invited. As a community youth group many different churches are involved and you do not have to be active in any particular church to attend. We have been praying that the youth would have a blessed summer and are ready for a great year. We do ask that the adults of our community

would be in constant prayer for the Youth group.

The Senior High Youth will meet this year on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Dinner is available as usual at about 6:45pm. We are looking forward to a great time.

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I want to be your Sheriff



"If elected I will lead with sound judgement and outstanding moral character. Through cooperation, progress, and a strong work ethic, I promise to deliver a vigorous approach to law enforcement activities that will improve public safety services to the citizens of Garza County.

I will strive to:

- Honor the men and women currently serving the Sheriff's Department.
- Create a more unified work environment within the department.
- Share resources with other law enforcement agencies throughout West Texas resulting in saving of tax payer money.
- Run a moral and ethical campaign, not using character defamation, slander, libel or offensive attacks on any candidate or candidate's family.

"I have been involved in the law enforcement community for the last 22 years which has prepared me to perform the duties of this office. I have the education, experience, training and background that qualify me for the job.

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Trailblazers Menu

February 20th-
February 24th

Monday

Bake Chicken Breast, Bake Potato, Peas, Pineapple Tidbit, Chocolate Pudding

Tuesday

Rigatoni w/meat, Lima Beans, Salad, Garlic Bread, Oranges w/topping

Wednesday

Roast Turkey, Dressing, Broccoli, Waldorf Salad, Cranberry Square

Thursday

Pork Roast, Sweet Potato, Succotash, Roll, Banana Pudding

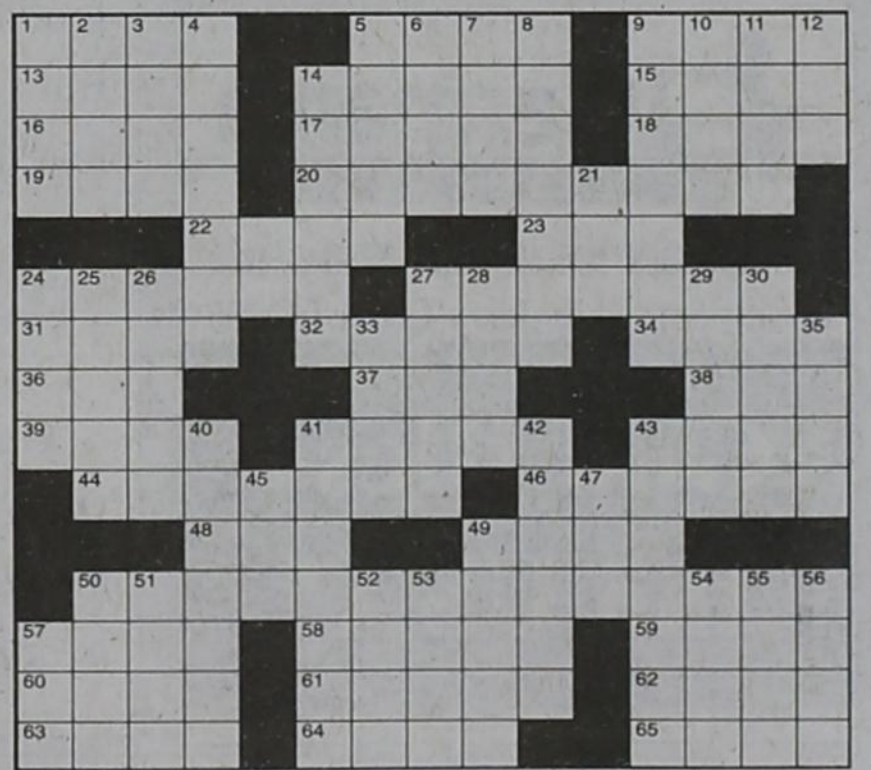
Friday

Creamy Mushroom Steak, Mash Potatoes, Roll Peas/Carrots

Justice-Mason Funeral Home

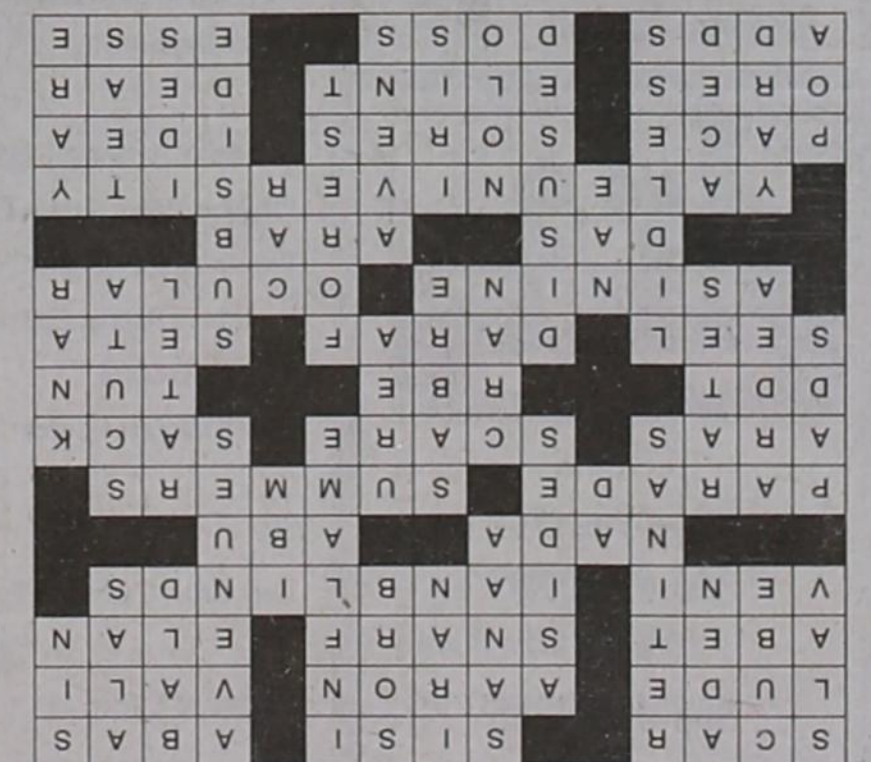
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 9. Cas ____: winter melons
 13. Inter ____: intervening period
 14. Moses' elder brother
 15. ____ date: confirm
 16. Assist in wrongdoing
 17. Pilfer (slang)
 18. Ardor
 19. __, vidi, vici
 20. ____jan ____: Window coverings
 - 22: Zilch
 23. __ Dhabi, Arabian capital
 24. A marching procession
 27. Winters, opposite
 31. Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences
 32. Cause to lose courage
 34. Paper bag
 36. Insecticide
 37. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
 38. Volume equal to 2 butts
 39. Sew up a hawk's eyelids
 41. Elastance unit
 43. Stalk of a moss capsule
 44. Inanely foolish
 46. About vision
 48. Petersen film " ____ Boot"
 49. Saddle horse
 50. New Haven school
 57. Tempo
 58. Skin lesions
 59. Thought
 60. Minerals
 61. Electronic intelligence
 62. A beloved person
 63. Totals
 64. Cheap lodging (Br. slang)
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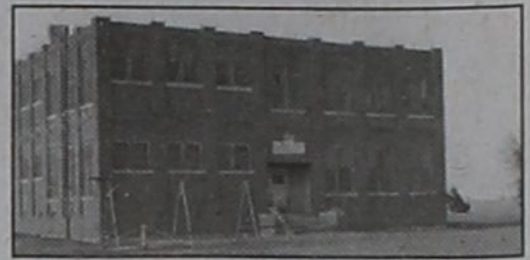
26. Charges per unit
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33. Vaccinium or ____berry
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41. No longer in use
42. A dense growth of trees
43. Lessen
45. No (Scottish)
47. Automobile
49. Genus geum
50. 36 inches
51. Breezed through
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53. Fleur-de-lis flower
54. Famous March date
55. Orange pekoe or green
56. Agile, lively
57. Blue grass genus

