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Budget season in full swing

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

POST – It is budget season for all of the Garza County taxing entities, including City of Post and Post ISD.

All have been having budget workshops and meetings this month in preparation of presenting their final work to citizens in September.

Department leaders have been putting their best foot forward in hopes of garnering just a little bit more than last year.

At least one of the triad of budgets includes a raise for employees. Others are still in the planning stages.

Legal notices are spread throughout today's paper and more are coming in.

Garza County

Two items stick out in the county budget.

First, employees and elected officials are getting a 2% pay raise and the county is holding the line on any large-scale increase. (see the public notices in today's paper)

County governments around the area have the ability to ebb and flow when it comes to their budgets.

Take for instance, Garza and Lynn Counties. Garza is proposing a pay increase, while Lynn County is not.

The county is settling on a tax rate, approxi-

mately, of less than 42 cents per \$100 of valuation.

Our judicial district, which includes Dawson, Gaines, Lynn and Garza counties, participate in that budget in a percentage based on the size of the county.

Take as an example the district attorney's budget, which Garza County pays approximately 13%.

Michael Munk is part of the group who is getting a pay raise from Garza County's participation.

His budgets over the last five years have averaged in the \$470,000 range. His proposed budget for the fiscal year 2014 is \$535,081.36 (10.5% increase) and his projected FY 15 budget exceeds \$600,000, which equates to an additional 11.4% increase.

Inside those numbers is a fund balance of \$215,477.32, which are monies that Munk is allowed to keep by the auditor who accounts for those funds.

Those funds are not as a result of fine or forfeitures. They are a result of frugal spending within the department.

As an example of holding certain lines, while expanding others, Garza County Commissioners voted to only fund the DA's budget at current levels, rather than entertain a \$70,000 increase.

Typically speaking, departments and gov-

ernment in general, hold about a 10% fund balance in the event of unforeseen expenditures.

In the DA's budget, his proposed budget of \$535,081 with an additional \$200,000-plus reserve just didn't add up for the commissioners.

The next commissioner's court meeting is Aug. 11th, with a budget hearing set for the 18th and another regular meeting on Aug. 25.

Two public hearings on the budget have been set for 9 a.m. Aug. 27th and 6 p.m. on Sept. 4th.

The county will not adopt a tax rate until the Sept. 18th meeting.

Post ISD

The school district is also holding the line as appraised property values are up this year over previous years.

However, PISD also carries a bond debt is \$28.7 million, which the city and county do not have to contend with in their budgets.

A rate of 1.26520 is where the school district is currently set. The district's roll back is set at 1.04010, which is the level the district can not exceed without triggering voter approval.

"We always try to strive to keep the tax rate as low as we can, and maximize what we get from the state," said Mike Comeaux,

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Meet the Lopes

Meet the Lopes will be Thursday August 21st at the Jimmy Redman Stadium. Ice cream will be served at 6:30pm and Meet the Lopes starts at 7:30. We are asking that all moms of 7-12th graders bring a gallon of homemade or store bought ice cream by 6:20pm please!

Booster Club

The next meeting of the Post Booster Club Meeting will be on Aug. 18th at 6:30 at the Post High School Library.

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Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact Editor Kent Mahoney at thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

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These chairs are just two of many sprinkled around downtown Post as the annual Sit a Spell in Post kicks off. Each year artists produce chairs representative of the area culture. The chair on the right was painted by Pamela Beach Kramer of Atlanta, while the one on the left was painted by Dyan Newton of Abernathy.

Photo by Kent Mahoney

Sit a Spell in Post begins

POST – The second annual "Sit a Spell in Post" outdoor art exhibit featuring area artists is now installed on Main Street. Sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association the exhibit literally takes art to the streets of our community. The exhibit is comprised of 14 chairs beautifully decorated by area artists using original designs and the medium of their choice to depict some aspect of Post and/or Garza County. The chairs will be displayed until the end of October.

"We are excited to showcase area talent and share this exhibit with our com-

munity," said Rosa Latimer, Executive Director of the sponsoring organization. "Last year's exhibit received a great deal of attention and drew out-of-town visitors to our Main Street." Each artist received a \$400 award.

A plaque on each chair names the artist and sponsor.

In addition to funding from individual chair sponsors, the project received partial funding from the Texas Commission on the Arts and the Maxine Durrett Earl Foundation.

Brownfield HS player, QB, charged in incident

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

POST – When Post and Brownfield football teams hook up tonight, Brownfield may be missing their starting quarterback.

Shacolby Hill has been charged with attempted murder in connection with an incident in Seagraves last month.

Originally, police said that only three of the four men involved in the incident would be charged, but have now charged Hill as well.

According to published reports, Hill, Dominic Fisher, Kendrick Davis and Christopher Davis had allegedly attended a party in Seagraves. An altercation occurred and the men were asked to leave. They returned shortly there after and at least three of them had guns and opened fire. Allegedly, one man was critically injured.

While arresting the four suspects, Brownfield authorities found seven stolen guns the suspects' possession.

Although tonight's game is a scrimmage and the outcome is likely to be unaffected, the implications for Brownfield season hang in the balance of whether Hill is part of the team or not.

According to information found on the Brownfield ISD website, a student code of conduct is posted and clearly defines inappropriate behavior.

Paraphrasing that information, students are bound by the code regardless of being on school property or not, or whether school is in session or not.

Specific actions that are prohibited include, but not limited to:

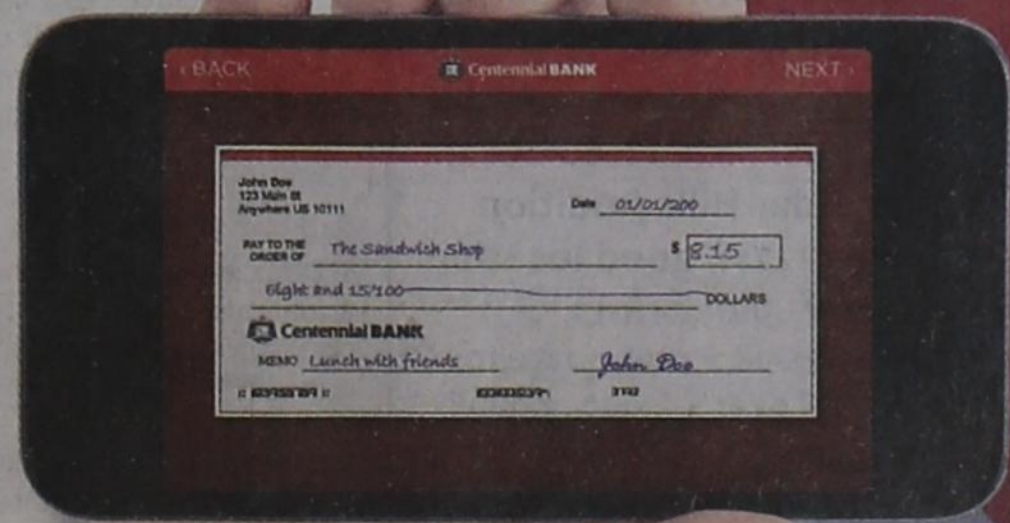
- Conduct that causes injury or harm to persons or property
- Fighting, and or assault
- Any conduct resulting in arrest and/or citations from law enforcement officers

The disciplinary action for a first offense can include suspension or expulsion from the team. The coach and athletic director have the authority as to the extent of the punishment.

Most schools are conducting in-service and Brownfield officials at all levels were unavailable for comment.

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Deaths

Hugh Mansel Bryan

Services for Hugh Mansel Bryan, 65, of Post were at Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2014 at the First Baptist Church in Post with Rev. Jack Maddox officiating. Burial, with military honors, were Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014 in the Spearman Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

He died August 8, 2014 in Lubbock. He was born on July 30, 1949 in Ft. Worth to Joe Dan and Ruth (Wilbanks) Bryan. Hugh was raised in Spearman and furthered his education at Tarleton State University. He then served in the Army where he flew Cobra helicopters. Hugh retired from the Texas Department of Justice and then moved to Post to work for MTC



HUGH BRYAN

as Associate Warden at the Dalby Correctional Facility for the past 12 years. His many interest included flying both fixed wing and radio controlled aircraft, military history, restoring 1940s era jeeps, the history channel and MTC (a

job he truly loved). He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Hugh married Nora Turner on Nov. 25, 1999 in Newport News, Va.

Survivors include his wife Nora of Post, two sons: Les (Kathy) Turner of Houston and Michael (Sisi) Turner of Post, one daughter: Laura (Aaron) Martin of Travis AFB, Calif., one brother: Joe Mike (Dee) Bryan of Tucson, AZ and five grandchildren: Ryan Turner, Zach Turner, Kaitlan Turner, Issabella Turner and Liam Martin. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother: James Bryan and by one granddaughter Grace Martin.

