

Corn for College *by Jared Marcus*

At about the same time that many of you are reading this, we will be making our final preparations for our first ever Corn Hole Tournament. On July 1st in conjunction with First Fridays, The Post will be hosting a Corn Hole (bean bag toss) Tournament to help raise money in our efforts to keep the doors open. As for any fundraiser, there are many expenses that are not donated that The Post is responsible for paying. Please write 'corn hole tournament' on the memo line of any check/donation sent to The Post for this event.

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Friday July 1st
 5:45-9pm

All Proceeds to Benefit
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 All Ages

As we celebrate our 10th year of operation, we are also celebrating the journey many of our graduating seniors are about to embark on. The Post is very proud to have **six of our seniors enrolled** at Bethel College, Ivy Tech, IUSB or Harrison College in

Elkhart. (A few of which are 1st generation college students.) In addition to that, we have the privilege of sending four other students to Church Camp for a week, courtesy of St. Marks UNMC of Goshen. As a faith-based organization our ultimate hope and prayer is that our students experience first-hand the realness of God, but as we know, it must be on their time and not ours. As we pray for the spiritual development of our students and provide spirit-led programs, we continue to do our part in the academic and life skill departments as well. So again, when we can send off six graduating seniors to college, we are extremely excited and pumped.

In the midst of testimonies and life-changing stories, the unfortunate truth is that money is tight, real tight. As we diligently begin to cut expenses and pinch pennies where we can, the truth is; as a nonprofit, when the economy hurts - we hurt too. Though I wish I could personally meet with each of you, the reality is I can't. The Post needs your help, it's that simple. Often time's individuals feel they need to give three or four digit amounts in order to make a difference; I am here to tell you that is not true! My wife and I started giving to The Post and it's a great feeling, it truly is. We don't give a lot, we give what we can, but I know how far \$25 or \$50 or \$75 a month can go.

The Post is about to launch a campaign asking **365** people to donate **\$365** (\$30/month) and we are calling it the **I365 Drive**. It's simple, effective and I believe God given. Please be praying about the part you and your spouse, your church or your business will play in the I365 Drive. Thank you.

Never a Disappointment *by a Student*

The Post is an enjoyable and exciting place to hangout. My time spent at The Post is never a disappointment. The Post has millions of different sports, activities, games and so much more to get involved with. On Thursdays I enjoy going to youth group and gaining a deeper understanding of who God is and His role in my life. The Post means a lot to me. Even though I have only gone to The Post for about 10 months, it has left a huge impact on my life. I sometimes consider The Post my second home. The leaders and the core students that attend The Post have become family to me. I have developed a lot of strong relationships with the leaders as well as the students. I have met a great amount of people at The Post that have taught me so much. Some have taught me morals, while others have taught me how to improve my skills in certain sports. Everybody there has made the atmosphere at The Post so desirable and enjoyable. I have grown a lot from my experience at The Post, some very important life lessons that I may carry with me through my whole life. In the essence of everything, The Post has had a great positive effect on me and I greatly appreciate all the hard work from each of the leaders that make The Post possible. The Post is truly an experience that I will never forget in my whole lifetime.



A Friend *by Aaron Graber*

My name is Aaron Graber and as I work and share with the kids at The Post I see God doing a wonderful work. Not only through me, but also through every leader who is also doing the Lord's work with the kids here at The Post. The time I have spent in mentoring several young men at The Post has been a great experience. I see great strides toward a better future, positive self-esteem, greater self-worth and spiritual growth with our heavenly Father. The Lord has helped guide me, not only as a mentor but also as a friend and a caring person who is there for them and wants to help them set goals. Setting the goal is only the first part, I want to help them cross each goal off the list and guide them to set more goals all on their own. We all need help at times and when a boy seeks a mentor that means so much to me because through them seeking help it means their life will be improved immediately, as well as others in their future. Whether it's a friend or a family member or someone else later on in life when 'they' have the opportunity to become a mentor, the impact is massive. As I volunteer at The Post, whether it be mowing every Tuesday with the kids, talking after group Thursday about God and what we discussed, spending time with the boys outside of The Post (mentoring time) or staying up all night at the overnighter and having

tons of fellowship, I see the Lord working in so many different ways. I see new relationships with God, kids getting their permits and goals being pursued with so much more effort and heart. I don't see The Post as just something to do anymore...I see The Post as a Friend who believes in each and every student who steps through its doors, someone who wants to motivate and push kids to excel in life, to provide a helping path that guides them. And last but not least, a place/ someone who shows God's love and introduces them into a relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ that will never fail them.



New Board Member

Our latest addition to the board is Rick Yoder. He is a Vice-Principal at Northridge Middle School. Rick has been married to Shali Yoder for nineteen glorious years. They have three spectacular children Brockton, Gabriel, and Kylee. The family attends Grace Community Church where they have been part of local mission opportunities.

It is a passion for teens that brings Rick to The Post board. It has been suggested that the only difference between him and the kids he works with is that he has a degree. Rick first learned about The Post through Lon Miller and brought students from the middle school to visit The Post. Making connections with Lon and The Post created a passion for being on The Post board.



Rick has recently purchased a unicycle which he can't ride (yet) but he did complete an ironman distance triathlon... fortunately that was on a regular bicycle! Rick's favorite sport is basketball; he also enjoys hanging out with his children, grilling meat, and being pulled by the family dogs (Lucky and Sandy) while on roller blades.

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