PUZZLE SOLUTION



In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman



As I am typing this it is VERY windy outside, I know I have said this before but why are we not used to this by now? We measured about 3 inches of snow here around the gin all the way back to Grassland...that is moisture we will take and use. Thank you Lord, ya'll keep praying for more!

I have to say congratulations to my daughter and the rest of the Borden County Lady Coyotes...they are Bi-District champs. So proud

of you all, good luck Friday!

We didn't have many visitors out this week, Travis Lancaster was here one day last week; Gene King did stop in on Wednesday to say hello. Emma, who is our rep from PCCA came down on Tuesday and brought a message of "hello to all" from John Johnson. John works for PCCA and is the son of Wagner and Kathrine Johnson. Remember...when you have a spare minute, come out and see us

sometime.

Our bingo night will be in March so keep watching and as soon as we know a definite date we will let ya'll know. Dusty has offered to call for us again, please call us at 495-2753 if you want to help, we welcome anyone wanting to help; any of you high school kids are needing community service hours for honor society let us know and well find plenty for you to do.

Don't forget to visit

Caprock Heirloom February 17th - Tommy Young, D'Lynn Young, Ronnie Morris, Linda Justice Davis

Did you know.....

The tomato is the worlds most popular fruit.

Quote of the week.....

This is for my friend, Jack,

"Behind every successful man is one strong woman"....Taken out of Country Woman Magazine

Close City Birthdays

February 17th - Tommy Young, D'Lynn Young, Ronnie Morris, Linda Justice Davis

February - Jordan McCampbell, Kalyn Norman

February 23rd - Martha Baker, Mandy McDonald

Close City Anniversaries

February 17th - Daniel and Trevah Yarbrow; Ronnie and Andra Dunn

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need

to remember are..... Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham; Mary Gayle Young in Post; Jean Tipton in Robert Lee; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Slaton; Doris Wilson in Castorville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Everyone have a safe week...Keep rain, the crops and our country in your daily prayers.

Weekly Inspirations

Help My Unbelief

Read John 20:24-29

The father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

— Mark 9:24 (NRSV)

I read the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Dan. 3:8-30) and focus on the strength of their faith. They would not have worshiped Nebuchadnezzar's God even if they were not to be saved from the blazing furnace. They were absolutely sure of their faith.

I'm not like them. Like Thomas in the New Testament, I am often a doubter. I have difficulty believing in the miracles, particularly those recounted in the Old Testament. But as I reflect, I realize that many miracles have occurred in my own life.

I have been HIV positive for 26 years. Three times I have been given only days to live, and yet two months ago I completed running a half marathon. Although I have not been employed for 12 years, I have been brought back from bankruptcy and provided with food, clothing, and shelter every day. Most of all, God has given me the miracle of love and salvation.

I realize that my twenty-first-century wisdom is God's foolishness and that compared to God, I know nothing. But I can and want to learn to trust more fully in God's love and faithfulness.

Karl N. Marshall (Washington D.C.)

Prayer

Forgive us, God, for our unbelief. Help us to understand that you are a God of miracles and to bear thankful witness to the miracles of love that you perform daily in our lives. Amen.

"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."

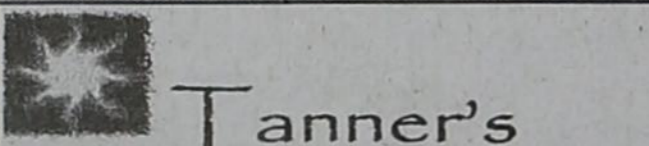
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COLUMNS



The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Jackson, 8, and I were clearing snow off the truck Monday morning and he was as fired up as a kid can get.

"Dad, I cleared off the hood and now I'm going to clear a path to the garage," he said. "I'll be able to get a bunch done to help you out."

His poor brother was still in the house searching for the right boots.

I had already checked the weather and knew there was a strong chance the snow would be melted before they got out if school. Since school started two hours later, it was a great opportunity to let them get out for a few minutes.

Finally Sutton, 6, had made it out just in time to build a miniature snowman before school.

The looks on their precious faces were great. They made me feel like a kid again as I tossed a couple of snowballs their way.

As we got in the truck to head to school, Jack said, "Daddy, this will be one of those great memories that I will always

carry in my heart."

It's amazing what a little snow and a few minutes of fun can do for a child's disposition.

For us adults, it's amazing what some good moisture does for our disposition. Apparently, I wrote winter off a little early. I'm thankful for the moisture and I'm hopeful for a wet spring.

Speaking of children, you've got to keep an eye on their behavior because so much can change in a short time.

Think back to your childhood for a minute and remember something which upset you at school and how your parents handled it.

There are times - and I think it's more common with girls than boys - when your child is going to get their feelings hurt. Sometimes when that happens, they don't want to talk about it.

My wife and I keep a close eye on the boys and when we perceive there is a problem, we ask. If there is a problem, we figure it out.

It's been a pretty easy job to this point. We haven't faced too much drama. However, there will be days ahead where we'll deal with hurt pride and broken hearts.

I can't imagine my parents doing any better with me than they did. They stayed involved and monitored me for attitude changes. It worked because I knew my parameters. Then again, I was lucky to have the parents I did.

Sometimes our children feel embarrassed to tell us about the things hurting them. If you know something is wrong and you're not getting the response you seek, ask tough questions and stay in control of the dialogue. Eventually, you should be able to get to the bottom of the issue.

Just as important: be sure and ask as soon as you notice something wrong. It's much easier to deal with something early. Despite the push back you might receive, everyone will be better for it in the long run.

FOAL WATCH



DR. WINK

Late winter and all throughout spring is a wonderful time in the equine industry as expected babies start being born. Owners anxiously watch and

await the arrival of these precious investments which brings about the term "foal watch". Personally the term foal watch brings back memories of my first two years in vet school. In AAEP (American Associates of Equine Practitioners) students are assigned after-hour extracurricular activities of watching and treating baby foals. This involved graveyard shifts of observing mares and assisting with delivery if needed. Back then I was young, single and not affected one bit

with endless long nights of foal watch. However, add twelve years, a wife, 2 kids, a full time job and today I can say I view foal watch a little differently!