Josephine Landtroop

Josephine was born February 24, 1944 in Sulphur Springs, Texas and after a short illness passed to our Lord on July 31st, 2014 at Hendrix Medical Center, Abilene, Texas.

She spent her childhood in Yanis, Tx where she was remembered by her brothers and sisters as a loving sister that watched over all of the others, keeping them out of trouble.

Josephine was known for her compassion and loyal dedication to family and friends.

In December of 1961 Josephine married Wendell (Pete) Coyt Landtroop Jr. They lived in many different states and places as they were proud to be part of the Military and they served over 20 years in the Army. Josephine was the perfect military wife as she spent a lot of time raising their children while Pete was away on assignment.



JOSEPHINE LANDTROOP

One of their favorite times together was driving throughout Texas looking at all of the wild flowers and especially the bluebonnets.

She was preceded in death by a son, Charles Coyt, her husband Wendell (Pete) Landtroop Jr, her father Orville Nichols of Yanis, Texas and her mother, Sally Rebecca Walker of Grand Saline, Tx. Josephine

is survived by her children, Jeannie Lavelle McIntire, fiancÉ Steve Satoff of North Carolina, Jacquelyn Lavelle Walker, Abilene, Tx, Wendi Dawn Landtroop, Abilene, Tx. Josephine is survived by her brothers, Steven Tyler Orville Nichols, wife Gail, Jimmy Lee Nichols, wife Kay, sisters Mary Dell Keller, husband Calvin, Diannie Kay Walden, husband Doug, Callie Morgan, Charlotte Critzenberg, husband Cary, and Linda Gale Stone, husband Brad. Josephine was also survived by sister-in-law, Jeannie Brookshire, husband Weldon, brother-in-law, Charlie Landtroop, wife Sabrina and her mother-in-law, Imogene Landtroop. She is survived by grandchildren Ronnie Coyt McIntire, Clifton Ray McIntire, Michelle Rene Rico, husband Jonathan Rico, John Thomas (JT) Morelan, wife Natasha, Rebecca Nicole Morelan, Josh Maldonado, Odell Coyt Walker and Dillan James Landtroop. 8 great grandchildren, one on the way, 20 nieces, 8 nephews and many great nieces and nephews. She will be missed dearly and loved by all. Viewing was at Hudman's Funeral Home, Post, TX Saturday, with Services the following Sunday.

The Paperboy

WARNING: Before reading the following, drop your political affiliation off at the door.

I received an email yesterday which posed a good question. I'm going to paraphrase the email to a degree to illustrate a point later in the column.

Use your imagination and imagine I'm writing about your child, grandchild or a child you interact with. I'd say ages 3-8 will suffice for this example. Here we go:

Imagine that you are a child, without Mom or Dad, and you are told you will be going on a journey by foot. A giant game of follow the leader.

Your journey is 1,200 and you will be walking from the Oklahoma/Texas border to Los Angeles, Calif.

By the way, you will have no money and no food or water for your journey.

You will sleep where you can with no protection from the elements.

You will walk up the Caprock, which is a breeze compared to the deserts and Rocky Mountains you will have to traverse.

You will likely have to endure very hazardous conditions as well as a variety of wildlife and probably some landowners that don't like trespassers.

What are the chances a 3-year-old could survive the journey? How about a 6-year-old?

How long would the journey take, assuming you survived?

I have boys 11 and 8 and with describing what I just did, I would not give them a very good chance at survival.

So we are to believe that thousands of children have hiked across Mexico's deserts, jungles and mountains, unaccompanied, with no food and no water, to become Americans?

As a person with common sense, I'm having a hard time with this.

First off, Central and South American children of that age probably have no idea what the United States is.

Second off, there is no way a young child survives that journey without a whole lot of help. Perhaps even a network of cars, trains, horses, etc...

They are being fed and protected.

In other words, there is a system in place to get children from the southern Mexico border to the southern U.S. border. This system is violating the laws of at least two countries and several states.

It has occurred to me that this whole border situation stinks like a week old fish.

Our government is not being honest with us in the very least and the Mexican government must be involved as well.

If I'm right, and this crisis could have and should have been avoided, then those that have used innocent children to further some sort of agenda are sick and vile.

To use babies, including taking them from their mommy and daddy, and placing them in harm's way is one of the worst things I can imagine.

Americans need to be demanding answers. Mexicans need to be demanding answers. Or perhaps our governments are aligned and being run by a very few who circumvent laws to further their agenda.

I believe we are knee deep in corruption involving many countries. We refuse to enforce our own laws and as a result, the system may be irreparable.

Unfortunately, I see it getting far worse before it ever gets better.

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Blood Drive
First Baptist Church is hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday August 20th from 5-8 p.m. For an appointment contact Dorothy Maddox or log on to www.bloodhero.com

School Supplies
Children's Mission Ministry at First Baptist Church is putting together school supplies to assist families in our community. Supplies can be dropped off at the church or Porter Hardware. They are accepting monetary donations as well for this cause.

Season Tickets
Post Bold Gold Antelope Football Season tickets are now on sale. Please contact the Post High School at 806-495-2770

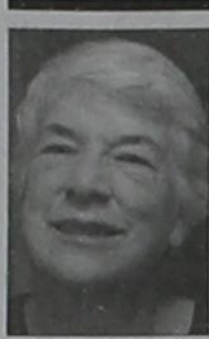
Benevolence fund
Dusty and Renee Clary have a Benevolence Fund set up at Centennial Bank. For more information contact Marie Odom 806-495-4757.

Burger feed
Trailblazers will be having a fundraiser for the Center on Saturday Aug. 9, from 11 a.m. till 1p.m Hamburgers with all the trimmings. Dessert and drink included. Music and Fun! \$6 a plate at 205 East Main St.

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The 501 Paperclip heist

"Police said they were trying to steal small objects like paperclips." Seriously, that's a direct quote from television news. Who steals paperclips? Two adults and a juvenile who broke into an elementary school during the night. The incident was breaking news this morning. A TV reporter just added the paperclip part. It's a developing story.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

I'm guessing there's much not being said. So it goes. Police often don't tell reporters everything that's newsworthy about a crime. Sometimes they withhold certain information to trap suspects, hoping those interrogated will eventually let an incriminating factoid slip that wasn't on the news. It's a classic homicide investigation tactic.

If the burgling trio really was just stealing paperclips and other little stuff, why? Did the juvenile hope to get all the items on his or her back-to-school list without having to shop at the dollar store on tax-free weekend? Makes sense to me.

Back to paperclips. The last time I held one was at a recycling station. I removed said clip from some papers before tossing them into the big bin. I kept the paperclip. When I die, I'll have more paperclips than when I was born. It happens.

Two kinds of people inhabit the earth — those who keep and those who toss paperclips. Put those who steal in a sub-category of those who keep.

Paperclips are a litmus test of who we

are in other ways too. Do you know how they work? If so, you are savvier than my late friend John, who described his grasp of all things mechanical as nil. "I'm still trying to figure out how a paperclip works," he'd often say. He's the one who didn't know his dryer had a lint trap.

How many different ways do you use paperclips? Decades ago a paperclip study conducted at Lloyd's of London revealed most clips there ended up getting used for something besides holding stuff together, for example, cleaning pipes. I read it in Reader's Digest circa 1960. Make allowances for my less-than-perfect memory.

GOOGLE PAUSE.

Sure enough, that old paperclip story appears in recycled form on the website of an Internet preacher. He compares people to paperclips and asserts that we humans, for the most part, are like misused paperclips, meaning we don't serve our intended purposes in life. Hmmm. That's a depressing thought.

For the sake of argument, I'd like to say that a paperclip that holds a Christmas ornament on a tree is a loftier paperclip than one that clips a pile of bills together. Preachers who stick to scripture avoid the misapplication of illustrations from worldly sources. Quote me.

Meanwhile, per various Googled sites, I've learned the clip study was at Lloyd's Bank of London, 1958. Somebody somehow tracked the fate of 100,000 paperclips and logged all the various uses, including fingernail and ear cleaning. I remember being appalled at age 11 by the great number of clips swept into the trash. One in five. I'm still appalled.

Better for paperclips to be stolen than trashed.