My wife and I are expecting. NO...not actually my wife, but my wife's mare. NOT wife, but HORSE! Let's be clear on that and don't tell my wife I'm publishing this statement! Over the past two weeks, I have woken up every hour throughout the night

FOAL WATCH continued on page 8

I've been thinking

By Leslie Tatum

Valentine's Day is always a joyous day around the schools. The kids are hyper and the teachers are frantically grasping at control and all because of a day about hearts, candy, and love!

One of the biggest misconceptions about Valentine's Day is that it is a day for lovers. At the high school we still hear about secret Valentine declarations—some girl telling a guy who is totally unaware that she is in love with him, but in this day and age when people usually just come out and tell others their feelings, this really doesn't seem like a day when new love blooms and secret heart shaped cards are exchanged.

In modern times, Valentine's Day seems to be a day when parents vow their unfailing love to their children. If you doubt that, you should visit a school campus. From elementary to high school, kids are awaiting Valentine's flowers, balloons, and huge candy hearts, not from sweethearts, but from their mommies,

daddies, and grandparents. It kind of gives you a new look at that ancient tradition of vowing unending love to your heart's dearest. I will admit that when I went to look for Valentine's cards and gifts, it was for my kids, because Tim and I usually celebrate by going out to eat.

Elementary students love Valentine's Day like no other group of people on the planet. They get so excited to hand out cards with superheroes, Disney princesses, or Looney Tune characters. They painstakingly choose each card for the other students in their class making sure they only give the gushy one to one particular person and innocuous ones to everybody else. They attempt it with the same precision of a member of a bomb squad trying to maneuver without detonating the bomb.

I loved to attend the kid's Valentine parties at school but I always left feeling for the teachers who tried to walk the fine line between control and fun. Elementary teachers have

my utmost respect as do elementary students who have already learned many of the fine points of love: to check their decorated box to make sure their sweetheart has given them a personal message, as well.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 Years Ago

PHS Senior class favorites are Michael Huff & Meagan Mills, Juniors are Brody Robertson & Amanda Workman, Sophomores are Coby Jones & Breann Heckaman and Freshman are Colton Valdez & Donae Dalby.

Garza County Hall of Fame honors were awarded to the Henry Key family in recognition of the late cowboys life long pursuit of helping others and living the life of the cowboy.

Lee Norman has announced his candidacy for the office of the county commissioner.

Jay & Matt McCook were among 816 students at Abilene Christian University named to the Deans Honor Roll

Post High School All Region Band members are Jamie Hawkins, Michael Voss, Dalyn McDougle, Lynette Graham, Alissa Mitchell and Marie Tobias

30 Years Ago

Cindee Jackson is named FHA Sweetheart. 1st Runner up is Kim Hutto & 2nd Runner up is D'Linda Tyler.

Mrs. Kelly Baumtown was named to the Deans List at College of the Southwest.

Linda Malouf was elected president of the Womans Culture Club.

20 Years Ago

Citizen of the Year Award went to AC Cash for his efforts in a wide variety of community projects.

Business of the year award went to Bo Jackson for all of the business operations he manages.

Lady Lopes win against Cooper with Pringler and Price 18 points, Darla Jackson 10 points, Denise Smith 4 points and Tina Greene had one point.

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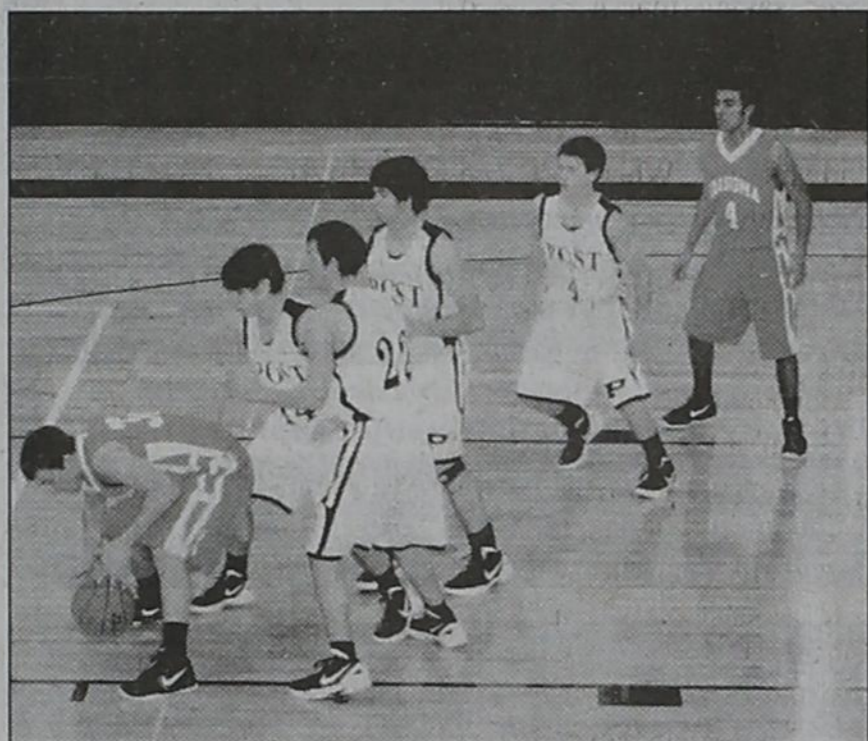
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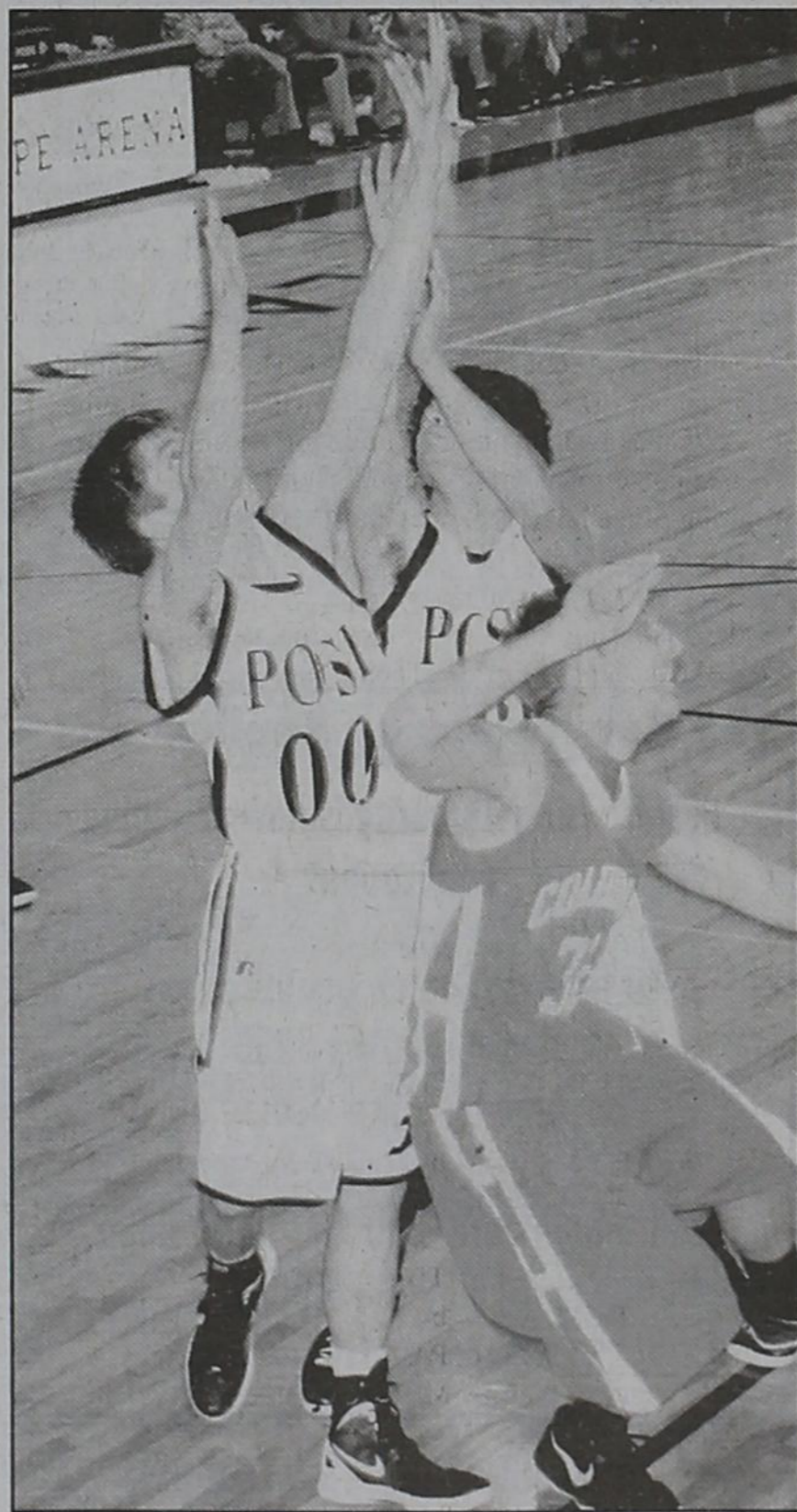
Boys Basketball