Nancy's Notions Back to school safety tips for motorists and kids

Seems like summer is just starting to really heat up in Texas, yet it is almost time for children to go back to school. Soon motorists will be sharing the roads with school buses, children walking or on bicycles, and even lots of new teen drivers taking their first car to school. Drivers need to be vigilant because school children can be very unpredictable. They're easily distracted and can often run into traffic or out from behind parked cars. Looking out for children rather than expecting them to look out for us is our best defense as drivers.



NANCY MCDONALD

Last year in Texas, there were 625 vehicle crashes in school zones resulting in two deaths and 112 serious injuries. The most common factors contributing to these crashes were driver inattention, failure to control speed, and failure to yield the right-of-way at stop signs.

Whether your oldest is just starting kindergarten or taking that first trip to school in his or her own car, parents can play an important role in keeping their children safe. For young children, make sure they know the rules about school bus safety when it comes to boarding and getting off the bus. If you are transporting children to school, remember that children under 13 should always ride in the back seat in a car seat, booster or seat belt depending on whether they fit properly in the seat belt. Teen drivers and their parents should be aware of the Texas Graduated Driver License Law and the

restrictions it puts in place, including no cell phone use and no more than one passenger under 21 in the vehicle unless the passenger is related to the driver. And, most importantly, always stress buckling up on every trip — even on those short trips to and from school!

A few tips when in school zones: Putting away your cell phone — cell phone use is banned in active school zones, and violators face fines of up to \$200 in school zones where signs are posted.

Always obey school zone speed limit signs as fines usually double in school zones.

Drop off and pick up your children in your school's designated areas, not the middle of the street.

Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops.

Be alert for children who might dart across the street or between vehicles on their way to school.

When there is a sidewalk, use it! Most pedestrian traffic accidents happen when someone is walking in the roadway.

Always cross at intersections. Look left, then right, then left again before proceeding.

Look for traffic when stepping off a bus or from behind parked cars.

As a passenger, get in or out of a car on the curb side of the street.

Make eye contact with drivers before you cross the street.

Motorists can make a big difference by remembering to drive with extra caution when driving in and around school zones. Your slower speed and extra attention may very well save a life!

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Trailblazers Menu

Trailblazers Menu for August 18-22

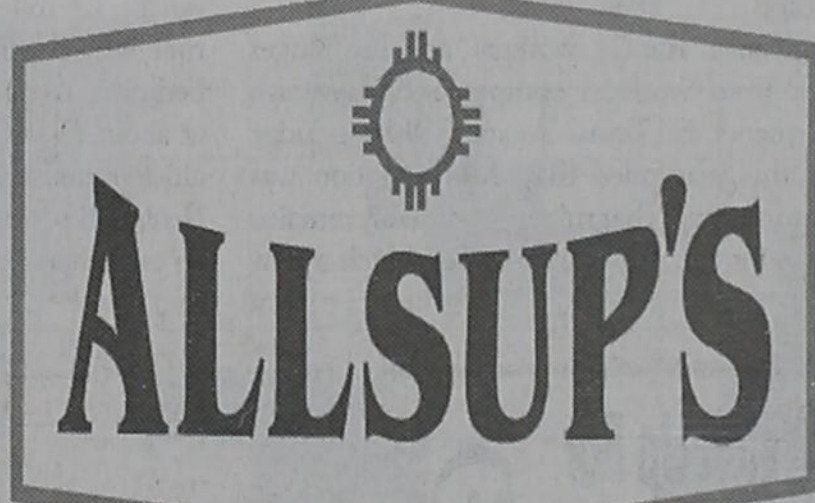
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Out and About in Close City

BY Nancy Morris

This week, I thought I would tell a story out of a book called *Walking Backward in the Wind* by Helen Mangum Fields.

August was a time for women to get together and have all day quilting parties. Women in the community would gather for these parties. On these occasions, the hostess had at least two quilts in frames, stretched and ready for quilting. Six to eight ladies could work comfortably around a quilt, so this meant there would be twelve to sixteen ladies and maybe a few onlookers who didn't quilt but came to watch and enjoy the food and fun.

The gatherings started around nine in the morning and everyone brought food which would be eaten at noon. There would also be ice tea for the meal and percolated coffee to go with dessert. Quilters were eager to see what patterns the hostess had used to make her quilts. Wedding Ring, Dresden Plate, Nine Patch, Friendship, and Log Cabin were the

favorites. The women used whatever was in their scrap box to piece their quilts. This could be pieces left over from sewing dresses, aprons, blouses, and other garments. Blending such a variety of colors and prints into a quilt that was pleasing to look at called for talent, artistry, and an eye for design. There was not always a balance of light and dark or bold shades or pastels to work with, so the challenge was to see what one could make out of what one had.

The ladies quilted from the time they arrived until far into the afternoon, fingers flying as they stitched and talked. A woman was known by the stitches she made for, like fingerprints, no two women made stitches alike. It was a fun day with lots of laughter, good food, good fellowship and no small amount of gossip. Men took this time to visit back and forth between farms. They spent time sitting in the shade of a tree, perched on a barnyard fence or the back porch steps and have a friendly discussion during the lull of an afternoon.

Yesteryears

10 yrs ago

Controversy between the City of Lubbock, Garza County and Lake Alan Henry property owners prompted a suggestion in a Lubbock City Council meeting Monday that the lake be closed for recreational purposes. Lubbock City Council member Tom Martin, frustrated by ongoing disagreements with lake property owners and unresolved negotiations with Garza County for the continued provision of lake law enforcement, proposed closing the Lubbock-owned body of water if the disagreements cannot be settled. Martin said Lubbock city officials need to put it on the Aug. 26 (city council) agenda to consider making use of the surface of Lake Alan Henry a Class C misdemeanor.

20 yrs ago

In 1908 C.W. Post had built eight buildings in Post City to serve as permanent fixtures of his town. Post wanted his town to be a garden spot, an oasis on the plains. One of the most important to attract people was to be the Algerita Hotel (named for a red fruited shrub). The buildings were built of rock that was gathered locally at Alexander's Quarry, the closes place for lumber to be brought in was 70 miles away in Colorado City. The original eight buildings were a restaurant, a rooming house, a planning mill, an office building, a blacksmith shop/machine shop and the Algerita Hotel.

30 yrs ago

Farm and Ranch workers are no longer exempt from workers' compensation coverage requirements in Texas. A state district judge earlier this year ruled that the exemption was unconstitutional. That ruling presumably remains in effect for the rest of 1984, after which a new

law passed during the Texas Legislature's 1984 special session takes over. Provisions of the law, according to Donald Johnson, executive vice president of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., were the result of a compromise between agricultural employer representatives and labor groups who for many years have fought for repeal of the long-standing farm worker exemption.

40 yrs ago

Plans to organize a Garza County Division of the American Heart Association were announced today by Dr. Charles Tubbs of Post and Mrs. Mary Johnson, Lubbock, Regional Director of the American Heart Association, Texas affiliate, Inc. The first organizational meeting will be held tonight in the bank community room at 7:30 p.m. All citizens of Garza County, Dr. Tubbs said, who are interested in learning how they may join the fight against diseases of the heart in their own community are cordially invited to attend.

50 yrs ago

What were believed to be small twisters caused property damage but no injuries in the Verbena Community, northeast of Post, Friday night as welcome thunderstorms both that night and Tuesday night brought needed moisture to scattered portions of Garza's cotton and ranch lands. Heaviest damage from the hard winds came about 7 p.m. Friday at Arnold Sanderson ranch, 13 miles northeast of Post, when the roof was blown off a nearly completed three-bedroom tenant house. Damage was estimated at about \$3,000. The same night, a 30ft by 10ft chicken house was collapsed by the wind on the Beulah Bird ranch, near the Sandersons, doing an estimated \$250 damage.



Kade Smith, center, took home four top honors at the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association Finals held in Covis, NM, last month. Kade, pictured with his parents Weldon and Misty Smith, took Champion year end Header, Reserve All Around Finals Cowboy, Finals Championship Breakaway Roper and Reserve Champion Year End Breakaway Roper. Also competing in the event were Brooke Swaffar in breakaway and goat tying and Kendall Swaffar in goat tying and pole bending.

Courtesy photo

Post FFA wins hardware at state level contest

Post FFA was well represented by two of its members at the State FFA Rodeo held in conjunction each year with the State FFA Convention. This year the rodeo was held in Alvarado Tx, on July 14th and 15th. The team from post placed 6th in the State competing against approximately 50 schools throughout the state. Brogan was Reserve Champion Barrel Racer. Placing in two rounds

and winning 1st in the final go, she also placed first in the first round of the team roping with partner Dillon Murphy from Gail. Matti Placed in the first round of the Break Away Roping and also competed in the Barrels. Ag teacher Perry Smith who is on the State FFA Rodeo Board and their parents Mike and Kelly Macy and Perry and Kelly Smith joined them.

Board adopts rules and management plan

LUBBOCK - At their regularly scheduled August board meeting, the Board of Directors of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 (HPWD) approved water conservation rules and a 10-year amended Management Plan outlining locally controlled goals and activities of the district. "West Texans have always pulled together to find solutions when issues arise. We're proud to see our city and rural constituents all working together to make the best use of water in our aquifers," said

HPWD Board President Lynn Tate of Amarillo. New rules were developed over an 18-month period during which water users were encouraged to offer input. "We visited with several hundred individuals throughout the District. Our intent has always been to protect water rights while instituting realistic approaches to water conservation," said Board Vice President James Powell of Lubbock. "We have appreciated the time spent by people who were willing to attend our meetings

or offer their opinions by email and phone calls. No doubt there will still be questions about some of the finer details moving forward," Tate said. He added that the HPWD Board of Directors will be holding county advisory committee meetings and visiting with interested individuals to answer questions. In addition, a question and answer page will soon be posted on the HPWD website. Visit www.hpwd.com to see the complete rules document and the amended District Management Plan.

Church Directory

Assembly of God

Bethel Assembly of God (Bi-Lingual)- 407 May street
Lifeline Church- 108 N. Broadway

Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church- 210 E. 6th Street, 990-2342
First Baptist Church, Post- 402 W. Main Street, 495-3554
First Baptist Church, Wilson- 806-628-6333
Grace Baptist Church- 820 N. Avenue S- 990-3497
Justiceburg Baptist Church- Justiceburg
Pleasant Home Baptist Church- E. 14th & N Ave F
Southland Baptist Church- Southland
Temple Bautista- 315 W. Main
Trinity Baptist Church- 915 N. Ave O, 990-3038

Catholic

Holy Cross Catholic Church- Ave K and Main Street- 495-2791

Church of Christ

Church of Christ- 108 N. Ave M 495-2326
Graham Chapel Church of Christ- 15th & Ave S

Church of God

Church of God of Prophecy- 602 W. 14th, 495-3644
Power House Church of God and Christ, Pine Avenue

Disciples of Christ

First Christian Church- 812 W. 13th, 495-3716

Evangelical Methodist

Faith Chapel- 1105 Green Street, Wilson (806) 628-0018

Methodist

First United Methodist Church- 216 W. 10th, 990-2942
Graham Chapel United Methodist Church
(Pastor: John Hedrick) - 611 FM #1313 806-549-1400

Nazarene

Post Church of Nazarene- (Pastor: Charles Gibson)
202 W. 10th, 495-3044
Grassland Church of Nazarene- 327-5656

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church- 910 W. 10th, 495-2135

Nondenominational

Family Harvest Church- (806) 495-1400

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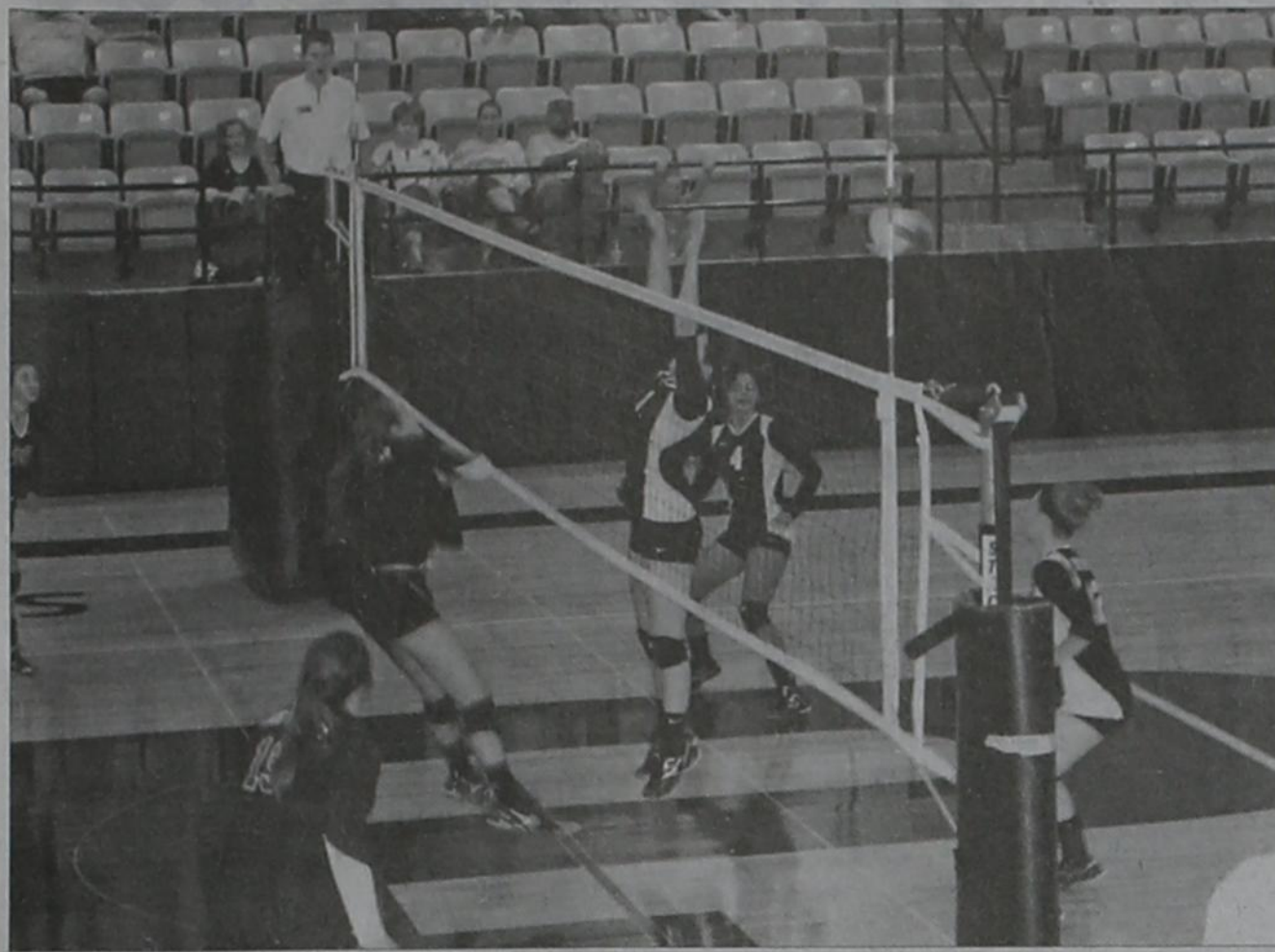
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Lady Lopes open season 2-0



A Plainview Christian player hits through the block set up by Post's Lauren Record (1) while Yvette Armendariz (4) and Kelbie Oden (12) look on. Post defeated PCHS in four games.

Photo by Kent Mahoney

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

POST - There is no better way to keep a potential monkey off a coach's back than to win the season opener.

It must be even better when a coach goes 2-0 right out of the chute.

That is exactly what the Post Lady Lopes volleyball team has done under the direction of first-year coach Jennifer Petersen.

"If the first win felt good, this one feels great," Petersen said Tuesday night after her team dispatched of Olton in three straight games.

"This is defiantly an improvement over last year," she said.

Give credit where credit is due, the Lady Lopes kept Olton on its heels most of the night.

Post won 25-4, 25-16 and 25-11 Tuesday at Antelope Arena. They also defeated Plainview Christian Monday 25-20, 20-25, 25-23 and 25-22 in a much closer match.

"I think it was first game jitters," Petersen said of Monday's contest. "We missed some chances, but our passing was pretty consistent."

Where Post seemed tentative on Monday, they were very confident Tuesday.

Plainview Christian is a TAPPS Division 2 school, while Olton is more along the

same lines as Post.

Whereas Post allowed Plainview to stay in the game more, they capitalized on Olton's unforced errors most of the night.

Post put together strings of five, six and seven points at a time against Olton making short order of the Lady Eagles 25-4 in the first game of the match.

Post recorded nine service aces in the three-game match and those were pretty much spread throughout the team.

Senior Kelbie Oden had three of the aces and a total of nine service points on the night. She also had six kills and caused Olton to commit several unforced errors with her ball placement. Oden had 16 points in the four-game contest against Plainview.

Setter Kally Comeaux also had nine service points, seven of which came at the beginning of the night against Olton. Comeaux had 11 points against Plainview.

Lauren Record, who was also sharing the setting duties with Comeaux, finished the match with eight kills and a handful of blocks. She had four of those kills in the final five points of the third game against Olton.