Senior Jacob Perez, #5, gets an easy rebound in the last game of the season while Senior Corbin McDonald blocks out his man.



#22 Taylor Soto and #14 Vance Blair trap the Coahoma bulldog with teammates Dakota McDonald and Campbell Kirkpatrick assisting.



Senior Dakota McDonald and Dalton Holly Scramble for a rebound against Coahoma in their final district game.

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Coach's Corner by Steve Smith

DÉSIRE

In the old west, there was an equalizer that they called a hog-leg. It was the pistol or six-shooter. It enabled a man that was smaller in stature to be able to match up with a more physically dominate man. In todays world be it in business, athletics, school, or life in general, there is an equalizer still that every successful person has and it is called desire.

Desire is the ingredient that changes the hot water of mediocrity to the steam of success. It is the waters of mediocrity in a river that become the waterfall of success. It is the ingredient that enables a person with average ability to successfully complete with those who have more ability, resources,

or advantage.

Desire is the extra degree that makes all the difference between being average and being great. It is that one degree of effort that turns 211 degrees of hot water that sits in a boiler into 212 degrees of steam that can drive a train or turn a turbine. Just one degree of desire is all the difference it takes to separate yourself from the masses.

Look up Pete Gray, an immortal of baseball lore. A player who belongs in the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown without a doubt. As a young man he grew up with a burning desire to play major league baseball. He repeated to himself over and over, that he was going to make it to the pros. His greatest ambition was to

play in Yankee Stadium. In 1945, Gray made it to the major leagues with the St. Louis. He only played that one year and was not a regular and he never hit a home run. Nevertheless, he was great and I say this because he made it to the majors despite the fact that he had no right arm.

Pete Gray never looked at down at what he lacked. Instead he chose to look up and what he had. Success is determined by taking the hand you were dealt and utilizing it to the very best of your God given ability. Desire enables an individual to take whatever ability he has in whatever he is doing and utilize it to the maximum. Desire forces a person to pull out all the

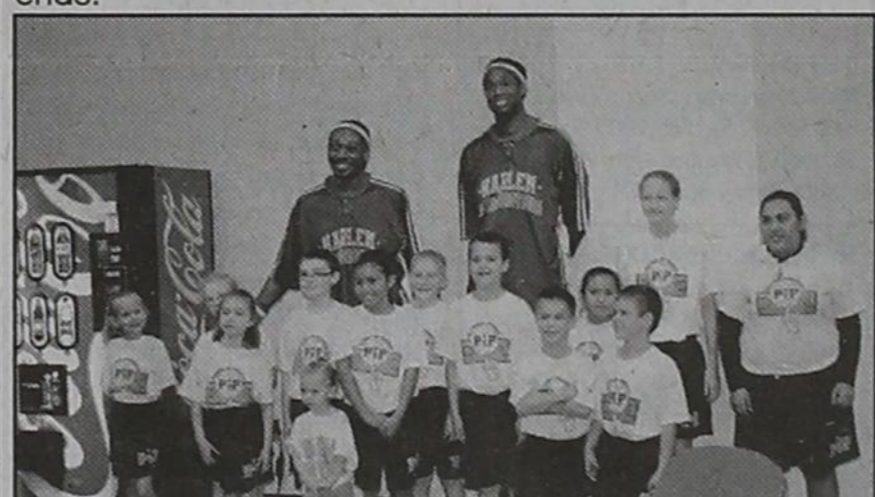
stops and give it all he has.

On a day to day basis the winning touchdown is generally scored by the team or individual who had pulled out all the stops, who has played every play to the maximum. We should all give it our best in all we do because our yearning power is more important than our earning power when it comes to success.

I would say that is what it means to be Bold. Going for your goal with all you have. Set your sights on the Gold and go for it with all your heart and then you will be Bold Gold. No matter who the opponent or what the goal desire will equalize the differences in life and separate the winners from the average.



Zaran Kirkpatrick and Curtis Albert got to eat lunch with Mrs. Marts because they read for 150 days in a row. In order to reach 150 that meant they also read on weekends!



The Garza County PIPs group with two of the Harlem Globetrotters in the pregame meet and greet. PIPs in attendance, from left, were: Piper Daugherty, Kendall Swaffar, Adele Williams, Jet Toney, Demi Daugherty, honorary PIP Caitlyn Silva, Carson Holson, Drew Porter, Brennan Riker, Evangelina Zubia, Braylyn Baxter, Caycee Holson and M'keison Guerrero. Globetrotters were Moose and Shorty.