The Lady Lopes resume play Monday in a road contest to Aspermont before returning home for an afternoon match against Knox City. Games are at 1, 2 and 3 p.m.

Wilder's Nature Journal Blue Catfish



This is the biggest catfish of several catfish species in North America. They can grow to be five feet long, but most of them are around three and a half feet full grown. I like to catch all kinds of fish, but mainly when I go fishing I am hoping for a monster blue cat.



S.J. DAHLSTROM

The blue catfish lives up and down the Mississippi River, and most other rivers and

lakes in the lower half of the United States. These catfish scavenge around for just about anything that is dead, but they also go for wounded or weaker fish.

Once when we were fishing we caught a pretty big bass that we were going to take home and cook, but we forgot our fish basket so we put him on a stringer and tied him to the dock down in the shallows. Later that day I noticed that there was another fish on the stringer and we went over to it and it was a two-foot blue catfish stealing our fish. The blue cat had eaten half our bass alive!

Puzzle of the Week

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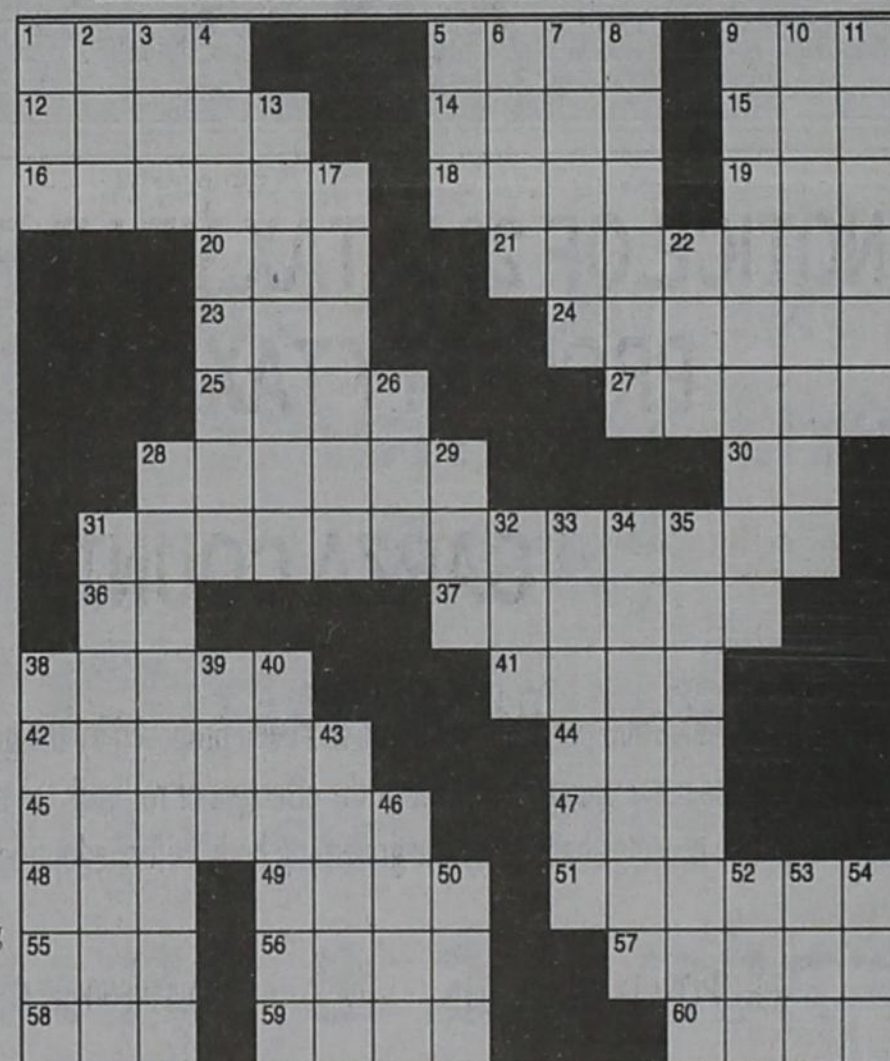
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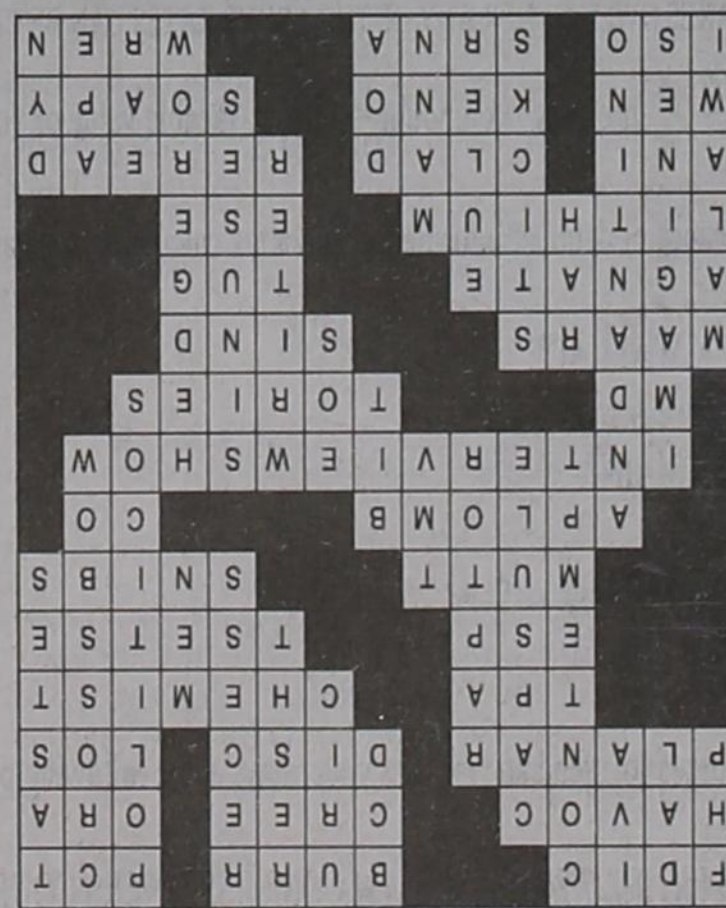
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A day in the life of Post Stampede



NOTICE OF 2014 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR GARZA COUNTY

A tax rate of \$0.419000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of GARZA COUNTY. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.419000 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.399000 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.389626 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.420796 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for GARZA COUNTY from the same properties in both the 2013 tax year and the 2014 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that GARZA COUNTY may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

NANCY K WALLACE
 GARZA tax assessor-collector
 300 WEST MAIN
 806-495-4448
 nancy.wallace@co.garza.tx.us
 garzacounty.net

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: 08/27/2014 9:00 AM at COMMISSIONERS COURT
 Second Hearing: 09/04/2014 6:00 PM at COMMISSIONERS COURT

2014 Property Tax Rates in HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

This notice concerns 2014 property tax rates for HEALTH CARE DISTRICT. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$642,301
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$642,301
Last year's tax base	\$921,535,403
Last year's total tax rate	0.069699/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$642,300
+This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$935,441,981
=This year's effective tax rate	0.068662/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$642,300
+This year's adjusted tax base	\$935,441,981
=This year's effective operating rate	0.068662/\$100
×1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.074154/\$100
+This year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100
=This year's rollback rate	0.074154/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If HEALTH CARE DISTRICT adopts a 2014 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.068662 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2013 taxes by \$1,667.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
UNENCUMBERED FUNDS	1,562,695

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 300 WEST MAIN, POST, TX 79356.
 Name of person preparing this notice: NANCY K WALLACE
 Title: COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR
 Date prepared: July 29, 2014

Rodeo Results

RODEO: Post, TX DATE: August 7-9, 2014
 Producer: TNT Judge: Randy Mitchell
 Secretary: Randy McKee Judge: Steve Sanders
 Announcer: Wes Huggins Timer: Kari Huggins
 Pickup Man: T J Bohlender Timer: Danya Peterson
 Pickup Man: Paul Peterson Bullfighters: Brian Flanders

CARD#	BAREBACK - 7	SCORE	Amt. Won	CARD#	SADDLE BRONC - 16	SCORE	Amt. Won
6114R	Trey Moore	73	\$ 663.18	U3702	Corey Gray	77	\$ 1,044.86
9129	Colton Wiley	73	\$ 663.18	NM	Preston Burr	75	\$ 667.55
U5597	Justin Lewiws	71	\$ 378.96	U7056	Treyson Antonick	75	\$ 667.55
417R	Matt Turner	69	\$ 189.48	2009	Justin Bell	72	\$ 348.28
				NM	Brewster Guin	71	\$ 174.16

CARD#	CALF ROPING - 48	TIME	Amt. Won	CARD#	BARRELS - 32	TIME	Amt. Won
4038	Joseph Gementz	7.6	\$ 1,118.94	1306	Jana Bean	15.831	\$ 955.87
1427R	Michael Perry	8.0	\$ 926.02	1355	Jill Voss	15.878	\$ 716.90
1149	Matt Kenney	8.3	\$ 733.10	U7421	Holly Fenoglio	15.891	\$ 504.48
NM	Conner Hall	8.7	\$ 443.20	NM	Bristan Kennedy	16.002	\$ 318.62
NM	Chris McCuiston	8.7	\$ 443.72	NM	Joy McDaniel	16.129	\$ 159.33
C7306	Colby Walkoviak	8.8	\$ 192.90				

CARD#	BREAKAWAY - 35	TIME	Amt. Won	CARD#	Steer Wrestling - 10	TIME	Amt. Won
NM	Cadi Wood	2.0	\$ 962.64	1595	Glenn Clark	4.0	\$ 611.10
7442	Jackie Crawford	2.3	\$ 721.98	1261	Christian Pettigrew	4.4	\$ 475.30
1130	Hope Thompson	2.4	\$ 508.06	1238	Tory Johnson	6.6	\$ 271.60
6021	Melyssa McDonald	2.5	\$ 320.88				
NM	Charlsi Allen	2.6	\$ 80.22				
NM	Kenna Sullivan	2.6	\$ 80.22				

CARD#	RANCH BRONCS - 11	SCORE	Amt. Won	CARD#	TEAM ROPING - 57	TIME	Amt. Won
1322	Joel Letkeman	75	\$ 504.18	U7079	Aaron Macy	4.5	\$ 1,344.56
NM	Brady Clark	71	\$ 392.14	1248	Wesley Thorp		\$ 1,344.56
1450R	Aaron Urich	68	\$ 112.04	8118	Blaine Vick	4.7	\$ 996.83
NM	Dagon Flowers	68	\$ 112.04	NM	Jed Middleton		\$ 996.83
				3320	Josh Morris	4.7	\$ 996.83
				49	Steve Purcella		\$ 993.83
				3320	Josh Morris	4.9	\$ 649.10
				NM	Jed Middleton		\$ 649.10

CARD#	BULLRIDING - 32	SCORE	Amt. Won	CARD#	TEAM ROPING - 57	TIME	Amt. Won
NM	Dave Samsel	86	\$ 1,721.92	704	Billy Stephens	5.0	\$ 417.28
8850	Tristan Mize	84	\$ 1,291.44	1999	John Paul Lucero		\$ 417.28
1324	Wrangler Dunda	83	\$ 860.96	5830	Jake Brown	5.8	\$ 231.80
1066	Shawn Hogg	80	\$ 430.48	49	Steve Purcella		\$ 231.80

Sit a Spell



The two chairs pictured here for the Sit a Spell in Post promotion were painted by left, Judy Connell Robertson of Lubbock and Casey Williams, right, formerly of Post, but now residing in Amarillo.

Photo by Kent Mahoney

Garza County Court has light day with 4 cases

From Staff Reports

POST - Four people including two from Post were arraigned and had their cases dispensed with at the Garza County Court by Judge Lee Norman.

Ernesto Esparaza, 21, of Post was charged with possession of marijuana and pled no contest. He was sentenced to 180 days in the Garza County Jail, which was probated to 18 months. He is to pay \$1,000 fine, court costs totaling \$267 and a field-testing kit for \$25.

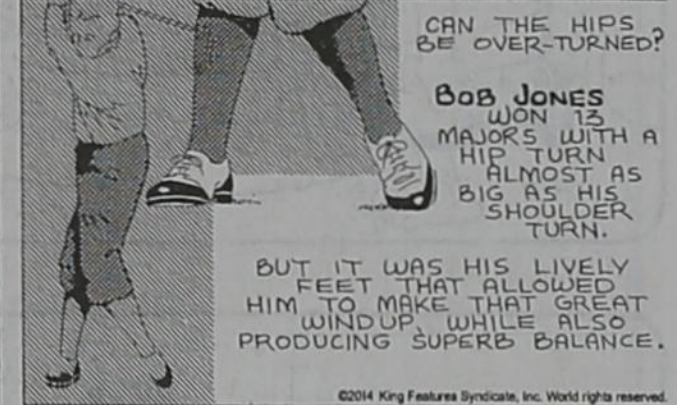
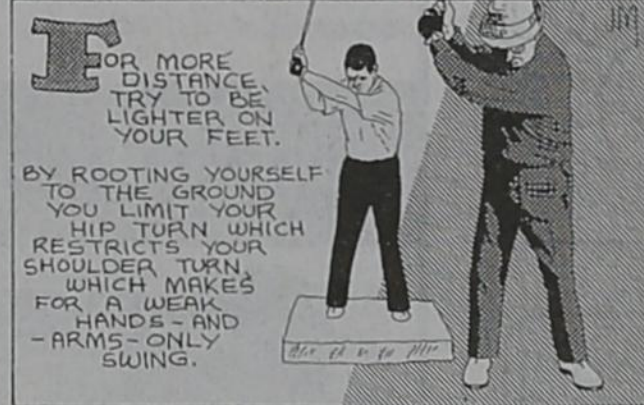
Chase C. Greathouse-Graves, 21, of Post, pled no contest to cruelty to non-livestock animals. She is to serve two hours of community service at the Post

Animal Refuge Center and ordered to pay a \$125 fine and court costs of \$267 and a warrant fee of \$58.

N.C. Smith, III, 38 of Dallas, pled guilty to driving while intoxicated with a blood alcohol content of 0.15. He was sentenced to 180 days in the Garza County Jail, which was probated for 12 months. He must pay a fine of \$750 and court costs of \$382.

Jamardrick Vacholn High, 30, of Lubbock pled guilty to possession of marijuana and was sentenced to 50 days in the Garza County Jail, and court costs of \$267, warrant fee of \$58 and a testing kit for \$25.

Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



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NOTICE OF SEPTEMBER 2014 SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL DE SEPTIEMBRE 2014)

To the registered voters of the County of Garza, Texas:
 (A los votantes registrados del Condado de Garza, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., September 9, 2014, for voting in a special election for the State District 28 Senate seat of the State of Texas;
 (Notifiquese, por las presentes, que las casillas electorales citados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m hasta las 7:00 p.m., el 9 de Septiembre de 2014, para conducir la eleccion del Distrito 28 del Senado de la Estado de Texas.)

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE
 (DIRECCION DE LAS CASILLA ELECTORALES)

- Precinct 1 (Precincto 1)
- Precinct 2 (Precincto 2)
- Precinct 3 (Precincto 3)
- Precinct 4 (Precincto 4)
- Precinct 5 (Precincto 5)
- Precinct 6 (Precincto 6)

One Consolidated Location (Una Ubicacion Consolidada)
Post Community Center (Centro Social de Post)
113 West Main Street, Post, TX

EARLY VOTING by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
 (La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

the Garza County Court House, 300 West Main Street, Post, TX
 (la Casa del Juzgado del Condado de Garza, 300 West Main Street, Post, TX)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on August 25, 2014
 (entre las horas de 8:00 de la mañana y 5:00 principio de la tarde en el 25 de Agosto 2014)

and ending on September 5, 2014 (y terminando el 5 de Septiembre 2014.)

NOTE: Closed September 1 for Labor Day (1 Septiembre Cerrado para el Dia del Trabajo)

APPLICATIONS FOR BALLOT BY MAIL shall be mailed to:
 (Las solicitudes para boletas de votacion adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)

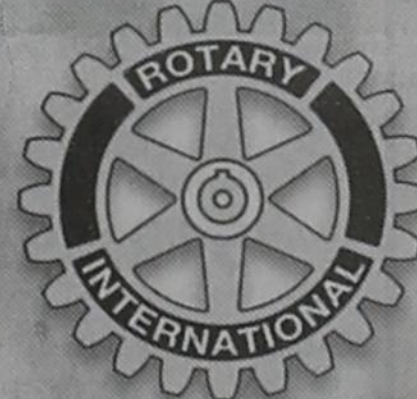
Garza County Early Voting Clerk
 P.O. Box 366
 Post, TX 79356

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on August 29, 2014.
 (Las solicitudes para boletas de votacion adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 29 de Agosto, 2014.)

Issued this 11th day of August 2014.
 (Emitada este dia 11 de Agosto de 2014.)