Norm Cash Clash 2012

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- Game 1 9:00 - 11:00 Lubbock High JV - Lamesa
- Game 2 11:30 - 1:30 Floydada - Colorado City
- Game 3 2:00 - 4:00 Lockney - Tahoka
- Game 4 4:30 - 6:30 Post - Rotan

Friday

- Game 5 9:00 - 11:00 Tahoka - Claude
- Game 6 11:30 - 1:30 Lubbock High JV - Colorado City
- Game 7 2:00 - 4:00 Claude - Floydada
- Game 8 4:30 - 6:30 Rotan - Lockney
- Game 9 7:00 - 9:00 Lamesa - Post

Saturday

- Game 10 9:00 - 11:00 Lockney - Claude
- Game 11 11:30 - 1:30 Lamesa - Floydada
- Game 12 2:00 - 4:00 Rotan - Colorado City
- Game 13 4:30 - 6:30 Post - Lubbock High JV
- Game 14 7:00 - 9:00 Post - Tahoka

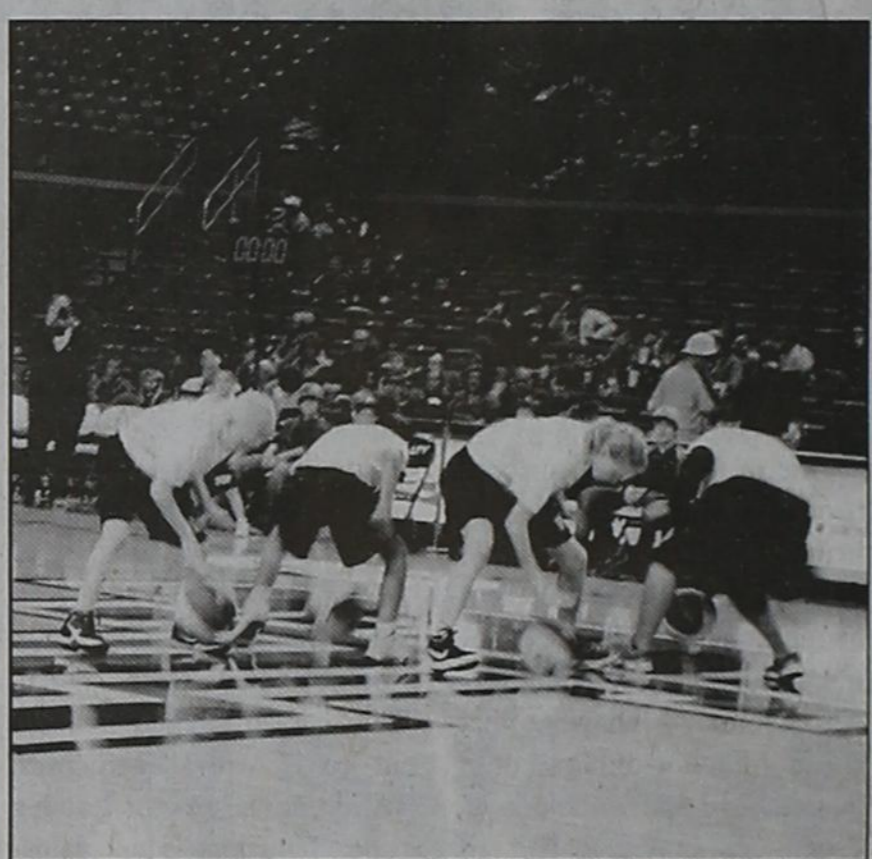
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PIP Kids performing as the pregame entertainment during the Harlem Globetrotters game. From left are Carson Holson, Caitlyn Silva, Caycee Holson, and Mkeison Guerrero.

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Team	1	2	3	4	Score
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C-City	16	10	16	13	55

Post
 C-City

Team Free Throws 8 out of 12
 21 out of 39
 Team Fouls 1st Half 10 / 7
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Campell Kirkpatrick	Vance Blair 6
Jacob Perez 4	Parker Loftus
Tavish Soto 4	Taylor Soto 5
	Corbin McDonald 16
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Thursday Cheese Omelets, Toast, Fruit, Milk	Sparkly Apple, Milk Thursday Chicken Alfredo, Green Beans, Sliced Peaches, Bread Stick, Royal Brownie, Milk
Friday Cereal, Graham Cracker, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Friday BBQ on Bun, Baked Beans, Pickle Spears, Pineapple, Cherry Delight, Milk
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-- the extra tax revenue raised would be dedicated solely to an interest and sinking fund and therefore would not be subject to recapture by the state. What gets raised in the Post District would stay in the Post District.

The current school tax rate is \$1.01.86 per \$100 property valuation.

"We are the second-lowest, to my knowledge, in West Texas," Comeaux said.

The Post ISD tax rate is set to cover maintenance and operations.

"That's what we've been taxing at forever," Comeaux said. "On the other side is I & S, which is interest and sinking."

In theory, Post ISD can pay for new construction with money from the district's maintenance and operations fund balance, but the costs of the proposed projects are too great.

"We can't put back enough each year in fund balance to make the debt service payments," Comeaux said.

The superintendent and the board are taking steps to determine exactly what projects should be presented to voters at what cost -- a process that will require input from architects.

"Our plan as it came through last night (last Thursday night) is to visit with architects, select an architectural firm," said Comeaux. "Once we do that

and begin working with them on a building committee, we can start to put together some of those numbers."

The needs of the district will be presented to the community.

"You have to communicate that to the taxpayers and what it's going to cost them in terms of taxes," Comeaux said. "It culminates with a bond election."

If the election fails?

"If you can't get a strong consensus, you go back and visit that plan," he said. "What do we need to do different? What do people see a need for in our district?"

A failed first election generally means presenting a scaled down plan in a subsequent election, Comeaux said.

Determining district needs is part of a superintendent's job, Comeaux said.

"How it (facility improvements) can help our community... how it will affect them personally -- that's a good portion of my job in this," he said.

Their job (referring to the architects) is to figure out what kind of facility we need," Comeaux said.

The new facilities -- school and track -- would serve the community at large in the same way the current school facilities are used by individuals and groups.

"Currently we have a number of groups that use our auditorium, cafeteria, gym space," he said. "My whole idea about this is the school is a part of the community, and it's for the community. It's not what Mike Comeaux wants. It really boils down to what the community sees as needs and what they are willing to support."

The school board considered a similar project in 2003, Comeaux said. The earlier project would have been paid for from money in the M&O fund balance.

"The bids came in above what they wanted to spend," he said. "They didn't want to do something halfway... a

halfway job because of a cheap price."

Hence, the board's proposal now for a bond election to pay for substantial projects that will carry unavoidably hefty price tags.

"We've issued the RFQ (request for qualifications)," Comeaux said, referring to the first step in selecting an architectural firm.

The bond election could happen in May, Comeaux said. If information cannot be gathered in time for a May election, then it could be set for November.

Either way, voters will determine the outcome.

Ted Thomas is chairman of the Post ISD Facility Advisory Committee for 2011-2012.

Other members are Rene Armendariz, Staci Bell, Mike Colvin, Kerry Dixon, Ronnie Dunn, Ken Finch, Joe Giddens, Thressa Harp, Bo Jackson, Clarice Johnson, Ralynn Kirkpatrick, Roxanne Osborne, Jason Porter, David Quintana and Delbert Rudd.

School trustees are Mike Holly, Melton Williams, Curt Greer, Alexa Collier, Robbie Williams, Drew Kirkpatrick and Delton Osborn.

Legal Notice

Garza County Precinct 4 is advertising for bids to purchase the following equipment:

Used 2005 or Newer Motor-grader

With 2500 or less hours and With an extended warranty

Garza County may accept or reject all or any part of bids, or any exceptions or variances you may submit, and to accept the offer most advantageous to Garza County.

All bids must be submitted to Garza County Judge's Office, 300 W. Main, Post, Texas 79356

By 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 27, 2012.

All questions should be directed to Jerry Benham aqt 806-632-6922

Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

On Feb. 2, 2012 a PROTEST for renewal of Beer and Wine Retailers License for Moose Knuckles Bar and Grill was filed with TABC in Lubbock with Agent Bobby Castillo on the grounds of False Ownership by Subterfuge.

According to TABC code, if License Holder Kyran Moore, does not relinquish the permit #BG741597 which was issued to Big Rig Consulting, llc, with Joe Moore as sole member on Feb. 4, 2010 within ten working days of such protest, an Administrative Hearing will be held within 60 days of the filing of such protest.

The following laws are applicable and cited on the protest:

TABC code, Sec. 11.05. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF PERMIT.

No permittee may consent to or allow the use or display of his permit by a person other than the person to whom the permit was issued.

False Ownership; TABC code, Sec 11.12. ALTERING FORM OF BUSINESS ENTITY. (a) The holder of a permit issued under this chapter, including a food and beverage certificate, may alter the form of the business entity that holds the permit if the ownership of the newly created business entity is identical to the ownership of the former business entity.

Sec. 11.05. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF PERMIT. No permittee may consent to or allow the use or display of his permit by a person other than the person to whom the permit was issued

Sec. 61.04. LICENSE NOT ASSIGNABLE. No holder of a license may assign his license to another person.

Sec. 61.05. NAME OF BUSINESS. No person may conduct a business engaged in the manufacture, distribution, importation, or sale of beer as owner or part owner except under the name to which the license covering his place of business is issued.

Sec. 101.69. FALSE STATEMENT. Except as provided in Section 103.05(d), a person who makes a false statement or false representation in an application for a permit or license or in a statement, report, or other instrument to be filed with the commission and required to be sworn commits an offense punishable by imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for not less than 2 nor more than 10 years.

Sec. 109.53. CITIZENSHIP OF PERMITTEE; CONTROL OF PREMISES; SUBTERFUGE OWNERSHIP; ETC. Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code (2011) 171 No person shall sell, warehouse, store or solicit orders for any liquor in any wet area without first having procured a permit of the class required for such privilege, or consent to the use of or allow his permit to be displayed by or used by any person other than the one to whom the permit was issued. It is the intent of the legislature to prevent subterfuge ownership of or unlawful use of a permit or the premises covered by such permit; and all provisions of this code shall be liberally construed to carry out this intent, and it shall be the duty of the commission or the administrator to provide strict adherence to the general policy of preventing subterfuge ownership and related practices hereinafter declared to constitute unlawful trade practices.

An open records request for further information may be obtained at: www.tabc.state.tx.us <http://www.tabc.state.tx.us/>

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be passed by the taxing entity in question. Taxing entities that appoint members to the appraisal district board are the controlling entities regarding budget disapproval. In the case of the GCAD, besides the county, city and hospital district, three school districts are involved: Post, Southland and Crosbyton.

The applicable rule from the Texas Tax Code:

"If governing bodies of a majority of the taxing units entitled to vote on the appointment of board members adopt resolutions disapproving a budget and file them with the secretary of the board within 30 days after its adoption, the budget does not take effect, and the board shall adopt a new budget within 30 days of the disapproval."

The new budget is slated to go into effect March 1.

Regarding amended budgets:

"The board may amend the approved budget at any time, but the secretary of the board must deliver a written copy of a proposed amendment to the presiding officer of the governing body of each taxing unit participating in the district not later than the 30th day before the date the board acts on it."

In essence, an amended budget is a new budget, subject to the disapproval process as described above.

Smith will be honored with a retirement reception from 2-4 p.m. Friday at the Garza Central Appraisal District office at 124 E. Main St. (See Post Note in this issue.)

Rodney Tidwell updated commissioners on the status of the Post-Garza County EMS, a service that generally pays its own way based on revenues. The city and county and the health care district to share the responsibility of support. To facilitate compliance with federal government regulations regarding medical services, Tidwell's operation is in the process of becoming a non-profit organization. Even with that designation pending, donations to the ambulance service are considered tax-deductible.

Tidwell reported that, particularly during last year's range fires, he'd been approached by individuals who said they would like to make donations to help support the service he provides. If capital outlays become necessary, such as for the cost of a new ambulance, donations could come into play.

Tidwell gave the commissioners themselves a chance to help in a non-monetary way, saying that he needed more volunteer drivers.

No special qualifications are required for drivers, Tidwell said. When someone like Tidwell, an emergency

medical technician, doesn't have to drive, it frees him to attend the person being transported.

The most difficult time to find volunteer drivers is during the day, Tidwell said, noting that ambulance runs can cause volunteer drivers to miss time at their regular jobs.

In other business, commissioners approved advertising for bids to purchase a road maintainer for Precinct 4, and they postponed a discussion regarding hiring of the Lubbock engineering firm Parkhill, Smith and Cooper for a heating and cooling project at the courthouse.

Did You Know?

Garza County averages 18.91 inches of rainfall per year and has an average minimum temperature in January of 28° F and an average maximum in July of 95°.

The growing season in Garza County averages 216 days.

Legal Notice

Notice of Application For Fluid Injection Permit

Hyperion Oil & Gas LLC, 5910 North Central Expressway, Suite 1520, Dallas, TX 75206, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposed to inject fluid into the Lower Spraberry Formation, Lott Trust Lease, Well Number 5-13. The proposed injection wells is located 11 miles south of Post, Texas in the Lazy -JL- (Spraberry, Lo) Field in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5898 to 5987 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27, of the Texas Water Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711 (Telephone 512 463-6792).

Legal Notice

Public Viewing of PHA Plan for 2012

and NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AGENCY PLANS

The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 requires the Housing Authority of the City of Post, Texas to prepare an Annual PHA Plan and Five Year Plan covering the operations of Public Housing. The PHA Plan is available to the public for viewing at the office of Housing Authority. Plans will be available for public comments for 45 days. Comments will be received on the documents during office hours, Monday through Friday, 8-12a.m. and 1-5p.m.

The Board of Commissioners for the Post Housing Authority will conduct a public meeting on April 17, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. to approve the current year plan. The meeting will be at the office of Housing Authority, 709 Caprock Drive, Post, Texas.