FILED 8/11/2014 at 11:20 AM
 JIM PLUMMER
 CLERK OF COUNTY COURT,
 GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS

Lee Norman,
 County Judge (Jefe del Condado)



The Post Rotary Club Presents:

The 4th Annual "Smokin in the Park"

State Championship BBQ Cook-Off

August 22 & 23, 2014
Post, Texas City Park
\$5,000 Guaranteed Payout

Paying 10 Places

\$500 to Grand Champion/\$250 to Reserve Grand Champion
 Sanctioned by the Lone Star Barbeque Society

Friday: Registration (registrations will be accepted until the cooks meeting Saturday morning);

5:00 pm until? Chopped beef sandwich meals sold to the public (tables available for seating/eating);

6:00 pm until 10:00 pm Kathy Whitten and the Cadillac Jack Band will be performing live as you eat.

Saturday: Judging of Entries (Come be a judge)

Beans - 11:00 am Appetizers - 12:00 pm

Chicken - 1:00 pm Ribs - 2:00 pm

Brisket - 3:00 pm Sandwiches - 11:00 am to sell out based on entries

Vendors

Sponsors

Gold: Xcel Energy, Giles Dalby Correctional Facility, United Super, Post Volunteer Fire Department, City of Post

Silver: The George R. Brown Partnership, Post Area Chamber of Commerce, Standard Energy Services, Dave and Kathy Tyler, Post/Spur Insurance Agency, E A Franklin Charitable Trust, Atmos Energy, Handy Oil Field Supply, Nothin' Butt Smokes, KSSL Radio

Bronze: Nam-Vets, The Post Dispatch, Boren Custom Construction, Garza County Historical Museum, Golden Plains Care Center, Hudman Furniture, Jones and Associates, Underwood Attorney at Law, D&P Winco2, LLP, Physicians Network Services, Garza County Health Care District, Centennial Bank, Higginbotham Bros., Krumland Auto Group, Jackson Brothers Meat Locker

Registration Forms can be obtained at check-in or at www.lonestarbarbecue.com

For more information contact:

Chris Atkinson • 806-939-9980 • chriskatkinson@yahoo.com

Mobile Vet Center provides outreach in Post

The Lubbock Vet Center and the Taylor County Mobile Vet Center (Abilene) will provide outreach services to Veterans and eligible dependents about Vet Center services at "Smokin' in the Park, World Bar-B-Que Cookoff".

The event will be August 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Post City Park.

Services offered by the Lubbock Vet Center include:

- Individual, group, and family readjustment counseling to Veterans and their families in making a successful transition from combat to civilian life.

- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) treatment and help with other related problems that affect functioning within the family, work, school, or other areas of everyday life.

- Military sexual trauma counseling for Veterans of both genders, regardless of combat service.

- Veterans and families needing more information should call the Lubbock Vet Center at (806) 792-9782.

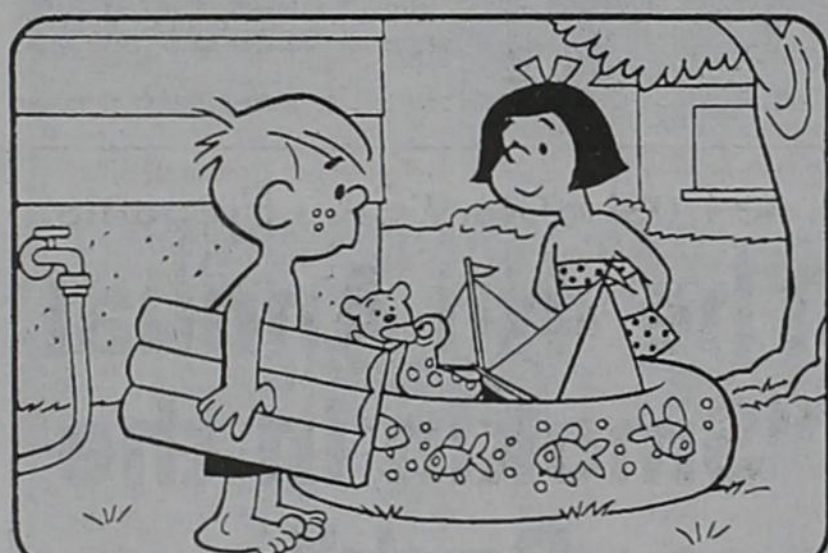
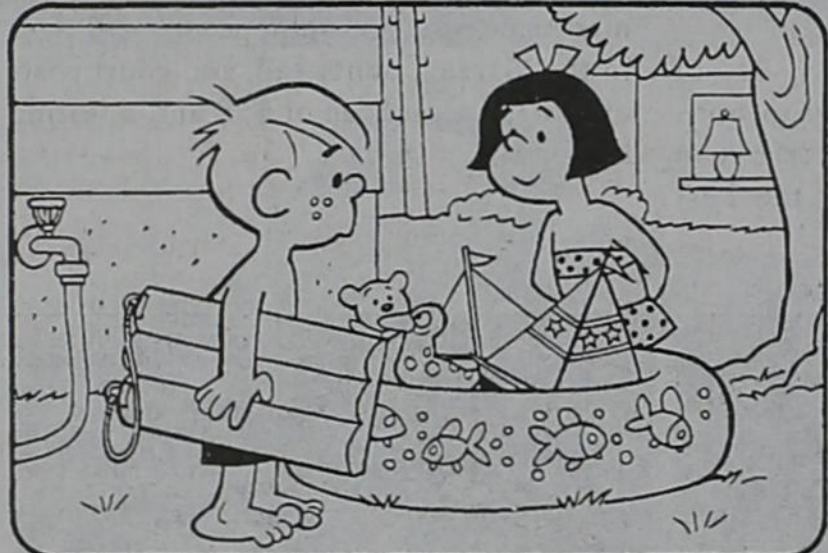
The Lubbock Vet Center is located at 3106 50th Street, Suite 400, Lubbock, TX 79413. To better serve Veterans and their families, the hours of operation are:

- Mondays - 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesdays - 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays - 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Thursdays - 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Fridays - 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Vet Center staff respect the privacy of all clients, and we hold information in strictest confidence. No information will be communicated to any person or agency without written consent, except in necessary circumstances to avert a crisis.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

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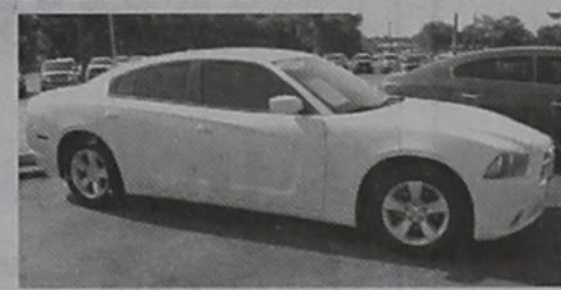
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BUDGET

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PISD Superintendent. "For us, we are taking a look at the values, where we set the tax rate and what we send back to the state. Once we get that down, the rest should be real simple."

The district is anticipating sending in \$970,000 to the state this year. Last year they sent the state \$1.8 million.

The district has a fund balance of \$ 6,333,633, which would be inline with accepted budget guidelines.

A public meeting is set

for noon on Aug. 26th at the district office.

City of Post

The city is still pulling their numbers together, but held a budget workshop this past week.

According to city manager Deana Watson the effective tax rate is not going to change in the process. Post is anticipating a \$2.6 million general operating budget and a \$2.2 million water and sewer budget. Currently, the city is sitting on 5.55 per \$100 assessed value and doesn't see a change in that figure.

"We are still waiting on some numbers from the

state like the hotel/motel tax figures," Watson said. "We are not going over the effective rate, and we are not doing any salary raises this year."

With the inception of the Southland Water Well Fields project, the city many have to scramble in the day-to-day water bills, but those numbers are also in the projection phase and nothing is set in stone.

The city is anticipating some kind of a budget hearing in September, but Watson said there were too many "unknowns" at this point to make any comments.

Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

LARRY WAS RAISED BY WOLVES AS A BOY



Zeb (#16) and Hunter Graves (#15) recently competed at the State 4-H Shoot in San Antonio Texas. Hunter placed 7th in American Trap and Zeb placed 11th HOA International Skeet. There were over 1200 competitors with 4 divisions. They competed in 5-Standard, International Skeet, Modified Trap, Skeet, Trap and Sporting Clays. We want to thank Ray Mason, Mark Kirkpatrick and Russel Graves for being wonderful mentors and coaches this past year and also a special thanks to Monk Palmer for his dedication to the kids of Garza county and the use of the Palmer Gun club.