Delores Redman
Executive Director
Post Housing Authority

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)
----- Dist/Div: Lubbock

Contract 6232-42-001' for BRIDGE AND CULVERT REPAIR in GARZA County will be received on March 21, 2012 until 2:55 pm and opened on March 21, 2012 at 3:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$205,995.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 39317

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

Lubbock District
District Engineer
135 Slaton
Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771
Phone: 806-745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

LEGENDS...

GARZA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

By Linda Puckett

Part two of the Caffey family history continues as the family suffered through the dreadful drought and the death of their young son, and the birth of another. Inez tells of how her father continued farming and raised cattle, horses and mules. There were many chores that kept a farm family busy, with the youngest member gathering the eggs each evening, and the father cleaning the overhead water tank and building fences.

It was a long drive to Post to attend church. Mother and father discussed the possibility of a church in the community since there were so many new people moving into the community. We didn't go to town often, our entertainment consisted of visiting neighbors, community baseball games, and I remember neighbors coming to our house on Sunday afternoon and my mother playing the organ for singings.

I enrolled at the Hartford School; there was only one room with a wood heater. A cistern provided water for the school and Miss Sally Jackson was my first teacher. I walked a mile and a half to school, and I remember my mother told me each morning, "watch for snakes and mind the teacher." One day I came in from school and my father had bought an automobile, an Overland Coupe. I thought this was special and didn't understand why we traded it for a model T Ford in a little while.

The people of the community began attending Sunday school at the school house and in 1922 the first church in the community was organized and the work of building a church began. The members employed one carpenter to advise them and help construct the church; however the men met and helped the carpenter every day until the church was completed. The ladies

brought baskets lunches each noon. My mother and father were charter members and my father was ordained as one of the first deacons of the Caprock Baptist Church. That same year a new baby was born, W.C., Jr.

A new school was constructed, about a half mile from our home, so I attended the Buenos School that year since it was nearer. Miss Beuna Shirley was the teacher. However the people of the community decided to move both one room school houses together on land donated by Luther Coffey, and they called it Barnum Springs School. By the time Harold and W.C. were old enough to go school, we moved nearer to Post and attended here in the old sandstone building (the old rock school house) located where teacher village is now, Tenth St. and Avenue M.

In 1928 our family moved to the Close City community where my father was a real estate and insurance agent and operated the G.N. Leggett farm. We lived there until 1945, then moved to Post and my father continued in the real estate and insurance business until ill health made it necessary for him to retire. Father died in September of 1969 after a long illness.

Inez Caffey, having lived in Garza County since she was a one year old, graduated from Post High School and attended Business College. In 1942, she was food clerk for the War Price and Rationing Board.

Conrad Harrington (Cooney) Hartel came to Post on 1942. He had attended the University of Texas playing baseball. After college he worked in the banking business in Hull, Liberty and Houston. He went to work for an oil exploration company which brought him to Post, Texas where he would meet the love of his life.

Cooney and I were married July 16, 1944. Because of the increase in oil drilling

in Garza County, there were no houses or apartments for sale or rent. We lived in the Giles Boarding House until November 1, 1944 when we rented a house from Mickey Edwards' family who were moving to California. They moved back in the fall of 1945. We then bought a house from Mr. Nelson Crisp and moved it into Post on 12th Street and moved in that winter.

This was a year of changes; we had moved into our first home. Cooney did not wish to continue traveling with the exploration company so he began working on a drilling rig in Garza County. I resigned at the Ration Office and accepted a job as program clerk at the ASCS Office. Peace treaties had been signed with Germany and Japan. These changes were all welcome.

In 1952, I was promoted to County Executive Director of the ASCS Office, and Cooney purchased West Side Cleaners and managed the business until 1972, when he retired. I retired with 31 years of service that same year.

Cooney liked working with Scouts Troops, playing dominoes and became a Rotarian. He was a Catholic and I was a Baptist. We both enjoyed being involved in civic work. My hobbies were painting and crafts, (author's note: Inez was a very good tile painter) and enjoyed being a member of the Post Art Guild, Amity Study Club, a charter member of the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Federated Women's Club. Cooney always supported my projects and I attribute any success to his support and encouragement.

Cooney died in 1982. I have continued to keep busy with club and civic work and hope that my contribution helps make our town a better place to live. I believe that service to others is the rent we pay for the space we occupy here on earth. By Inez Hartel.

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Patti Prather of Post currently ranks second among the barrel racers in the Winston Rodeo series.

Dairy Queen was awarded store of the month.

40 Years Ago (1972) Three Filipino nurses will be on hospital duty in Post according to the hospital administrator Donald Windham.

Valentine sweetheart award goes to Donna McBride. Runners up were Nancy Reno and Melanie King. Miss McBride was presented roses by Kelly Duren.

City Council has approved a one-way drive coming out of Terrace Cemetery.

The new tennis courts are ready for play.

Lane Tannehill will coach the boys track team assisted by Don Black.

Placing at the Ft. Worth stock show are Tol Thomas, Jay Pollard, Noel Saldivar and Macky Sappington.

50 Years Ago (1962) PISD board of trustees have approved the sale of the land at the Garnolia school.

Three wells in the Glorieta field have been completed.

FHA beau at PISD is Jerry Thuett.

Texas gets its first major league baseball team. They are the Houston Colts.

A suggestion in the Post Dispatch is that when you mail in your income tax return that you include a letter asking your congressmen and senators to stop spending more money than they have.

55 Years Ago (1957) PJHS quartet win 1st place

in the amateur talent contest in Brownfield. Members of the foursome are Leslie Acker, Lee Williams, Joe Cook and Dwayne Capps.

Charles Benson and Jack Burrese are given a surprise birthday party by their wives but will not tell their age.

60 Years Ago (1952)

Phil Bouchier is named as the Post Stampede Cowboys president.

65 Years Ago (1947)

Margaret Stone and Malcolm Bull are united in marriage.

Graham homemakers club meet in the home of Rene Fluitt.

Cotton market hits a new 22 year high.

Pvt. Frank Stokes will spend his furlough in Post before being sent overseas.

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to check on our mare, who is now past due. Needless to say I have not been getting much sleep recently, along with my wife since I've made her wake up every hour as well (which I am sure she just loves). I cannot wait until our mare has her baby. Yes, I am excited about the foal, but I'm more looking forward to the birth since I really need some sleep! Not to mention but my wife's been a little grumpy with her lack of sleep. Sorry honey, but it's true! I still love you though. This will not be the only foal watch we will have this year. I have other mares coming to the clinic for foal watch starting next month. Someone get me coffee, STAT!

A few of my wise horse men stop by the clinic and share their old timer's theories on mares and foaling some of which I have never heard of before. I'm not ashamed to admit they intrigued me so I had to research this information to see if it was credible. While looking this information up, I learned a lot of new and interesting 'stuff'. I use the term stuff since some is proven fact and others still a myth. So 'stuff' sums it up pretty well. Isn't it amazing how each day is a learning experience? I truly

believe the day I stop learning is the day I may as well hang up my gloves. But I'm getting off subject. Let's resume...