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The _____ Post Independent School District _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ 12:00 PM (Noon) Tuesday, August 26, 2014 _____ in _____ Post ISD Central Administrative Office 501 S. Ave K _____ Post, Texas 79356 _____.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04010	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.22500	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	_____ % Increase	or	_____ .75 % (decrease)
Debt service	_____ % Increase	or	_____ .925 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	_____ % Increase	or	_____ 1.675 % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 860,712,608	\$ 885,617,492
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 2,513,276	\$ 2,993,969
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 830,286,742	\$ 865,779,576
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,866,378	\$ 2,442,492

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ _____ 26,795,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04010	\$ 0.22500 *	\$ 1.26510	\$ 10,718	\$ 2,087
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.02559	\$ 0.21837 *	\$ 1.24396	\$ 11,531	\$ 1,293
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04010	\$ 0.22500 *	\$ 1.26510	\$ 11,628	\$ 1,293

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 44,618	\$ 45,318
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 31,253	\$ 32,232
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.26510	\$ 1.26510
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 395.38	\$ 407.77
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 12.39

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is _____ 1.2651 _____. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of _____ 1.2651 _____.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 6,333,633
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 10,324

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Weather History

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Aug. 16, 1777 - The Battle of Bennington, delayed a day by rain, was fought. The rain delayed British reinforcement and allowed the Vermont Militia to arrive in time, enabling the Americans to win by defeating two enemy forces, one at a time.

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 98°, humidity of 28%. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 103° set in 1962. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 74°. South wind 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 59° set in 1965. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 99°, humidity of 25%. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 74°. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Peak Times		Peak Times			
Day	AM	PM	Day	AM	PM
Fri	3:46-5:46	4:16-6:16	Tue	7:09-9:09	7:39-9:39
Sat	4:38-6:38	5:08-7:08	Wed	7:58-9:58	8:28-10:28
Sun	5:29-7:29	5:59-7:59	Thu	8:46-10:46	9:16-11:16
Mon	6:19-8:19	6:49-8:49			

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri 8/15	7:08 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	11:56 p.m.	12:34 p.m.
Sat 8/16	7:09 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	No Rise	1:35 p.m.
Sun 8/17	7:10 a.m.	8:28 p.m.	12:39 a.m.	2:34 p.m.
Mon 8/18	7:10 a.m.	8:27 p.m.	1:23 a.m.	3:28 p.m.
Tue 8/19	7:11 a.m.	8:26 p.m.	2:10 a.m.	4:20 p.m.
Wed 8/20	7:12 a.m.	8:24 p.m.	2:59 a.m.	5:07 p.m.
Thu 8/21	7:13 a.m.	8:23 p.m.	3:49 a.m.	5:50 p.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
					Date	Degree Days
8/5	93	64	91/68	0.00"	8/5	28
8/6	99	69	91/67	0.00"	8/6	34
8/7	102	71	91/67	0.00"	8/7	36
8/8	99	67	91/67	0.11"	8/8	33
8/9	94	68	91/67	0.00"		
8/10	94	68	91/67	0.00"		
8/11	87	66	91/67	0.09"		

Growing degree days are calculated by taking the average temperature for the day and subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the average to assess how many growing days are attained.

Kent's Korner

Jonesing it

Because of the events of this week, I have rewritten the beginning of my column. The death of Robin Williams this week stirred some feelings inside me that I didn't realize I had.

I want you, my Post friends, to know that I'm attempting to be helpful. I am in no way making light of this tragedy.

We have always had an unwritten rule in journalism - we don't cover suicides. We just simple don't do it.

But with Hollywood, it was always the "person" not the act itself that was newsworthy.

And such it is with Williams. The problem with this picture is there are hundreds of people each year who commit suicide.

The fact that we don't normally hear about them is two-fold.

First, it's usually done outside of the public eye. And secondly, it was always considered just plain rude to mention such an incident in the paper.

The plain and simple fact is, we need to know more about what drives a person to such finality.

Oh, we can all speculate about it. There were circumstances beyond our knowledge or control. The person was driven to the end by an addiction of some sort.

Only those who have attempted and not succeeded can tell us why.

This is such a personal subject and so close to many of us, but we can't bring ourselves to talk about it.

If you are in a dark place, please, by all means, talk to someone, anyone who can maybe bring you back from the edge.

I more often than not hear, "I just didn't know," from the people who were the closest to the situation.

I'm not going to dwell on this. Williams' death points to the subject enough.

But please, if you feel the need to talk. Or you are someone who thinks you know someone who needs to talk don't be shy about it. I mean, be tactful about it. Don't go blurting something out at lunch or in the break room.

We all need help now and then. Let's take better care of each other.

To Water or Not to Water, that is the question. I drive around Post doing this or going here and there.

And I have noticed some of our residents watering their yards. Being the outspoken sort that I am, I have called you on it privately. Most everyone has, at least to my face, seen the error of their way and turned the water off.

But there have been a few of you who have just simply thumbed your nose at the situation and gone on doing what you were doing. And that is just bad form.

Now, I'm not trying to be the "water police." We have a code enforcement officer and she has told me that letters regarding watering, and other issues, have gone out periodically this summer.

And the next step will be citations and a visit with the Municipal Judge. I hear the fine is rather hefty.

And the issue at hand is this: which is more important, the color of your yard or the need to have a sustainable water level until such time as the city comes off restriction.

Personally, I don't care that your yard is brown. There is no "yard of the month" contest going on. In fact, someone should give out an award for the ugliest yard (color-wise) in town.

(Note to self: call Janice at the Chamber, suggest ugly yard contest)

And those of you, who think you are pulling a fast one, guess again.

The City knows down to the penny how much water you are using.

And here are some points to ponder.

It's August, in the panhandle, in the midst of a "once in every 20 years" drought - your yard is supposed to be brown.

So quit Jonesing it. Give it up. No more sneaking around at 6 a.m. in your PJ's watering your yard. It's not hard to tell who waters and who doesn't.

If you must truck in some water to keep your yard on the green side, then truck it in.

I'll be the first to tell you I won't hold it against you.

In the meantime, I'll be checking in with the city judge to see gets nabbed.

See ya in the funny papers, Post.

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County Judge	Lee Norman	34874.82	1140.	743.82
County Clerk	James Plummer	39846.30	600.	841.30
County Attorney	Ted Weems	38981.34	0.	764.34
County Treasurer	Ruth Ann Young	43956.90	1380.	921.90
County JP A/C	Nancy Wallace	40350.18	960.	851.18
JP #1	Gordon Terry	34456.62	420.	735.62
JP #2	Angela Massey	34456.62	900.	735.62
Constable #1	Daniel Yarbro	42388.14	1020.	891.14
Constable #2	Eric Cravy	35577.60	780.	757.60
Sheriff	Terry Morgan	47303.52	60.	987.52
Commissioner #1	Gary McDaniel	32110.62	540.	689.62
Commissioner #2	Charles Morris	32110.62	420.	689.62
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New Art Exhibit
The OS Museum has opened a new exhibit titled "Magnificent Works of Art Gathered Around the World" featuring the wood artistry of John Christopher White. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the museum located at 201 E. Main. The exhibit closes Sept.

27. For more information, call the office at 806-495-3570.

Flag Sales
The Post Lions Club is renting American Flags during the seven major Flag days in 2014 for \$30 for their PHS Senior Scholarship fund. The Lions will put in a flag holder and put the flags out during the year. Contact any Lion or President Jason Porter, Vice-President Chuck Rattiff or Secretary/Treasurer Byron Garrison.

Pictures, stories needed

Original pictures and family history and stories related to Graham Community are needed to prepare a community history book. Pictures will be scanned and sent back immediately to the return address provided. Please mail to: Jane Mason, 109 Ridge Road, Post, TX. 79356 or email to janemason301@yahoo.com.

GED classes
Free instructional sessions for the GED test are 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 18 at Post High School. Call the school at 495-2770 for information. The Post Public Library website now offers life-learning resources for GED test preparation, job search and workplace skills. Visit wtlts.state.tx.us/pplib to register. For information, contact librarian Peggy Ashley at 990-2149.

Taxpayer clinic
Students at the Texas Tech School of Law conduct free clinic for low-income taxpayers throughout the year to assist them with federal tax issues related to individual tax matters. Eligibility is determined by the federal poverty guidelines. For information or schedule an appointment, call Nancy Mojica at 806-834-7972 or 800-420-8037.

Veteran's benefits
War-time veterans or surviving spouses may be entitled to monthly income from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For information, contact Marsha Mahurin at West Texas Senior Resources at 806-781-3901 or email marsha.mahurin@yahoo.com.

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