There are a few methods of monitoring mares which are due to foal. Most popular method is the old fashion way of just staying up and watching them. Many camp out in the barn awaiting their arrivals. Another method is using collar-type transmitters which sound an alarm when the mare lies down on her side. This results in many false alarms since a mare can stand up and lay down multiple times a day the closer to delivery they are. A more expensive method is using a surveillance system to watch them via camera. Here's where my old timer's myths come in. Did you know you can also check the calcium concentration in their milk to yield results estimating impending delivery? Also monitoring their body temperature twice a day and check for change is another not well known method. Research on these last two methods reveals an insane amount of time involved conducting these tests and still an unknown delivery date. Moral of the story...only God and the mare will know when labor begins.

This brings up the million

dollar question...to monitor or not to monitor a foaling mare? I do not know if there is a right or wrong answer. I do believe there is a big difference in mares foaling in a large pasture to a mare foaling out in a stall or a paddock. I know there are many mares which foal in large pastures with no problems what so ever. Mares in pasture (since always on the move) tend to be better in shape. However, mares kept in stalls can be monitored more easily and readily accessible should any problem arise. I think whatever method of foal watch is just a personal opinion. Many breeders have success either way. With the cost of breeding a mare and the after care of the foal, I recommend to keep a close eye on her and be nearby should she have any problem regardless of foaling location. Here's where my motto comes in. 'Better to be safe than sorry!' If this requires around the clock observation, then put on the coffee!

If you have a mare due to foal this year or maybe thinking about breeding your horse, give me a call at Garza County Animal Hospital, (806) 495-3726. We provide various breeding services such as artificial insemination, mare care, and yes...foal watch.

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The Junior High Youth begins at 5:45pm. We will be using "The Story" as our basic curriculum this year and we will be hitting the high points of the Bible throughout our time together. Dinner is being provided. We want to remind the parents that the youth will be ready to be picked up by 7:00pm. A new item this year is that the doors of the church will be locked and there will be no adult supervision until 5:15pm.

This is going to be a great year!

Post Elementary Notes: Monday, February 20th- 6:00 p.m.- Informational meeting in the elementary school auditorium regarding the STAAR test. This meeting is open to the community and all parents (PK through 12th grade) are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday, February 21st- Spring Pictures- these will include classroom group pictures. Order forms have been sent home with students. Pictures will start at 8:05 with Pre-K and work up the grade levels. Pictures

need to be paid for on the day pictures are taken.

Monday, February 20th- 6:00 p.m.- Informational meeting in the elementary school auditorium regarding the STAAR test. This meeting is open to the community and all parents (PK through 12th grade) are encouraged to attend.

Week of February 20th - 23rd- Parent/Teacher conferences

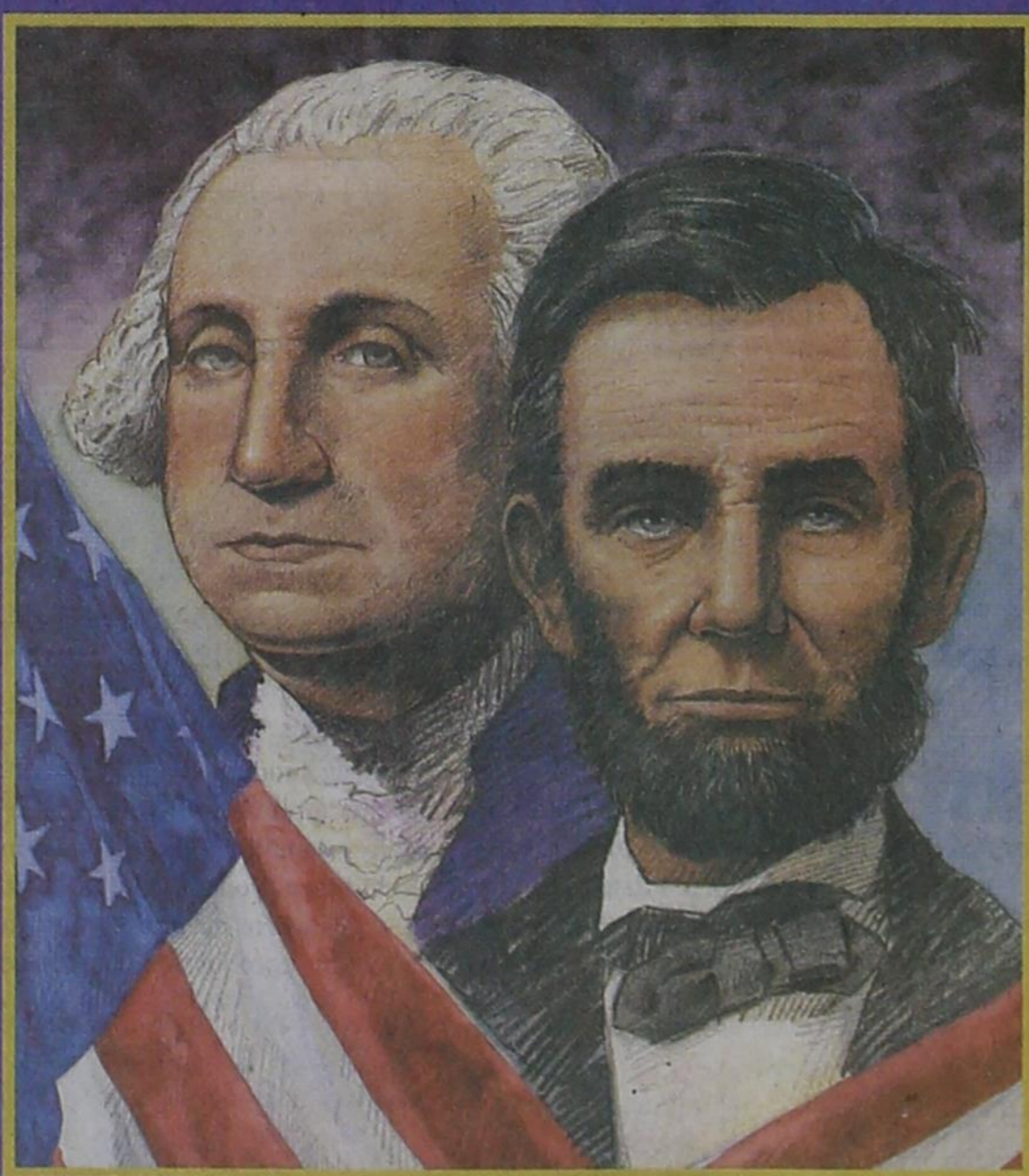
Friday, February 24th- Early Release- Students will be dismissed at 12:30. Buses will run.

Wednesday, February 29th- Report cards go home with students

If you are still needing to purchase a copy of the 2010-2011 Post Elementary Yearbook, this is your last chance to do so before the 2011-2012 books go on sale. Please come visit Mandi Criswell in the school nurse's office or for questions you may call 495-3414. Info coming soon for the new 2011-2012 Post Elementary Yearbooks!

Childress Basketball Little Dribblers Tournament will be

In Recognition of President's Day we'll be closed Monday, February 20, 2012



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